

# On The Record

## Rough Patch Complex continues to burn

The Rough Patch Complex fires started July 29 when 20-plus lightning starts resulting from thunderstorms in the area.

Several more fires were added to the complex, including the Jack Fire when another storm moved through Aug. 1, bringing the total identified fires to 42. It includes Buckhead, Near Minky, Chaos and Little Bend fires as well.

Smoke from the complex may have an impact on air quality in the Cottage Grove area.

The Rough Patch Complex is being managed under a full suppression strategy. Public and firefighter safety is the number one priority. In addition, protection of communities, timber resources, private property, highway corridors and recreational improvements are key considerations.

*Update as of Sept. 15*

### CHAOS AND LITTLE BEND FIRES:

The Chaos Fire is 26,284 acres and the Little Bend Creek Fire is 9,087 acres.

The northern tip of the Chaos Fire that crossed the 2460 road near Fairfield Peak did not show significant heat or smoke.

Firefighters utilized direct and indirect tactics to construct a line between Horse Heaven Creek and the 3829 road. This line will help limit northerly fire grown in this drainage.

A fireline was constructed between the 3818 and 310 roads to help secure the east side of the Little Bend fire. Firefighters developed a plan to remove hazardous snags on the southeast corner of the Little Bend fire by using explosives to safely remove hazard trees that cannot be safely removed with chainsaws or mechanical equipment.

### JACK AND BUCKHEAD FIRES:

The Jack Fire is 24,165 acres, and the Buckhead Fire is

6,925 acres.

Containment lines are holding on the west, north, and northeast perimeters, and work focus is shifting to fireline rehabilitation and repair.

### NEAR MINKY FIRE:

The Near Minky Fire is at 4,869 acres.

All containment lines are holding well, and there was no significant fire activity on Tuesday. If conditions allow, crews will conduct a small firing operation to secure a section of line on the east side of the fire. The Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team on the Devil's Knob Complex is coordinating with the Great Basin Incident Management Team 2 to manage impacts from the nearby Smith fire.

### CLOSURES:

Fire closures are in place on BLM lands and the Umpqua National Forest.

The Umpqua and Willamette National Forests have temporarily closed areas of both forests due to the Jack Fire, Rough Patch Complex Fire, and Devil's Knob Complex Fire.

BLM road 24-1-26 (Francis Creek) from the junction with BLM road 25-1E-31 (Canton Creek Road) North to the Roseburg District Boundary in Township 24 South Range 1 West Section 1 will remain closed.

Highway 138 between Roseburg and Diamond remains open. Expect short delays for hazard tree removal operations east of Glide. Slow down and be alert.

Copies of all closures and maps can be found at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7758/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7758/).

## Alice Ann Hermansen

September 5, 2021



Alice Ann Hermansen, 78, of Cottage Grove passed away September 5, 2021. Alice was born in Elmwood Park, Illinois to parents Hans and

Anna (Dahl) Hermansen. She worked many years for the Village Green Resort as a housekeeper. Alice like to watch Disney movies, play word search, feeding wild birds, but most of all she loved her African violets. Alice is predeceased by her parents, brother Herbert, and Harry Hermansen. She is survived by her niece Karen (Michael) Ferguson of Junction City, OR and their children Melanie and Max. Alice will be interred at Fir Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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## Robert "Bob" Baysinger

1936-2021



Robert "Bob" Baysinger of Cottage Grove, Oregon was born July 23, 1936, in Colorado to Ella L. (Smith) and Earl C. Baysinger. He passed away August 28, 2021.

Bob was the oldest of 12 children born to Earl and Ella. He attended high school in Renton, Washington and at the early age of 17 he enlisted in the Navy and served a part of his eight years in the Navy on the USS Turner Joy. He then went on to serve in the Coast Guard for 13 more years, the latter years as a recruiter. Bob met his wife, Pamela Jarrett, while in the armed forces. They married in 1968 and later divorced.

Bob was a long-term resident of Cottage Grove and dedicated a portion of his life serving the community. He was a city councilor for several years and was an independent Chamber of Commerce supporter. He and his wife Pam also ran a garden nursery in the community.

Art and painting were Bob's main passion. He operated an art studio, taught classes to

help others learn the craft and helped paint some of the props for the Cottage Theatre, specifically in 1992 for Ten Little Indians. He enjoyed painting animals such as dogs, cats, birds, scenery and portraits. The South Pacific and his travels there were another of Bob's joys and inspirations for his art. He was also an avid writer, jotting down the events of each day in his years of journals, and even writing a memoir book about his life. Bob loved his cats, his vegetable garden and took great pride in his yard and flowers. Bob also enjoyed the occasional trip to a casino with friends and the casual poker game hosted in his home every now and then.

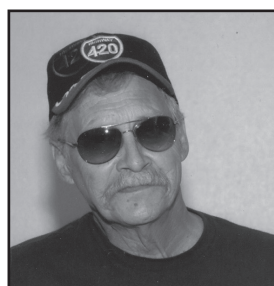
He is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Ella, one brother Donald, and two sisters Oma and Ronda. He is survived by a daughter Phoebe, four sisters Elonie, Sharon, Margaret, and Doretta, four brothers Richard, Ronald, Terry and Timothy, niece Connie, many other nieces/nephews, caregiver and friend Christy, many other friends and two cats, Brutus and Caesar.

Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Cottage Grove or to the Cottage Grove Theatre.

There will be a small graveside service with military honors at Roseburg National Cemetery, Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 2:00pm. Funeral arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

## Ray Steven "Steve" Brown

1950-2021



Ray Steven "Steve" Brown, 70, of Eugene passes away August 28, 2021 of cancer with his wife by his side. Steve was born September 2, 1950 to Ray and Anamaye (Nelson) Brown in Roseburg, OR. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School, then went to serve his country in the Vietnam War.

Steve loved his family, fast cars, loud music and his dog Scooter. He is survived by his wife Debra "Debbie" (Walls) Brown of Eugene, OR; Brother Rick (Viki) Brown of Dorena, OR; Sister Sandy (Randy) Crites of Cottage Grove, OR; brother (NB) Dan (Tammy) Honza of Drain, OR and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve is preceded in death by his parents Ray and Anne Brown, brother Dale Brown and (NB) brother Keith Bowers. A celebration will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 1:00pm at 252 Upper Smith River Road, Drain, Oregon. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

## Richard "Dick" L. Simons

1943-2021



Richard "Dick" L. Simons, 78, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away peacefully at home August 31, 2021 from acute myeloid leukemia. Dick was born May 16, 1943 in Cottage Grove, Oregon to parents Clayton and Grace (Beatty) Simons. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School and was drafted in the United States Army and served from 1965-1967 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was Awarded Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Dick worked 43 years in the lumber mill industry. He was a kind and soft-spoken man. There is nothing he wouldn't have done for someone. Dick especially loved country living, and he of-

ten mentioned that he had the best childhood, best parents, best brothers, and felt blessed that he was able to live his entire life on the family property. Dick loved animals, enjoyed working on projects at home, cutting firewood, horseback riding, white water rafting, trips to the coast, riding quads on the dunes, and especially enjoyed looking over the incredible view from his front porch. Dick is survived by his wife, Karol Kuhn Simons; brother Donald Simons; brother and sister-in-law Robert and Cheryl Simons; daughter Debbie, three grandsons and two great-granddaughters; step-children Ameila and Buck, five step-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. No formal service will be held per Dick's wishes. He said, "He wouldn't ask anyone to attend a service he didn't want to attend." In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hospice of your choice or to an animal or horse rescue organization. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Cottage Grove.

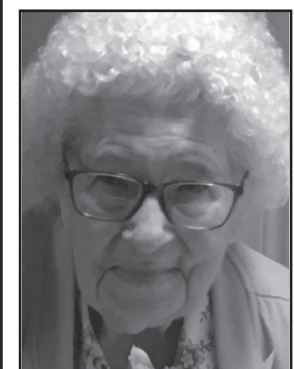
## DEATH NOTICE

**Hamblen**—Christian-Hamblen, 54, of Eugene, Lane County, Oregon died Sept. 4, 2021.

Arrangements by Sunset Hills Funeral Home & Crematorium in Eugene, Oregon.

## Irma Rachel Harwood

1918-2021



Irma Rachel Harwood, 103, of Cottage Grove passed away September 4, 2021. Irma was born October 24, 1918 to parents Albert Byron and Ida Virginia (Snyder) Barrett in Bridgeport, Nebraska.

Irma enjoyed quilting, sewing on her pedal machine and crocheting. She was a proud member of the Cottage Grove Seventh Day Adventist Church. She is survived by her son Albert (Brenda) Harwood of Harvest, AL; son Allen Harwood of Cottage Grove, OR; son Alvin (Jackie) Harwood of Nehalem, OR; brother Carl Barrett of Twin Falls, ID; sister Pauling Parks of Cottage Grove, OR; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Irma is predeceased by her spouse Clayton, 4 sisters and 1 brother. A private family burial will be held at Silk Creek Cemetery, in Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

## Rod Arthur Vigil

August 28, 2021



Rod Arthur Vigil, 63, of Cottage Grove passed away August 28, 2021. Rod was born in Monte Vista, Colorado to parents Rudy and Sara Lobato Vigil. Rod was an avid sports fan, who loved spending time with his family. He loved John Wayne movies and playing games with his grandchildren. He married Linda Flanders August 8, 15,2009 in Cottage

Grove. Rod worked taking care of developmentally disabled adults most of his life. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his mother, Sara Vigil of Madras, OR; his daughter Ebba Vigil of Creswell, OR; son Rudy (Tonja) Vigil of Jefferson, Oregon; son Kyle (Jenny) Flanders of Eugene, OR; son Justin Flanders of Eugene, OR; son Timothy Vigil of Cottage Grove, OR; brother Robert Vigil of Springfield, OR; brother Richard Vigil of Madras, OR; sister Susan Vigil of Madras, OR; sister Sandra Vigil of Redding, CA; brother Ralph Vigil of Antelope, CA; and 14 grandchildren. Services were held Friday September 10, 2021 at 6th & Gibbs Church, Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

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