

On The Record

County health officials urge seniors to register for COVID-19 vaccinations

The Oregon Health Authority piloted and has launched a new "Get Vaccinated Oregon" tool, as part of a multi-pronged effort to provide older adults information about COVID-19 vaccinations.

Starting this past Monday, Feb. 8, approximately 168,000 adults age 80 and older are now eligible to get a COVID-19 (though nearly 33,000 people age 80 or above have already been vaccinated).

While vaccine supplies are expected to increase in coming weeks, supplies are currently scarce. State health officials asked for patience as more than 700,000 seniors age 65 and older become eligible for vaccines over the next four weeks.

With the new tool, older adults in Oregon have four primary ways to get linked to local vaccine information:

Get Vaccinated Oregon is an eligibility and notification tool developed by Google, in partnership with the state of Oregon. It can be found at Oregon's oregon.gov website, or at getvaccinated.oregon.gov.

The tool allows users to answer basic questions to learn if they are eligible and get linked to information about vaccinations in their counties. Users can sign up for alerts to get notified about vaccination events or find out when they may become eligible.

Vaccine Information chat bot on the oregon.gov web site allows anyone to find out if they're eligible for a vaccine in Oregon or get answers to other questions about vaccines. The Vaccine Information chat bot also enables vaccine-eligible users who live in Clackamas, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah or Washington counties to schedule vaccine appointments through scheduling tools hosted by local health care providers.

OHA developed and offered this schedul-

ing feature in direct response to requests from health care providers in the region. The friendly Vaccine Information chat bot tool is an orange box that appears whenever a user accesses the covidvaccine.oregon.gov web site.

211: Older Oregonians can also text ORCOVID to 898211 to get text/SMS updates about vaccination clinics (this option is available in English and Spanish only).

Seniors can also email ORCOVID@211info.org. If you can't get your COVID-19 vaccine question answered on the web-site, by text, or by email, you can call 211 or 1-866-698-6155, which is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including holidays.

Please be aware that wait times may be long due to high call volumes.

As Governor Brown announced on Feb. 5, the Oregon National Guard will help 211 answer phone calls.

Licensed senior facilities: Residents and staff at most licensed facilities for older adults and people with disabilities are receiving on-site vaccinations through pharmacies enrolled in federal vaccination programs.

Residents (or family members) can ask their facility operator when their residence is scheduled for a vaccination clinic.

In addition, Oregon has opted into a federal

retail pharmacy program that will offer seniors the option to get vaccinated at 133 retail locations across the state, but that program will not be available starting on Monday.

State health officials are awaiting additional information from the federal government about when vaccine shipments will arrive at participating retail pharmacies.

Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen said, "We're working hard to help our local vaccination partners keep seniors informed

about vaccination events in their counties. In coming days, we know there will be more demand for vaccinations and for answers to questions than we may be able to provide.

"My promise to older Oregonians is this: if you want a vaccination, you will get one. But it may not be tomorrow, this week or even two weeks from now. But you will get one. And every Oregonian will get a vaccine sooner and more easily if we are patient, wait our turn and make sure others who go before us get their chance."

DEATH NOTICES

NEBB—Jeffrey William Nebb, 69, of Cottage Grove, died Feb. 5, 2021. Arrangements in the

care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Cottage Grove.

Hans M. Johnson 1942-2021



Hans M. Johnson 78, of Cottage Grove passed away February 4, 2021.

Hans was born on May 27, 1942, in Toledo, OR to Hans M. and Alvina (Andersen) Johnson Sr.

After some college, Hans served in the Marines and was

proud to serve. In July of 1996 Hans married Linda.

Hans worked at Weyerhaeuser for a few years and then Mike Jonson Tax Service for 40 years.

Hans enjoyed clay shooting at the Eugene Sportsmen's Club, tracing his family history, doing taxes, being a Beaver fan, school events and supporting the V.F.W.

Hans was a member of the Moose and Elks Lodges and the V.F.W.

Hans is survived by his wife Linda of Cottage Grove.

A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel.

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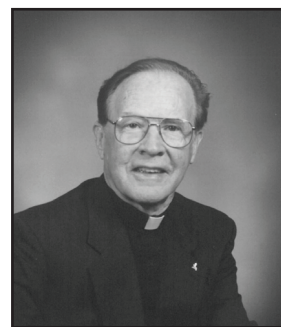
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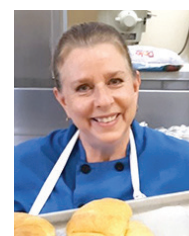


Fr. James Dowd, son of James Dowd and Kate Farrelly, was born in Ballyhaise Ireland. Fr. Dowd has joined his brother's, Patrick and Paul, who preceded him in death. Fr. James attended St. Patrick's Seminary College and All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland. He was ordained on June 17, 1956 for the Archdiocese of Portland, Or. He worked as an assistant Pastor at St. James, McMinn-

ville; St. Alice, Springfield; St. Francis, Portland; and Assumption, Portland. He was named Pastor of St. Patrick's in Canby, Or in 1968. He served there until 1983, when he went to St. Mark's, Eugene, serving there until his transfer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cottage Grove, Or in 1988, where he served until his retirement in 2003. Father Dowd enjoyed golf & gardening. He is survived by 11 nieces and nephews all of Ireland, and many treasured former parishioners in the Archdiocese. Due to COVID, no services will be held locally. A private burial will be held in Cullies Cemetery, County Cavan, Ireland.

Arrangements entrusted to Musgrove Family Mortuary. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com.

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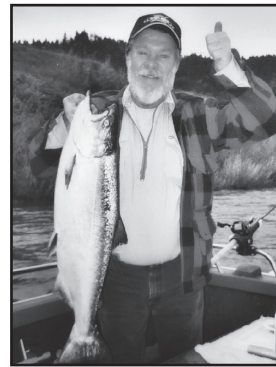
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Ronald Alan "Ronnie P" Cole 1950-2021



Ronald Alan "Ronnie P" Cole, 70, wishfully passed away at his home in Oakland, Oregon on January 28th, 2021. Ron was born in Drain, Oregon on July 7th, 1950 to parents Clark and Charity "Cherry" (Allen) Cole. Following graduation from North Douglas High School in 1968, Ron was very proud to follow in his father's footsteps in the logging industry. In 1970, Ron was drafted into the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War 70-71. He felt honored to be a veteran. Upon returning from Vietnam, Ron worked at Duco-Lam Inc. in Drain for 15+ years where he acquired many lifelong friends! If you knew Ron Cole, you have stories to tell!! Hunting. Cabin in Silver

Lake. Fishing and camping on the Umpqua River. Playing pool and shuffleboard. Foot stomping to some good ol' Willie Nelson! Ron was the, "Life of the party!" He was fun-loving, had a quick-witted sense of humor, ornery, scrappy, loyal, outspoken, generous and as stubborn as a damn mule!! He is survived by his daughters Traci of North Bend and Andrea (Ryan Williams) of Yoncalla."Papa Ron" adored his grandchildren Evalina and Kamden Jo! Ron also leaves behind numerous Aunts, Uncles and cousins. "Love ya little! Love ya big! Love ya like, a little ol' pig!" - Ron P. A party to celebrate Ron's life is planned for 2p.m. March 13th, 2021 at 2222 Cole Rd. Oakland, Oregon



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