

On The Record

Voters reminded to review both sides of ballot

Ballots are 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. Some 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 any-

where 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 may 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 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (May 18). A map of drop box lo-

cations is also available online.

Due to COVID-19, the Lane County Elections Office will be open to the public only on Friday, May 14; Monday, May 17; and Tuesday, May 18, Election Day. Check our web page at www.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 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.

Leslie Marie Woodruff

1969-2021



Leslie Marie Woodruff, 52, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away April 22, 2021. She was born to parents Leslie and Gweneth Willis March 7, 1969. She was a manager of an adult foster home and Leslie

always took care of people doing personal caregiving. Leslie enjoyed watching and reading about crime. Leslie married Theodore Woodruff July 24, 2008 at Sacred Heart Hospital, where he passed away shortly after they married. She is survived by her daughter Kimberly Woodruff of Cottage Grove, OR and a brother Richard Willis of WA. She is preceded in death by her husband Theodore Woodruff. A graveside inurnment will be held May 7, 2021 at 4:00PM Brumbaugh Cemetery, Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Douglas County approves emergency drought order

Douglas County is the seventh county to declare an emergency drought order in Oregon this year. At the Weekly Business Meeting held April 28, Douglas County Public Works Director Scott Adams presented and received approval from the Douglas County Board of Commissioners for an emergency drought order for Douglas County.

Oregon's Governor has already declared State of Drought Emergencies in Jackson, Lake and Klamath Counties, and has pending emergency drought order requests from Gilliam, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties.

The order formally declaring a drought in Douglas County has been officially recorded, and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners has submitted a copy of the order to Oregon's Governor requesting an official executive order from the State for Douglas County, under the provisions of ORS 536, as a direct result of severe and projected drought conditions.

The Governor's drought declaration will allow increased flexibility in how water is managed to ensure that limited supplies are used as efficiently as possible. The Governor's executive order for drought declaration will also authorize state agencies to expedite water management tools to users who would not otherwise have access.

The order cited that there is the potential for the Douglas County agricultural and livestock, natural resources, recreational, tourism and related economies will experience widespread and severe damage resulting from extreme weather conditions and diminishing stream flows within the county. The annual water supplies available for irrigators and ranchers within Douglas County are from winter snowpack, which is significantly lower than normal in the Umpqua Basin.

A large share of the county's economy is dependent upon the agriculture sector, which will be adversely affected by the low snowpack, water levels and rainfall. These conditions will

result in the loss of economic stability, decreased feed and pasture production, shortened growing season and decreased water supplies for our agricultural, livestock and vineyard producers.

Current predictions by NOAA are that drought within the region will persist or intensify and could also dramatically increase wildland fire danger due to higher-than-normal temperatures and below average precipitation. Also noted is the fact that our multiyear cumulative droughts have resulted in decreased fuel moisture and an early onset for fire danger.

As of April 19, 2021, Oregon Water Resources Department Water Conditions Report stated that the Umpqua Basin stream flows are 72 percent of average. Snowpack, according to the most recent NRCS report states parts of southwestern Oregon, including the Umpqua Basin snow water equivalent (SWE) remains well below normal.

The lack of surface water resources is expected to negatively impact consumptive water users including

irrigators, industrial and domestic users resulting in economic losses and hardship. Groundwater resources will also be affected by a lack of sufficient recharge resulting in reduced spring and well water supplies.

“The Douglas County Board of Commissioners agree that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of our citizens, livestock, forests and agricultural industry in order to protect and mitigate economic loss, as well as be responsive to the threat of wildfires,” said Commissioner Tom Kress.

Although the drought declaration has not resulted in any residential use restrictions, it is a good reminder that water conservation is always a good idea — and that fire danger is likely to be high again in many parts of Douglas County this summer.

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DEATH NOTICES

BILYEU—Todd Allen, 60, of Cottage Grove, Ore., died April 30, 2021. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, Ore.

DRAPER—Lloyd Draper died April 27, 2021. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, Ore.

ROWLETT—Robert Nathan Rowlett, 97, of Cottage Grove, OR died April 26, 2021. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, Ore.



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Janet Lenore Thompson

1947-2021



Janet Lenore Thompson, 73, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away March 22, 2021 at Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford, Oregon after bravely facing a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Janet loved and served her community all her life. She studied the Bible daily and taught it to others through her daily actions, attentive listening, and wise counsel. She enjoyed learning about God's love in Bible Study Fellowship, and taught Sunday School for years at Trinity Lutheran Church. She immersed herself in motherhood, supporting her children full-time along with their friends, classmates, and teammates. She fostered relationships as a welcom-

ing hostess and took pride in baking, cooking, and sharing with others. Whether she was spending time with her friends or caring for those in need, she did it with joy and a fresh coat of lipstick.

Janet frequently wrote thoughtful notes of thanks and encouragement, and her annual Christmas card was written in rhyming couplets. She loved the outdoors, gardening, the river, flowers, birds, skiing, hiking, art, books, and music. Janet's heart was joyous, and her infectious laughter and smile warmed the hearts of all in her sphere.

Janet was born June 2, 1947 in Portland, Oregon, to Carl and Lena (Overlund) Froude and graduated from Tigard High School. She earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon School of Nursing (OHSU), and a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. Michael Thompson, and her mother and father, Lena and

Carl Froude.

Janet is survived by her sister Karen Hall; brother Craig Froude & wife Stephanie; son Ryan Thompson & wife Amy; daughter Sarah Riznyk & husband Nicholas; son Sam Thompson & wife Rosalie; grandchildren Morgan, Sophia, Emma, Jacob, Noa, Hannah, Jack, and Madeline. And many other dear family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Oregon, on June 26, 2021 at 11 a.m. Due to the Covid pandemic, in-person attendance is limited to invitation only. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please send a request to: 2021MemorialJanetThompson@gmail.com.

A private interment of ashes will be held at Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Community Kitchen (tlc@tlccg.com) or the Cottage Grove Community Sharing Program (communitysharing.org).

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