

On The Record

Umpqua National Forest moves to 'High' fire danger

The Umpqua National Forest increased the fire danger to "High" on all ranger districts across the forest, effective at 12:01 a.m. July 1, 2021.

Similarly, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level advanced to level 2, on June 28. Public Use Restrictions (PUR's) Level 1 went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021.

Fire danger is quick-

ly increasing across the country and more recently across the Northwest. The Umpqua National Forest has responded by requesting additional resources and fire detection flights, increasing fire and law enforcement patrols, and monitoring regional and localized weather forecasting.

Fire agencies in southwest Oregon are urging caution for all those partic-

ipating in outdoor activities this season. The right conditions can mean that just one small spark from an unattended campfire, operating equipment, or a vehicle can ignite fine fuels.

"It is important for us all to adhere to fire use restrictions. Summer is heating up quickly and with temperatures well above normal we could be in for a long fire season. These restrictions

are critical to lessen the likelihood of human caused wildfires," Forest Supervisor Alice Carlton stated.

It is important for everyone to be aware of current public use restrictions. A full list of restrictions can be found online at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/news-events/?cid=FSE-PRD926277.

All motorized vehicles need to take appropriate

precautions and only park in areas free of dry vegetation when out in the woods. If you are towing or utilizing a trailer, make sure that chains are not dragging (which could cause sparks).

The public is encouraged

to enjoy public lands and help keep them protected by minimizing fire ignitions.

For more information on current fire restrictions, call 540-830-3806 or 541-957-3200.

Timberland owners close access to private lands for fire season

With a combined timberland acreage of around 600,000 acres, a group of private timberland owners consisting of Seneca, Lone Rock Resources, Giustina Resources, Campbell Global, and Giustina Land &

Timber Company, closed public access to their lands starting June 28.

Due to drought conditions, and above-average temperatures, Oregon is already experiencing a bad fire season. The number of

fires so far this year is already 1.5 times higher than the 10-year average, and the acreage affected has been more than four times greater than the 10-year average.

Landowners have been monitoring fuel conditions this spring, as well as reviewing snowpack, weather forecasts, and drought impacts.

The limited precipitation across the region this spring has significantly affected the moisture content of woody debris, as well as the condition of live vegetation fuels and their susceptibility to fire ignition and spread.

Since most of Oregon's

wildfires are started by people, public visits to private land have the potential to be dangerous for both the public visitors as well as the timberlands.

"This historic heatwave is smashing records. It is important for us to proactively close our lands down to the public for the safety of our timberlands, firefighters, and all Oregonians," said Casey Roscoe, Seneca's senior vice president of marketing and communications.

The group has timberland in Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn and Polk counties.

DEATH NOTICES

ANDERSON - Douglas Henry, 74, of Creswell, OR died July 3. Arrangements by Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR.

GIRAUD-Ernest Jean Giraud, 72, of Cottage Grove passed away June 9, 2021. A Celebration of life will be held at the Cottage Grove Faith Center, Thursday, July 15 at 1:00 PM. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

DUERST - Roy Arnold, 91, of Cottage Grove, OR died July 8. Arrangements by Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR.

SNAUER - Dean James, 86, of Cottage Grove, OR

died July 8. Arrangements by Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR.

ADAMS - Merlyn Mildred, 40, of Cottage Grove, OR died July 1. Arrangements by Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR.

Stephen Munchus 1950-2021

Stephen Munchus 70, of Cottage Grove, passed away April 24, 2021, from a long battle of melanoma.

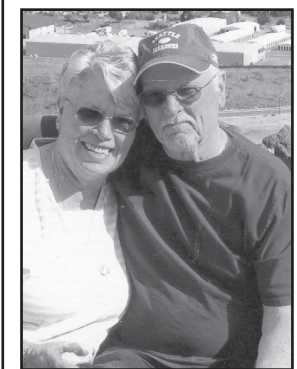
Stephen was born August 8, 1950 in Newark, NJ. He graduated high school in 1968 from Monte Vista High School in Spring Valley CA. He also received an AA degree in Culinary Arts at LCC. Stephen is survived by his wife Laura Munchus; Stepson Neil Swanstrom and sister Cher Johnson.

Stephen was preceded in death by his parents John and Harriett Munchus; and his brother Jack Munchus.

Arrangements in care of Andreason's Burial & Cremation Service of Springfield, OR.



H. Ray Thompson 1934-2021



H. Ray Thompson, 86, of Dorena, OR passed away on July 5, 2021. He was born on December 12, 1934 in Santo, TX to parents Jesse J. and Dolie (Marsh) Thompson. Ray's family left Texas in 1952, moving to Santa Maria, CA where he graduated from high

school and met the love of his life, Lonteen Woody. He and Lonteen were married for 66 years. Ray made a career as an instrument technician in the electrical industry for Southern California Edison. He retired in 1991, moving to Cottage Grove, OR. Ray was an avid Keno player who enjoyed small town life. Ray is survived by his wife, Lonteen Thompson, Dorena, OR; 3 children, Sheri of Kernville, CA; Terry of Cottage Grove, OR; Kathy Thompson, Escondido, CA; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. Ray was preceded in death by son, David in 2007. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Katie Kowalko 1921-2021



Katie loved the Lord all her life, and on July 1, 2021 she's now with Him forever. She was born in Saskatchewan, Canada to John and Mary Burkart on November 25, 1921. She was the sixth of seven children, and was preceded in death by her four sisters and two brothers.

As a young woman, Katie worked with her father as a market gardener. Later, she went to work "under the glass" at a local nursery and helped to make the bouquet given to Queen Elizabeth on her 1939 visit to Canada. Fol-

lowing her father's calling to ministry, the family moved to California. There Katie taught Sunday School and led youth activities. While attending a Youth Conference, she met several students from Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific College) who urged her to attend. So she moved to Portland, Oregon and there met Nick Kowalko who was attending to further his ministerial training. They married in Portland in 1947.

Katie and Nick pastored at The Church of God in Canada, Aberdeen, Washington, Rainier and Springfield, Oregon. They also served in Cottage Grove, Oregon, where they retired as pastor's emeritus. Of all of her many church activities, being the choir director was her favorite.

Katie also worked in Eugene as a secretary for SAIF (State Accident Insurance Fund) and later as a legal secretary for a private attorney.

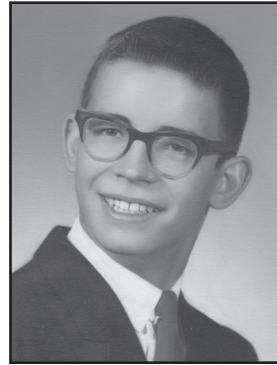
Katie's most notable quality was her positive life view. She was quick to laugh and enjoyed making others smile, too. In retirement, she and Nick traveled annually to The Fountain of Youth Spa and RV Resort, where she regularly performed a "stand-up" comedy act. She was a resort celebrity!

Katie touched many lives during her 99 years on this earth. She had many life-long friends. She is survived by her sons Ken (Judy) and Dale (Ginger), grandchildren Katie and Kendal, step grandchildren Donna and Bobby, and six great grandchildren (Alyson, Hannah, Emma, Kilee, Jordan and Silas).

A memorial service and luncheon will be held on July 31st, at 1 pm., at Riverside Church of God in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium. Interment at Fir Grove, Cemetery.

Steven Wynn Coons 10/22/1949 - 07/02/2021



Steven W. Coons was born on October 22, 1949 to W. Glenn and Josephine (Galdabini) Coons. He joined a sister, Carol E. Coons and a brother, Joe G. Coons. He was delivered in Mrs. Butler's Nursing Home in Cottage Grove, OR and his birth was attended by Dr. Axley.

At the age of 1 1/2 years old he contracted rheumatic fever and was bed ridden for over a year. He attended Drain Elementary School and graduated from Drain High School in 1967.

Steven enlisted in the U.S. Army in May of 1969 and was released from duty November 1971. He did his training at Fort Lewis in Washington. He was sent to Vietnam where he

was serving in the Army's Navy as a Water Craft Operator off the coast of Vietnam. After he returned, he was stationed at Fort Eustis, VA until he completed his service. When he was released from the Army he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and a Good Conduct Medal. He returned to his home on Buck Creek Road near Drain, OR.

In 1976, he moved to 3500 Anlauf Road, Yoncalla, OR. He continued to reside there until his death on July 2, 2021.

He worked for Portable Rock. Then he worked for Boucock and Dupper Logging. After that he worked with Elmer Dupper doing reforestation work. He then worked for Backus and Williams until he suffered a heart attack. After his recovery he worked for D & R Logging until it closed. He then began logging his own property.

Steven was always interested in model trains. He got his first

model train set in the 1950's and it grew from there. A cousin worked for Southern Pacific and through him Steven became friends with a number of railroad employees and retired railroad employees. He had an archive of Southern Pacific photos and other memorabilia. He attended the monthly meetings of the Liars Club which is made up of retired railroad employees.

He is survived by his sister, Carol C. Wigle of Philomath, OR and his brother Joe G. Coons and wife Kittie Jo of Yoncalla, OR; and nephew Joseph G. Coons, Yoncalla, OR. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Other than his time in the U.S. Army he resided in the Drain and Yoncalla, OR area all his life. Donations may be made to North Douglas Betterment or charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR. Interment at Comstock Cemetery.

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Sat: July 17 - "Open House"
any time between 1 & 3pm
at - CG High School pictures, visiting, ice cream.

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