

On The Record

POLICE LOG

Dec. 20

- Unknown persons stole a bench valued at \$150 from The Bookmine.

Dec. 22

- CGPD officers assisted Oregon State Police with apprehending a suspect who had eluded several patrol vehicles at speeds over 100 mph on I-5.

Dec. 26

- A hit-and-run was reported in the Safeway parking lot.

Dec. 28

- "Suspicious noises and activity" were reported at the Cottage Grove Bible Church.

Dec. 29

- Criminal mischief was reported at First Baptist Church when two building windows were broken by unknown persons overnight

Jan. 7

- An unknown suspect entered and operated a vehicle parked in the Safeway parking lot without a right to do so. In a countywide attempt to locate the vehicle, Oregon State Police found and apprehended the driver.

Jan. 13

- A red Irish Setter dog was found at large and lodged at the police department.

100TH BIRTHDAY

A 100th birthday party will be held for Cottage Grove resident **Chuck Booher** on Jan. 25, including an open house with dessert bar, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Community Center (Across from El Tapatio restaurant).

The community is invited to help celebrate this milestone birthday.



Christina Moore 1946-2020



Christina Moore, 73, of Westfir, OR passed away on January 6, 2020. She was born

on June 6, 1946 in San Pedro, CA to parents Walter Vernon and Agnes Walker (Bane) Steimer. Tina was a homemaker. She enjoyed camping, horses and nature. She is survived by her five sons; Jeff True, Scott True, Daren True, Brad Morris and Tad Morris; sisters, Marie Wilson and Barbara Hurst; brother, Jimmy Steimer and 8 grandchildren. Inurnment at Fir Grove Cemetery, Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Leela Raey Hoogstad



Leela Raey Hoogstad, 1 month 1 week 4 days old, passed away in Springfield on November 28, 2019. Leela was born on October 17, 2019 to Rachel Eckstine and Jan (JR) Hoogstad in Springfield.

"Dear sweet baby girl, please know that our greatest blessing was having you"

Leela was her Mom and Dad's little wiggle worm and her favorite place was in her parents' arms. It is a great loss that our beautiful princess was called home to soon.

Leela is now being watched

over in heaven by her Uncle Timothy Eckstine, Great Grandparents Ken and Norma Hoehn, Jan and Vera Hoogstad and Richard Plowman.

Leela will always be loved and remembered by her parents Rachel and Jan, Great Grandparents Jim and Lucy Eckstine and Great Grammy Alice Plowman, Grandparents Paul and Denise Eckstine and Jan and Kerry Hoogstad, Uncles and Aunts Jeremie (Jakelen) Eckstine, Matthew (Maria) Eckstine, Sarah (Evan) Pope, Thomas Eckstine, Amber (Jyreme) Hewitt, Mary (Darion) Wells, Blake Hoogstad, Jade Hoogstad and numerous cousins.

A celebration of Leela will be held this spring 2020. A memorial fund for the family has been set up with Northwest Community Credit Union, Cottage Grove, Oregon. For more information please contact Denise Eckstine or Sarah Pope.

Donald Lamar Elvebak 1929-2019



Donald Lamar Elvebak of Cottage Grove passed away December 30th of natural causes at the age of 90. He was born on a farm in Winnebago County, Iowa on August 13th, 1929 to Leonard and Edith (Flugum) Elvebak. He was the oldest of four boys and was a proud graduate of Kiester High School in Kiester, MN (1 of 3 students in his graduating class). In his younger days, he was a Golden Glove boxer representing both Iowa and Minnesota in the national tournament. He served in the Army during the Korean War. On August 12th, 1954 he married Mary Dudley in Albert Lea, MN. They remained married for 47 years, 6 months and 5 days before his wife's passing in 2002. Life was never happy unless his wife was happy. Beginning in December of 1959, before I-5 was even finished, he moved with his growing brood to Oregon settling in Cottage Grove. He worked for Weyerhaeuser for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1993. To support his family of 8, he never turned down a chance to work. Once, despite feeling ill, he went to work anyway not realizing until much later that he was suffering a mild heart

attack. Donald was an Iowan farm boy at heart, perpetually in motion, always looking for a chore to perform. He had a passion for woodworking, and expert builder of porch swings, he could jerry rig anything together whether it was wanted or not. He was a fan of the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners, but he was an avid follower of Oregon Ducks. He was a master-chef at popcorn, had a lifelong interest in all things WWII and enjoyed dancing a jig to the delight of all who saw. Donald found fortune in family. He was extraordinary man not in deeds but in character. He was a quiet man, rarely angry. He was a nice man. He was a kind man. To his family he was our sunshine. He is survived by his children Debbi Woody (Steve) of Cottage Grove, OR; son Randy Elvebak of Cottage Grove, OR; son Jeffrey Elvebak of Cottage Grove, OR; son Jamie Elvebak of Eugene, OR; daughter Nancy Drazkiewicz (Steve) of Canby, OR; son Robert Elvebak of Klamath Falls, OR; daughter Darci Spangler (Frank) of Eugene, OR; brother Merald Elvebak of Albert Lea, MN; brother Larry Elvebak (Clarine) of Blue Earth, MN; 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and a daughter in all but name Linda Mullins (Bill) of Cottage Grove, OR. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother Rodney. A celebration of life will be held at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saturday, January 25th at 1:00 PM in Cottage Grove, OR. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

ALLEN—Marcia Allen, 96, of Cottage Grove, Ore., passed Oct. 17, 2019.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

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SCHNELL—Betty Jean Schnell, 87, of Cottage Grove, died Jan. 9, 2020. Arrangements by Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Alan Howard Richards 1946-2020



Alan Howard Richards, 73, passed away at home in Cottage Grove, OR Tuesday Jan 7, 2020. Just like he lived his life, he fought to the end zone with all his one liners. "Farm house! Right arm! Out of socket!"

He was born in Eugene March 19, 1946 to Stormin' Norman and Kathleen Daugherty Richards, joining his big brother Mark.

Alan was involved in sports from an early age as an athlete, a coach, and an umpire. He couldn't wait to be outside, often hosting competitive games in the backyard. Playing ball at Kelly Field was a fond memory for him.

He had long standing records as a running back and a shot putter at Cottage Grove High School and loved and adored his football coach Al Simpson.

Alan also very much enjoyed playing the trombone in the Dixieland Band and the Starlighters.

After graduating high school in 1964, Alan gathered life experiences through his time playing football both at the University of Oregon while in "short term parking" and the Marine Corps where he was also First Chair in the President's Own Marching Band. His football and music careers then came to a close and his life as a husband and dad began.

He was a kind, loving, and gentle dad with a few spoonfuls of discipline.

His legacy continued to build through his kind and generous soul. He was the owner of Alan Richards Enterprises and later Coaches' Athletics but much more enjoyed his time as coach, mentor, and influencer to future generations. Alan shared his knowledge and donated many hours to "make hard work fun!" Leading by example Alan was a hard worker and is known for his extraor-

dinary lawn care both at home and at the ball fields, generosity, "nebulous" information, and one liners.

As Alan aged and his health declined, he became an avid crossword puzzler and had a ten year solitaire competition with his favorite child. He won.

Humor and tenacity defined Alan. When asked by the hospice nurse if he felt hot, he responded, "I used to be a hot item!" That was Alan! Known to many as a tough and phenomenal athlete, a talented musician, son, brother, uncle, friend, "stupid old guy," we knew him as the loving, laughing, generous dad and papa who was happiest knowing the love of his life, his "trophy wife," Leah Patten Richards was there.

Alan is survived by his wife Leah, children Wendy (Bob) Shepard, Matt Richards, Andrea (Mike) Parker, Kendall (Jake) Burnham. His grandchildren Alex Parker, Quinn Parker, Payton Burnham, and Ty Burnham. His brother Mark (Cheryl) Richards as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins. And of course Cash, his favorite labradud.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday Jan 25, 2020, 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church, 216 S Third St, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

"If I'm not there start without me!"

We want to thank Dr. Khuram Ameen for his friendship and having Alan's back. Thank you to Cascade Health Hospice nurses Dale, Holly, and Annie. Your care was amazing, we are extremely grateful. Thank you to cousin Shannon Daugherty for your invaluable advice and to Tami at Smith Lund Mills.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Cottage Grove High School Music/Band Program or Churchill High School Athletics.

Caregiver Network to meet in February

The next Caregiver Network meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The special speaker will be Crystal Hawley from Tax Service Plus.

The meeting takes

place at 1200 E. Quincy Ave. in Cottage Grove.

A Potluck lunch is included.

For more information, call Shirley at 541-232-0966.

Janet Valeriani 1925-2020



Janet Valeriani of Springfield, OR formerly of Cave Junction, OR passed away January 1, 2020 at the age of 94. She was born in Revere, Massachusetts to parents Frank and Angelina (DeStasio) Belmonte. Janet married Albert P. Valeriani August 8, 1948 In Revere, MA, they celebrated 44 years until his passing in 1992. She was a housewife and stay at home mom her entire married life. Janet's family was her most important aspect of her life. She enjoyed cooking big Italian dinners for everyone. She was

known for her incredible meatballs. Janet loved her home in the country and her cat. After losing her husband, she remained in her home on 11 acres in Cave Junction, OR, enjoying many visits from family and friends. She was "Nana" to everyone. Janet was a member of the St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church, Cave Junction, OR. She is survived by her daughter Donna Mansfield, of Cottage Grove, OR; son Gary Valeriani of Sherwood, OR; daughter Patrice Tucker of Cottage Grove, OR; brother Frank Belmonte of Revere, MA; sister Evelyn Hearn of E. Longmeadow's, MA; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Janet is preceded in death by her husband Albert "Pat" Valeriani. There will be a private celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Dorothy Seymour 1930-2020



Dorothy Seymour of Cottage Grove, OR and formerly of San Jose, CA passed away January 2, 2020 at the age of 89. Born in Cincinnati, OH on August 31, 1930 to parents Roy Albert and Anna Mae McCollum (Gossett). Dorothy married Arthur Seymour on September 9, 1949 and they celebrated 62 years of marriage before his passing in 2011. Dorothy had a varied career, mostly in the fields of transportation and real estate where she was a licensed agent. She was very social, easily meeting new people and maintaining long term friendships. Dorothy was always volunteering in the community, including the Auxiliaries of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Cottage Grove Community Hos-

pital. A true 49er Faithful, she also enjoyed professional golf (Tiger Woods), big band era music and jigsaw puzzles, which soon became framed pieces of art. To Dorothy, family always came first and with her passing, there is a loss of a generation in the McCollum family. Dorothy is survived by her daughters Susan Van-Bibber (Wayne; deceased) of Clovis, CA and Diana Tremelling (Bill) of Longview, WA as well as her son Larry Seymour (Cathy) of Cottage Grove, OR. Also surviving her are four grandchildren (Brian, Robert, Laura and Scott) and two great grandchildren (Evan and Logan), along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Cora Jane, husband Arthur, and four brothers, Edward, James, Glen and Patrick. Arthur and the McCollum brothers all served proudly in the US military. A celebration of life will be held Friday, January 17th at 2 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR. Interment will take place at a later date in California. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local Humane Society or a charity of your choice.

Final Arrangements Handled with Care

- Cremation Options
- Memorial & Funeral Planning
- Monuments & Memorials • Cemetery Options
- Family Owned & Operated



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