

# On The Record

## Reminder: Tax filing deadline postponed until May 17

With April 15 today, the Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers that the deadline for filing individual income tax returns for the 2020 tax year has been postponed to May 17.

The IRS and Oregon both announced the postponements last month.

Individual taxpayers, including those who pay self-employment tax, can also postpone state income tax payments due on their 2020 tax year return until May 17.

Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties as long as they pay all taxes due by the postponed deadline. Penalties and interest will begin

to accrue on any unpaid balances as of May 18.

Oregon has not postponed the due date for first-quarter estimated income tax payments for 2021. Estimated tax payments are still due April 15. Taxpayers may choose to pay directly from their bank account or by credit card using Revenue Online.

More information about the postponement of the individual income tax filing and payment due dates is available in a list of frequently asked questions the department's website.

### Update on 2020 unemployment benefits tax relief

Revenue has started adjusting 2020 income tax re-

turns for Oregon taxpayers who paid taxes on exempted unemployment benefits, and thousands of refunds have already been issued.

The manual process began March 30 and is on track to be completed over the next several weeks. The American Rescue Plan, signed into law March 11, exempts up to \$10,200 of unemployment benefits received in 2020 per individual from taxes for households with less than \$150,000 in modified adjusted gross income.

The change affects thousands of Oregon taxpayers who had already filed their state income tax returns, paying taxes on 2020 un-

employment benefits before Congress made the change to the tax code.

The department is adjusting the returns for those taxpayers. Affected taxpayers will receive refunds or have a lower tax bill.

Oregon taxpayers, who received unemployment in 2020 and have not yet filed their tax returns, can do so now following the instructions the IRS recently provided. Most e-file software providers have indicated they have the necessary software updates in place.

Taxpayers should check with their tax preparer or software provider if they have questions about the updates.

## Roberta Duyree Kalbfleisch

Roberta Duyree Kalbfleisch age 85, passed away at home in



Cottage Grove with her loving partner, Jack Hawley at her side. She is preceded in death by her son, Gary, and survived by her daughters Susan and Katherine, 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A remarkable woman, she was loved, admired, and will be missed. Arrangement in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

## Paul "Dennis" Hess

1939-2021



pecially loved bird watching with his wife Sharon in the last 6 years at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. He belonged to the Rocky Mt. Association of Geologists, and American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Dennis is survived by his wife of 59 1/2 years Sharon Hess; son Matthew O. (Angelina Southcott) Hess of Golden, CO; brother Carl Richard "Dick" Hess of Yoncalla, OR; sister Roberta Heaton of Boise, ID; and sister Kathy Hess of Cottage Grove, OR. Dennis is preceded in death by his son Ricky Ronald Hess; sister JoAnne and Linda Hess; and stepbrother William Giovani. A visitation will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR. A funeral service will be held Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Church of Christ in Drain, OR. Interment at Drains City Cemetery, Drain, OR. In Lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Rick Hess Endowment for Adolescents and Young Adults at 123 International Way., Springfield, OR 97477, www.peacehealth.org/sacredheartfoundation or to a charity of your choice.

Paul "Dennis" Hess, 81, of Drain, Oregon passed away April 11, 2021. Dennis was born October 14, 1939 in Marshfield, Oregon to parents Paul and Sarah (Griffis) Hess. He moved to Drain, Oregon in the 7th grade and graduated from Drain Union High School in 1957. Dennis went on to earn his Master's at the University of Oregon in Geology. He married Sharon A. Olson September 15, 1961 at the Drain Methodist Church. He worked for Shell Oil in New Orleans and Denver. He also worked in Denver for an Independent oil company BWAB Exploration. Dennis owned his own business HMX Petroleum Exploration and finished his career at Savant Resources retiring in 2015. Dennis enjoyed fishing in Oregon, Colorado, Montana, and Nevada. He es-

## DEATH NOTICE

**WILSON**—Irene Wilson, 86, of Dorena, Ore., died April 15, 2021.

Services will be held at Major Family Funeral Home, Springfield,

Ore., today (April 15) at 4 p.m.

## Annual City Tree Branch Pick-Up returns in May

The City of Cottage Grove's annual Tree Branch and Limb Pickup is only about a month away.

With the upcoming opportunities for great weather, now is the time to trim and start collecting the limbs and branches to put out for the city crews to pick up.

The first round of the Tree Branch and Limb Pickup will begin on May 3.

The Tree Branch and Limb Pickup is meant to provide an opportunity for residents to trim trees and shrubs specifically those trees and shrubs that are located along streets and sidewalks and dispose of those materials at no cost.

Trees are supposed to be trimmed up to eight feet above sidewalks and over 13 feet above the street.

Residents are asked to pay particular attention to those trees and their impact on the sidewalks and streets.

Make sure that no tree branches block signs.

In addition to trimming the trees that are along streets and sidewalks, residents should feel free to trim all the other trees and shrubs on their property.

For more information, visit the city's website.

## Janice Mary Wojick

1935-2021



Janice Mary Wojick, loving mother, passed away at the age of 85, on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Janice was born on May 9, 1935 in Dickinson, North Dakota to Albert and Elizabeth (Koffler) Smith. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic school in Dickinson. She raised three sons, Kurt, Edward and Clint. Janice had a passion for crafts, cooking and keeping a tidy house. She worked for the Cottage Grove School District

for over twenty years, first as a lunch lady and then as part of the custodial staff. She also loved to be around people, and her family. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Janice is survived by her four children, Kurt (Carolyn), Edward (Catherine), Clint (Laura), and Ellen Beazley, two brothers: Jim (Shirley) of Grand Forks, ND and Marvin (Desi) of Dickinson; four sisters: Jeanie Thompson of Fargo, ND, Lucille (Neal) Williams of Darby, MT; Vivian Trittinger also of Fargo; and Leila Tucker of Powell, WY, nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mae Marie Helgerson and Marjorie Jacobson; and three brothers, Ronald, Daniel, and Albert Smith Jr., and very special friend Mark Thomas.

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