

On The Record

Remember to sign, review both sides of ballots for Nov. 3 General Election

Ballots have been arriving in the mail of registered Lane County voters. Before turning in a ballot, voters should remember to review both sides of the ballot.

“Lane County Elections wants to remind registered voters to review both sides of their official ballot. All ballots have additional voting opportunities on the back of their ballot,” said Lane County Clerk Cheryl Betschart. “Once a ballot has been returned it cannot be amended or recast.”

Registered voters anywhere in Oregon who have changed their address still have time to update their registration and

qualify for a full ballot. Those with election-related questions should contact Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234.

Voters can drop off their ballots at one of many official drop box locations listed in the insert included with their ballot. Drop boxes are now open and will remain open until 8 p.m. on Election Day (Nov. 3).

A map of drop box locations is also available online.

Also, voters must remember to sign their ballot return envelopes before mailing or returning their completed ballot back to Lane County Elections.

The signature is a security measure used to verify identity. County personnel who have received training in handwriting analysis compare it to signatures in the voter registration record.

A ballot may only be counted if the signatures match.

“If your signature does not match or the return envelope is unsigned, someone from Lane County Elections will notify you and you will have until 14 days after the election to address the issue or the ballot will not be processed,” said Betschart. “One of the most common reasons a signature does not match is

an injury or medical condition that has affected a person’s motor skills.”

In order to be counted, ballots must be received at Lane County Elections by:

- Mail — Postmarks do not qualify ballots. Voters must mail their ballots with enough time for processing and delivery by the post office.

- Official Drop Boxes — There are 20 official drop boxes located throughout Lane County that will be available to voters until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

“It is incredibly important for voters to be aware of the Election Day deadline,” said Betschart.

“If a voter doesn’t mail their ballot early enough to ensure the Elections Office receives it before the deadline, or fails to get it to an official drop box before 8 p.m. on Nov. 3, their vote cannot be counted.”

Due to COVID-19, the Lane County Elections Office will be open to the public only on Friday, Oct. 30; Monday, Nov. 2; and Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day.

Check the Lane County Elections web page at lanecountyor.gov for additional updates concerning office hours. When open, visitors will be required to observe physical distancing guidelines; masks are

required.

The Elections Office has a small quantity of masks available for visitors that do not have their own.

On all other dates, the Lane County Elections Office is closed to walk-ins. Assistance is available over the phone at 541-682-4234 (weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and via email at elections@lanecountyor.gov. Voters with issues that cannot be resolved via phone or email will be able to make an appointment to visit the Elections Office.

Douglas County to hold ‘Reverse’ parade format for Vets Day

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners reminds everyone about the upcoming Douglas County Veterans Day Parade, and encourages those able to participate and/or attend to join in honoring local military heroes.

The annual Veterans Day Parade, organized and run by the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Committee, will take place Wednesday, Nov. 11, starting at 11 a.m.

However, in light of current social gathering guidelines, as well as concern for county residents’ health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year it will be a “Reverse” parade.

This means that the floats will be stationary, while the parade viewers will be the ones driving in vehicles.

The parade route has also been moved to the Douglas County Fairgrounds in order to provide proper distancing for staging of the parade entries. Commissioners and Parade Officials encourage those able to design, craft and enter a float or gather a band or static display, to do so by the entry deadline of Friday, Oct. 30.

The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade is a long-standing tradition held every year on Veterans Day.

It is often referred to as the greatest Veterans Day Parade in Oregon, and on

several occasions it has been the largest.

The 2020 Grand Marshals will be military doctors and nurses, while the theme is “Embrace the past — Engage the present — Envision the future.”

The community is invited to join in for the 2020 Veterans Day Parade at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. However, due to the circumstances, we ask that you please follow the guidelines that have been designed for the safety, protection and enjoyment of all participating.

- All parade entries are asked to be in place by 10:00 am and parade officials will allow the community to start driving through at 11 a.m.

- Parade floats will be staged in the North Parking Lot of the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

- Static parade displays in West Parking Lot of the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

- The bands will be in the Grandstands, adjacent to the racetrack.

- There will also be an optional drive-thru flu clinic and food trucks available. The flu clinic will be behind the grandstands and food trucks will be located at the end of the parade route in the racetrack pits.

- Parade viewers and participants must follow the

posted signs and directions of Parade Officials/Staff.

- Parade viewers are asked to stay in their vehicles, and not make any pit stops along the parade route.

- All entries must check in to receive their staging location.

- No support vehicles will be allowed in staging areas.

- Facemasks are required for anyone not able to maintain 6-foot distancing, per state guidelines.

- All entries will obey instructions and take directions from parade control units, aligners and police officers concerning the operating and staging of vehicles for this reverse parade.

- Floats will need to stay in the staging area from the start to the end of the parade.

- If parade viewers wish to stop at the end of the parade to visit the food trucks, they will need to make sure to follow the posted guidelines and directions of Parade Officials/Staff.

The Douglas County Veteran’s Day Parade entry deadline is Friday, Oct. 30, by 5 p.m. Entries must include completed parade application; since there is no judging this year, the \$5 entry fee has been waived.

For more information, call 503-504-8198.

DEATH NOTICES

CRANMER—Dean Cranmer, 83, of Cottage Grove, Ore., died Oct. 25, 2020.

Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Michael (Mike) John Pershern 1923-2020



Michael (Mike) John Pershern, 97, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away at home from natural causes. Mike was born September 15, 1923 to parents John and Mary (Zagar) Pershern in Gilbert, Minnesota. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Marines as a Marine Sergeant. Mike married Cecile Royer on December 8, 1946 in Burlingame, California. They were married 60 years. He worked as an itinerant carpenter and as a project foreman.

Mike was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 4456 in Gilbert, Minnesota, and served on the Oregon, Washington and California’s Carpenter Union. He is survived by son Michael (Susan) Pershern of Sherwood, OR; son Dick (Annette) Pershern of Pleasant Hill, OR; daughter Angela Pershern of Cottage Grove, OR; daughter Alicia (Victor) Brincat of Creswell, OR; brother William Pershern of Virginia, MN; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife Cecile. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations (check or money order only) to the Mark and George Klobachar VFW Post 4456, 224 Broadway, Gilbert, MN 55741. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR. Please access the full obituary at www.smith-lund-mills.com

Craig Daniel Stutzman 1969-2020



Craig Daniel Stutzman, 51, of Cottage Grove, OR passed away on October 21, 2020. He was born on January 16, 1969 in Roseburg, OR to father, Brad F. Stutzman, stepmom, Deanna Stutzman and mother, Nelda L. (Ware). Craig graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1987. He served in the United States Marine Corp. Craig made his career in the landscaping industry creat-

ing beautiful landscapes, golf courses and water features. He enjoyed being in the great outdoors; hunting, fishing, mushrooming, crabbing, gardening, and four-wheeling. He loved spending time with family and friends, collecting arrowheads and watching westerns. Craig is survived by his sons, Cody, Jacob and Dillon Stutzman, of Cottage Grove, OR; brothers, Curt and Kenny Stutzman of Cottage Grove, OR and Randy Stutzman, of Thorn Bay, AK; sister, Brenda Stutzman, of Cottage Grove, OR; 2 grandchildren and 1 on the way; 12-year life partner, Cindy Zecca, of Cottage Grove, OR and faithful companion Maggy. He was preceded in death by his mother. No services will be held at this time. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel.

Gene A. Kronberger 1953 - 2020



Gene A. Kronberger passed away on October 8, 2020 at The Rawlin Memory Care Facility. Cause of death was complications of Alzheimer’s. He was born on June 3, 1953 in Eugene, Oregon to Joseph and Anna Kronberger. He grew up in Saginaw, OR later moving to Cottage Grove OR, and finally landing permanently in Creswell, OR. He and his wife, Pam, were high school sweethearts. They were married on February 16, 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; son Shane (Vannessa); son Jeff (Carolyn); granddaughter Courtney; sisters Sandra and Susan; numerous nieces and nephews. He is pre-

deceased by his parents and brothers Gordon and Gary.

Gene worked many years in the timber industry till opening his own business, Oregon Outdoor Productions, doing his dream job as a hunting and fishing guide. He could always spot the big buck or catch the big fish when no one else was catching anything. He also had raced motocross, was an avid bowler, loved picking mushrooms and spending time with his family.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, November 6th at Lane Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5300 W 11th Ave Eugene, OR. A gathering for family and friends will follow at Emerald Valley Resort (the grand ballroom) 83301 Dale Kuni Road Creswell, OR. Food will be catered.

Arrangements entrusted to Lane Memorial Funeral Home. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com.

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