

On The Record

Fire season delays the opening of the fall outdoor burning until Oct. 15

LANE COUNTY — The fall outdoor burning season will open on Friday, Oct. 15 for many Lane County residents.

The season, originally set to start Oct. 1, was delayed by the Lane County Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) due to a dry and warmer than average weather outlook.

“Recent rain has been beneficial to reducing wildfire danger across Oregon,”

said Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) spokesperson, Travis Knudsen. “But the current forecast is dry, sunny, and warm.”

Yard debris may not be burned while the season remains closed.

Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County’s transfer stations and dumpsites are resources available to those who wish to dispose of woody yard material ahead of the burn season on

Oct. 15. Residents who burn during the closed season are subject to violations ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 or more.

LRAPA has published a factsheet providing information on non-burning disposal alternatives for natural vegetation in Lane County.

The Lane County Fire Defense Board and ODF will decide to open the fall burning season or delay it further closer to Oct. 15. People can check on the season’s status by going online at www.lrapa.org, or calling the LRAPA daily open burning advisory line at 541-726-3976.

Coastal residents may call 541-997-1757.

Shirley Jean Norris (Nylund) 1/17/1946 – 9/20/2021



Shirley Jean Norris passed away on Monday, September 20th, 2021, in Eugene Oregon at the age of 75. She was born in Bremerton, WA on January 17th, 1946, and lived in Creswell, Oregon for the last 45 years. Shirley is survived by her husband Donald Norris of Creswell, Oregon. Her siblings: Sister Dale Cronin and husband, Dale of Albany, OR; her brother Jim Nylund of Springfield, OR and her sister Janet and Husband Vern of Alaska. Her five Children: Son Bryan Painter and wife, Tina of Corvallis, OR; Daughter Stephanie Graves and husband Greg of Mesquite, TX; Daughter Kristina Painter of Creswell, OR; Daughter Deborah Palmer of Rio Vista, CA and Son

Tony Norris and wife Angie of Eugene, OR. 12 Grandchildren and 18 Great-Grandchildren whom she loved dearly. She is preceded in death by her Parents and Grandson, Christopher Brundidge. Shirley was a woman of God. A lot of her years were spent serving her congregation as secretary and as a respected member of the church. She was a dedicated Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister and friend. Her Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren were her true joy in life. She loved crafting, playing Bunco with friends, hosting family gatherings, watching sports on television with Don and fixing a meal for her family and friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Services will be held at Calvary Chapel in Cottage Grove 1447 N. Pacific Hwy Cottage Grove, OR 97424 on Saturday, October 2nd at 1:00pm. Arrangements entrusted to Springfield Memorial Funeral Home. 7305 Main Street Springfield, OR 97478.

Thomas Gale Carver 1946-2021



Thomas Gale Carver, 74, of Cottage Grove passed away September 17, 2021. Tom was born December 15, 1946 in Fresno, California to parents Harold and Viola (McMullen) Carver. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1967 and attended 2 years at Lane Community College. Tom worked in various positions at Weyerhaeuser for 26 years. He worked for Gateway Mall before he went to work for Williams & Bleid as a commercial painter. Thomas was a member of Cottage Grove Prospectors and Goldiggers; and the Cottage Grove Hospital Auxiliary where he volunteered at the front desk at the Cottage Grove Hospital.

Tom enjoyed many years of playing Santa Claus for local families. He liked bowling, fishing, hunting, and camping. He enjoyed collecting things that could be recycled and then he gave them away. Tom was always helping others wherever he saw a need. Tom was a member of the Old Time Gospel Fellowship, and formerly sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and was a Boy Scout Leader. Tom met Susan Pagniano at the First Baptist Church in Cottage Grove, and they were married July 31, 1992. He is survived by his wife of 29 years Susan Carver of Cottage Grove, OR; son Scott Pagniano of Spokane, WA; son William Pagniano of Salem, OR; daughter Jo Ellen Pagniano of Cottage Grove, OR; and daughter Jaime Pardee of Cottage Grove, OR and 4 grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his son Carlos Carver. A celebration of life will be held at the Old Time Gospel Fellowship in Cottage Grove, OR on Saturday, October 16th, 2021 at 10:00am. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Industrial Fire Precaution Moves to Level I

Fire Precaution Requirements still in effect

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Beginning today, Sept. 30, at 12:01 a.m. the Umpqua National Forest lowered to Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) I. This change is in response to the recent rainfall and increased moisture levels across the forest.

Under IFPL I, industrial operators and those working in the National Forest are required to have fire suppression equipment on site and conduct a fire watch once equipment operations have stopped for the day. This includes individuals using a chainsaw to cut firewood under a free-use fire-

wood permit. There are no industrial shutdown times associated with IFPL I.

The Umpqua National Forest Fire Danger Rating Adjective is LOW. The Forest remains in Level I of Public Use Restrictions (PURs) but will reduce to no Public Use Restrictions beginning September 29, 2021. To learn more about IFPLs and PURs, visit the Fire Information page at go.usa.gov/xMUEc.

For more information about the Umpqua National Forest, call 541-957-3200 or visit online at www.fs.usda.gov/umpqua.

Doris M. Rawlings 1919-2021



The Celebration of Life for Doris M. Rawlings will be held October 2nd at 12 noon at the Cottage Grove Faith Center. 33761 Row River Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

There will be light buffet meal served after the service. Please be prepared to follow Covid restrictions.

Kenneth Walter Johnson 1959-2021



A renaissance man in every way, Kenneth Walter Johnson passed away on Sunday, September 5th, 2021 peacefully, but unexpectedly. He was 62.

Kenneth was born on January 17, 1959 to Leonard and Arlene Johnson in Cottage Grove, Oregon. He married Suzanne Hansen in 1977 and they raised three children, Stephanie, Crystal, and Aaron. He stayed in Cottage Grove until 2003 before finishing his firefighting career in the Medford area, and retiring in LaPine, Oregon.

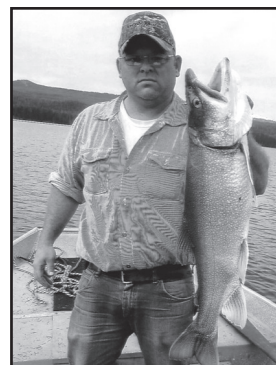
A man of many talents and hobbies, Ken loved all aspects of life. Throughout his entire life he was an avid hunter, dedicated fisherman, and embraced every chance he could

to go camping. His lifelong love of music and playing the guitar blossomed into a part-time hobby during his retirement years and he played music for various venues. In retirement, he discovered his talent for wood carving, and won many awards for his fish-carvings. A true family man, his best talent and skills was the dedication and drive he put into nurturing all the relationships around him. Ken was a dependable weekly phone call for his family and friends, and he never hesitated to be available whether someone needed a truck to move something, a shoulder to cry on, or someone to listen when things got hard.

In addition to Suzanne and their three children, Ken is survived by his brother, Kevin Johnson, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother, Roger Johnson.

A memorial service will be held at Aspen Hall, 18920 NW Shevlin Park Road in Bend, Oregon on Saturday, October 2nd at 1pm. The family is looking forward to honoring Ken’s love of life through stories, and music.

Kevin Clark Petit 1978-2021



Kevin Clark Petit, 43 of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away on September 16, 2021. He was born on February 6, 1978, to parents Dennis and Teresa (Hainz) Petit.

He went to grade school at London School and is a 1996 Cottage Grove High School graduate. He went on to complete truck driving school at IITR top of his class.

Kevin was all about the outdoors and camping. He loved bow hunting and muzzle-loading. Fishing, especially fishing tournaments, for Big Lake Trout with his dad. He

was handing down that love of fishing to his son, Garrett. In the autumn, Kevin and Garrett would spend hours carving pumpkins. Tired of sandwiches, Kevin learned to cook. He especially enjoyed cooking while having an ice-cold beer. One grill was not enough, he bought another and used them both.

Kevin was a strong personality—a real character—a trait he picked up from his grandpa. He was good to his parents and kept an eye on them. He was witty, clever, well-liked, and loyal, he got along with everyone. He was loved very much and had many lifelong friends.

Kevin is survived by his parents, Dennis and Teresa Petit of Cottage Grove; brother Clinton Petit of Cottage Grove; son Garrett Petit; the love of his life, Michelle Henry of Cottage Grove and her son Jacob Allen.

A Celebration of Life will be held later.

Smith-Lund-Mills is serving the family.



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