On The Record

Umpqua National Forest moves to Industrial Fire Precaution Level Four

The Umpqua National Forest increased Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) to Level 4, which went into effect at 00:01 a.m. on August 10, 2021, and will continue until December 31, 2021.

These restrictions follow active management techniques based on scientific factors, weather conditions and preparedness levels.

The sustained dry and very hot weather conditions combined with the current fire activity as well as limited initial attack resources are driving the need to increase precaution to an IFPL 4 on the Umpqua National Forest.

Industrial Fire Precaution levels are stages of restrictions that apply to work activities, including personal firewood cutting, on Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands to reduce the risk of a wildfire igniting.

There are four Industrial Precaution levels that begin at Level One at the start of the closed season and can go to Level Four, the current level.

Each IFPL level adds to the restrictions applicable to all lower levels. At Level Four, 'All commercial operations on national forest lands are prohibited.'

· Few if any waivers will be issued

· Recreation activities on the forest continue but are subject to personal use restrictions

Fire danger remains extreme on all ranger districts across the forest. Similarly, the Public Use Restrictions (PUR) is currently set at Level 3.

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Molly Grace Howell



Molly Grace Howell, 44, of Cottage Grove passed away August 2, 2021. Molly was born March 17, 1977 in Palmer, Alaska to parents Thomas and Linda Howell. She graduated Cottage Grove High School in 1995. Molly was a lover of Elvis Presley. She loved musicals, singing, love stories, all Disney

princesses, old westerns, and Leopard Print. She loved the idea of hunting and got to go once in Alaska. Molly loved camping, swimming, coast trips, and staying at the cabin in the snow. She was a member of the Special Olympics and participated in bowling and bocce ball. Molly is survived by her parents; sister Connie (Joe) Mazut of Palmer, AK; sister JoAnne (Peter) Carlson of Las Vegas, NV; sister and caretaker Judy (Daniel) Smith of Cottage Grove, OR; sister Jeanne (PonyBoy) Howell-Gilbert of Veneta, OR; and brother Ezekiel Howell of Eugene, OR. A memorial service was held at The Axe and Fiddle in Cottage Grove, Monday, August 9th. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

LCSO investigates death on Hwy 58

On Aug. 9 at approximately 6:34 a.m. the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a report that someone had been shot at a residence on Hwy. 58 near Hilltop Dr.

Deputies and Oregon State Police troopers responded and located a male with an injury to his head consistent with a gunshot wound. He was conscious and transported to an area hospital. This male advised that his

handgun was missing from the residence. Also in the home was a female who had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the chest. She was pronounced deceased. While investigating the

scene, deputies spotted a male armed with a handgun hiding in the bushes next to the driveway.

After approximately 45 minutes, he surrendered

and was taken into custody. A handgun was found in his possession.

The status of the male that had been transported to the hospital remains unknown. A small child, related to the victims, was also in the residence when the incident occurred. The child was unharmed and placed into the custody of other family members.

Any who have information related to this case are asked to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 opt. 1.

This investigation is on-going. Anyone with questions regarding the status of this case are asked to contact the Lane County District Attorney's Office at 541-682-4261.

The case number is 21-4430.

Kenneth "Ken" Lee Price



Kenneth "Ken" Lee Price, 68, of Cottage Grove, OR passed away July 21, 2021. Ken was born September 25, 1952, in Camp Roberts, CA to parents Raymond and Joyce (Beard) Price. After high school, Ken joined the Army and served during the Vietnam War. He worked as an operating engineer (heavy equipment) until his retirement. Ken was a dedicated, loving father and grandfather. From the moment of his granddaughter Beverly's birth his greatest passion was loving and caring for her. Ken spent much of his youth on his

grandparent's cattle ranch and was an animal lover and cowboy. He owned and loved several cattle dogs over the years with the most recent one being his beloved Maxie. Ken was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, as well as gardening and feeding the doves and hummingbirds in his yard. From an early age he liked to cook and bake. Just last year he made banana pineapple jam from his grandma's recipe. Ken made great friends with his neighbors. They traded cookies, compared tomato growing techniques, and all looked out for each other. After Ken's passing these friends have expressed a deep fondness for Ken to the family. Ken is survived by daughter Rebecca Lee Hernandez Price and granddaughter Beverly Rose Parrish; sister Patti Mitchell of Fremont, CA; Sister Debra Stafford of Alvord, TX. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR. Service arrangements are pending.

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Deputies chase suspect out of Creswell

On Aug. 6 just after 7 p.m., Lane County Sheriff's deputies located a stolen vehicle in the Creswell area being driven by 30-year-old Kyle Kalcich.

The deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop, however Kalcich sped away at a high rate of speed eastbound on Cloverdale Rd.

Deputies pursued him

as he eventually went eastbound on Hwy. 58 then northbound on Parkway Rd. towards Springfield. Deputies lost sight of the vehicle as it approached Jas-

per Rd. Citizens in the area

advised that the vehicle had

continued northbound on Jasper Rd.

Deputies located the vehicle crashed near the intersection of Jasper Rd. and Bob Straub Parkway Rd. Kalcich fled on foot a

Kalcich fled on foot and swam across the Willamette River.

With the assistance of a boat operated by the Eugene/Springfield Fire Department, deputies were able to cross the river and locate Kalcich hiding underneath some blackberry bushes.

He was taken into custody with the assistance of an LCSO K9 unit.

Kalcich was transported to the Lane County Jail where he was lodged on charges including: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Elude by Vehicle, Elude by Foot, Reckless Driving and Reckless Endangering.

Doris Rawlings 1919-2021



"Mrs. Rawlings"

A beloved school secretary, Mama would often hear a former student call out her name that way, it always delighted her.

Doris Marie June Vensel Rawlings was born on December 23, 1919 to Robert and Jessie Vensel, in Washington DC. It was her parent's 7th anniversary. She went home to the Lord on July 30, 2021 in Cottage Grove, Oregon, at the age of 101.

She had no memory of being able to skip or run because of childhood poliomyelitis. She was looking forward to being able to skip with joy in heaven

She graduated from St Cecilia's Academy at the age of 16 and went on to earn a degree in accounting. She worked many secretarial jobs, including being the Lead secretary for the Head of the Department of Agriculture during WWII. Doris met her husband Joseph, when

DC during WW2 to the Navy base. They were married on April 22, 1946.

he was assigned to Washington

They moved out west to Cleveland, OH where their five children, Joseph, Ann, Lorraine, Janet, and Marilyn were born, later moving to Los Angeles in 1959. Doris was busy with the children and at one point was the lead Girl Scout Mother in Palos Verdes and South Bay area. In 1969 they moved to Cottage Grove and Doris became the secretary at London School, a position she held for many years.

Doris survived polio at a

very young age. Despite that, she enjoyed gardening, hiking, and volunteering. She loved to sing, and played the piano and organ. Doris lost her husband Joseph in 2003, and one grandchild, Amy, in 2020. She is survived by her children, eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. A service will be held in the fall. A private inurnment will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a favorite charity.

She is running and skipping with joy!

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