

# On The Record

## Douglas County District Attorney issues statement on Citizens Against Tyranny

I feel compelled to respond, as other elected officials have, to the activities of a group calling themselves, Citizens Against Tyranny.

It is my understanding that Citizens Against Tyranny, through means of intimidation, want all

elected officials in Douglas County to sign in support of their declaration.

The declaration invites public shaming and banning of individual citizens from merchants and services in the county.

The declaration calls for shaming and ban-

ning of officials and private citizens who do not support the declaration.

The declaration states that such individuals "will be publicly known."

I have already seen in the news that two women were placed on such a "list" and endured such

attempted shaming.

This kind of response to the COVID-19 crisis, its impact on the health of our community and individual financial difficulties, is not the answer.

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners continues to carefully

walk a path to balance those competing crises and have exemplified a balanced response to the issue.

I will not participate in or sign on to the Citizens Against Tyranny's ill-intended approach to this difficult issue.

Public shaming and banning of certain "listed" Douglas County citizens is offensive to our democracy and the due process of law.

It's simply not who we are in Douglas County.

—Rick Wesenberg

## Testing reveals first case of U.K. variant of COVID-19 in Oregon

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was notified Jan. 15 that a person in Oregon, identified as a Multnomah County resident, has tested positive with the variant COVID-19 virus strain originally detected in the United Kingdom.

This is the first identification in Oregon of the United Kingdom variant strain, also called strain B.1.1.7 or SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01.

The individual has no known travel history. Health officials are still investigating the possible sources of infection. The strain has been detected in several states, including California.

"The detection of the first case of this variant strain is a concern, and we have been monitoring movement of this strain," said Dean Sidelinger, M.D., health officer and state epidemiologist at OHA. "As we learn more about this case and the individual who tested positive for this strain, OHA continues to promote effective public health measures, including wearing masks, maintaining six feet of physical distance, staying home, washing your hands, and avoiding gatherings and travel."

Information about the characteristics of

COVID-19 variants is rapidly emerging, for the U.K. strain and another variant first found in South Africa.

Viruses constantly mutate, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time. Multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been documented in the United States and globally during this pandemic.

Most variants do not change how the virus behaves, and many disappear.

Scientists are working to learn more about how easily they might spread, and currently there is no evidence that these variants cause more severe illness or increased risk of death, or affect

vaccine effectiveness, according to the Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Multnomah County public health staff is working to go back over details with this individual related to their isolation plan, contacts and any possible exposures.

"Confirming this strain locally is distressing," said Multnomah County Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines. "Until we have enough vaccine, we must continue using face masks, distancing, and limiting our social interactions."

The CDC provides case data information in the United States.

Oregonians can continue to work together to prevent more lives being

lost to the virus by doing the following:

- Maintain six feet of physical distance;
- Wear a face covering when outside the house;
- Practice good hand hygiene;
- Avoid any gatherings with people you don't live with;
- If you start to have symptoms — even mild ones — consult with a medical provider quickly to get instructions on how to care for yourself and your household members and also whether to get tested;
- And finally, if you get a call from public health, answer it, and take their advice on how to protect yourself and those around you.

### James (Jim) C. Perkins 1941-2021



James (Jim) C. Perkins, 79, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed-away January 12, 2021. Jim was born to Ovie Lee and Hazel Golden (Soules) Perkins in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

on April 25, 1941. Jim married Joan Monroe on August 26, 1960 in Cottage Grove and together raised four children. Jim worked as a dry kiln operator and superintendent for the lumber industry.

Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan Perkins, and his daughter Alicia Perkins along with nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his three sons Michael, Randy, and Brad Perkins.

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

### Roseanna Gayle Frieze 1952-2021



Roseanna Gayle Frieze, 68, of Cottage Grove, OR passed-away January 12, 2021. Roseanna was born to Albert Burton and Seirretta (Rose) Cook on August 21, 1952 in Eugene, OR. Roseanna attended Umpqua Community College in 1971 and earned an associate degree. Roseanna married Harold A. Frieze in Drain, OR on September 10, 1971. She worked for 26 years for the

North Douglas School District as a Librarian.

Roseanna Gayle enjoyed interior decorating, spending time with family, taking many photos of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren of whom she was so proud of.

Roseanna is survived by her loving husband of 49 years Harold, daughter Lori Frieze of Florida, son Jeff Frieze of Drain, OR, sisters Margaret Rhodes of Cottage Grove, OR and Sandy Herman-Moose of Florida, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held on January 23, 2021 at Calvary Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

A private family inurnment will be at Drain City Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel of Cottage Grove, OR

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### Harley Edward Lewis Jr. 1940-2021



Harley Edward Lewis Jr., 80, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away January 12, 2021. Harley was born to parents Harley and Millicent (Owen) Lewis December 28, 1940 in Roland, Oklahoma. After graduating from Sierra High School in Tollhouse, California, Harley attended Fresno State College and received his bachelor's as a diesel mechanic. Harley worked as a tree surgeon for Juanquin County, and as a heavy diesel mechanic for Weyerhaeuser,

Eugene Sand and Gravel, and at Rexius where he retired. He started racing stock cars on a dirt track in his 20's and won several championships at Placerville, CA and Cottage Grove Speedways, as well as earning a place on the hall of fame at both speedways. Harley loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, and hunting. He is survived by his son Harley (Mary) Lewis III, of Turlock, CA; son Benjamin (Denise) Lewis of Stockton, CA; daughter Elizabeth (Pat) Risso of Cottage Grove, OR; daughter Rebecca (Johnny) Lewis of Glendale, AZ; son Jonathon Lewis of Lebanon, OR; sister Ruth Long of Auberry, CA; sister Joan Tibbet of CO; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of life will be published at a later date. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Cottage Grove.

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