

# On The Record

## POLICE LOG

NOV. 9

• Vehicle theft was reported on the 900 block of North Douglas Street.

• A mental hold was placed on an individual in Coiner Park with the help of a crisis response mental health worker. The individual was transported to the University District Peach Health Hospital.

• An individual reported having his car window broken overnight on the 1100 block of Edgewater Lane at his home and a backpack stolen from the vehicle which contained a laptop and an iPad.

NOV. 10

• A general contractor reported theft from a construction site located on Gateway Blvd. A responding officer was advised how an unknown suspect had cut a section of chain link fence and unlawfully entered the otherwise secured and fenced construction site. The complainant said a compactor was stolen sometime between the dates of Nov. 4 and Nov. 10. Costs to replace were estimated at approximately \$1,700. The complainant advised that it would have likely taken multiple people to lift and remove from the property.

• Fraud was reported at a Gateway Blvd store when it was discovered a \$50 bill accepted at an unknown time was counterfeit.

• Fraud was reported at Bi-Mart in regards to a \$100 counterfeit bill which had been attempted to be tendered during a purchase. A suspect was positively identified and told responding officers that he did not know the bill was fake, though it displayed "neon pink-colored Chinese markings on the back and front." The bill was seized as evidence but no charges were pursued.

NOV. 11

• Officers responded to a call of a burglary at The Sentinel office on Main Street. The case is still under investigation.

• CGPD dispatch received multiple 911 calls from a female who stated while driving she was suicidal and was contemplating overdosing. Officers spent some time trying to locate the person as she continued to drive in the area and ultimately located the vehicle, contacted the driver and gave her a courtesy ride home. The case was eventually cleared after determining she did

not need to be put on a hold.

• CGPD dispatch advised of a single vehicle crash into the river on Mosby Creek Road, with one subject outside of the vehicle acting dazed. A responding officer attempted to determine if there were any unaccounted for people in the vehicle in the river. While en route, CGPD dispatch received an additional 911 call advising that the driver of the crashed vehicle stole the vehicle of the original caller, possibly at gun point, and left the location east on Mosby Creek.

Upon arrival, there was a female standing on the roadway, in a bathrobe, flagging down an officer with a flashlight. The entire west bound lane was blocked with what was determined to be cable lines and a cable pole that was sheered and in the roadway, still attached to another pole on the south side of the road, making any passage east bound also very limited. The female advised that her husband was the original caller and when the suspect stole his vehicle, the husband got their other vehicle and began trying to find the suspect, but did not have a cell phone with him. The female and another neighbor pointed an officer to where the originally

crashed vehicle went off the north side of the road, striking a tree and cartwheeled into the river, halfway submerged. It was determined no one was inside the vehicle, but both air bags were deployed, the trunk was ajar and the passenger front window was smashed out, "likely for the self-extraction." Lane County authorities arrived and took over the scene, while the other units responded further east to attempt to locate the suspect and stolen vehicle. Due to the location (approx-

mately mile post 4) being a sharp corner and both lanes blocked, an officer stayed to assist with traffic. EPUD arrived and was able to pull the lines into the west bound lane.

NOV. 12

• A male suspect was arrested on the 800 block of North Lane Street for Assault in the Second Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Menacing when he intentionally struck a female with an aluminum baseball bat on the right forearm, causing physical injury.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**SMITH** – Roberta Lynn, 62 of Cottage Grove died November 2, 2021. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills in Cottage Grove.

**Hammond** – Robert Hammond, 85, of Eugene died November 9, 2021. Arrangements by Sunset Hills Funeral Home Crematorium and Cemetery in Eugene.

### David Michael Perkins

1970-2021



David Michael Perkins, 51, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away November 7, 2021. David was born to parents Fred and Sandra (Olson) Perkins October 21, 1970, in Cottage Grove. He graduated from Elmira High School in 1988. David attended Oregon Poly Technical Institute and Lane Community College receiving his associates degree at both schools. David was a huge Oregon Ducks football fan and enjoyed playing racket ball, pickle ball, and coaching

youth sports. He loved the outdoors spending time camping, fishing, and seeing Oregon's beautiful lakes and rivers in the summertime. His greatest joy was spending time with his niece and nephew Dylan and Morgan. David was a fierce loyal brother and friend. He was a member of Emerald Fitness Club, and Cottage Grove Faith Center. David was well loved and respected in the community for his kind, gentle and authentic nature. He is survived by his mother Sandra, and stepdad Dan Davis; brother Tom Perkins of Cottage Grove; nephew Dylan; niece Morgan and numerous extended families. He is preceded in death by his father Fred Perkins. A service will be held November 20, 2021, at 1:00PM at the Cottage Grove Faith Center. He will truly be missed by his family and friends. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

### Kenneth Glenn Kirkruff

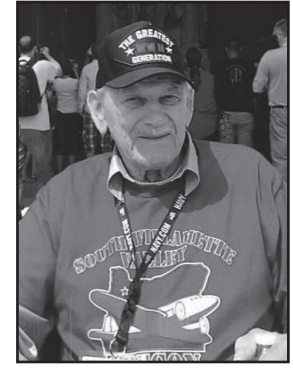
1926-2021



Kenneth Glenn Kirkruff, 95, of Cottage Grove, passed away November 7, 2021. He was born in Crescent City, CA on August 27, 1926 to parents Everett and Jessie (Kroger). Joining the Navy at the start of WWII, Kenneth was stationed on the destroyer USS Frank E Evans to the end of the war. On June 22, 1947 he married his wife Elaine (Summerford). After the war he went to work for the City of Torrance, CA where he started in the Bus Department doing tire and oil changes. He worked his way up to Superintendent of Streets, where they added other departments for him to supervise including trash, city yard, and signs and signals. He retired in 1977 and moved to Cottage Grove. He loved living in Cottage Grove, and working

on his farm.

His hobbies included salmon and steelhead fishing, hunting, and visiting various casinos. He was active in the VFW for 20 years. Ken is preceded in death by Elaine, his wife of 68 years. Ken is survived by his sons Darrell (Jo Ann) Kirkruff, and Robert (Linda) Kirkruff, both of Cottage Grove. He had 4 grandchildren: Joy (Chris), Kerri (Nathan), Ryan (Jenny) and Kimberly (Jeremy), and 3 great-grandchildren: Zachary, Brooklyn and Presley. A sister-in-law Donnette, a niece Stephanie (Troy) and their son Chase. A memorial service will be held at the VFW Post 3473 in Cottage Grove on December 11th at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, Oregon.



### Rene Cook-Taylor

1958-2021



Rene answered heavens call and is now walking alongside the angels. Her memory will continue to beat in our hearts as we mourn the loss of her battle with cancer. Rene' Michelle Cook went home to the Lord on the evening of October 30th, 2021. She was born October 14, 1958, to Richard and Diane (Vogt) Lasslett in Garden City, Michigan.

She was an active member at Riverside Church of God and Calvary Chapel in Cottage Grove. She loved spending a time with her family, playing with her grandchildren, cooking and baking, aerobics classes, sewing, crafting, renovating, playing bingo, gardening, boating and going to Oregon Duck football games.

Rene' is survived by James Cook, her children; Stephen Markman, Taylor cook and Amanda Borrelli; her sisters Jeanine Toney and Dawn Garcia; her brother Ricky Lasslett; 3 grandchildren, Brynlee, Ryder, Mila and Elijah is on the way.

We know that Rene' touched the lives of many, she was always laughing, smiling, and joking around. She was an amazing Wife, mother, and Grandmother. She loved her family and those around her fiercely and unconditionally. A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Please join us on Saturday November 6th 2021, at 80868 Highway 99, Creswell Oregon from 1-3pm to celebrate her life. In remembrance of Rene' we ask that you come dressed in warm and bright colors as she was such a bright light in our lives. Nothing can prepare you for the death of a loved one, but we will forever cherish our memories with her as well as all the love she showered upon us daily.

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### Michael Paul Matchulat

1984-2021



Surrounded by family, Michael Paul Matchulat was called to heaven from his Lorane home early on the morning of November 11th, following a 6 1/2 year battle with cancer. He was 37 years old.

Michael was born in Lorane, Oregon where he grew up on the family farm with his parents, Paul, and Trish Matchulat, and his four older sisters. Family and community shaped who Michael became.

Michael attended Crow High School as a gifted musician and a multi-sport athlete. He graduated from CHS with honors in 2002, before going on to earn a B.S. from the University of Oregon in 2006.

Michael pursued a number of jobs before finding a home in law enforcement. He served with the Lane County Sheriff's Office until his cancer diagnosis forced him into early retirement.

In 2015, Michael married the love of his life, Amber Dawn Doughty. Together, they built a life and home surrounded by natural beauty. They allowed each other to reach their full potential and encouraged others to do the same.

He was a peace officer, a farmer, a hunter, and a welder. He was a horseman, a builder, and a mechanic. He had a deep appreciation for fine wine, cooking, sunsets, mushroom foraging, scuba diving, fishing and most of all, people. He was an artist, an author, a musician, and a marksman.

Michael was known for his eclectic style. He thrived on eccentricity and valued honesty. He kept you guessing. One never knew if he would show up wearing a three-piece suit or daisy duke cutoffs. On one occasion, he drove up in

his Caddy with a new calf in the backseat.

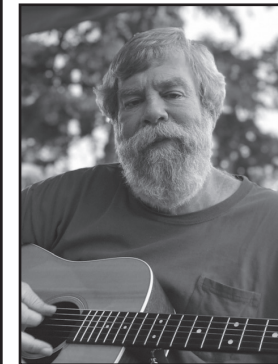
Michael was a member of the Lorane Christian Church and his faith remained strong to the end. He loved life, his family, his friends, and his community. He was a beloved son, husband, brother, uncle, and true friend to many.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Paul. He is remembered by his mother Trish, his wife Amber and his sisters Laura, Michelle, Melinda and Amber and his brothers (in law and in spirit) Ryan, Jeff, James, Justin, and Duncan. His nephew and seven nieces will be telling his stories to their children.

Matchy's Kick A\$\$ Send Off will be held at 2 pm on November 20, 2021, at Kester Ranch 80772 Hawley Creek Rd, Cottage Grove. In Liew of flowers, please consider a potted perennial plant for a planned memorial garden. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

### Thomas Alan Wheeler

1954-2021



Thomas Alan Wheeler was born on December 5, 1954 in Louisville, Kentucky to Doris (nee Stockhoff) and William Charles Wheeler. He had one brother, Bill (and his wife Jackie). Tom was raised in a comfortable setting with great grandparents, Fred and Elsie Stockhoff and Mayme Wheeler nearby. He attended incredible public schools, was active in church and Boy Scouts, played various sports, and vacationed throughout the US with his family.

Tom graduated with a BA in Economics from the University of Kentucky but spent the majority of his time with a group of friends in all stages of production of rock and jazz concerts for the university. By the time he graduated Tom knew he wouldn't be happy

as an economist, and went to work on a psychiatric ward of a local hospital. Here he found his calling. He earned a MA in rehabilitation counseling, then moved to Eastern Kentucky for his first job as a counselor. At this time he married his first wife, Barbara Cassin, and their marriage lasted 16 years.

Tom and Barb moved to Bend, Oregon in 1981 and he worked for Vocational Rehabilitation Division, and then moved to Eugene in 1984. There he worked for Laurel Hill Center, helping adults with severe psychiatric disabilities live and socialize in the community. While at LHC he built Laurel Grove Apartments.

In 1992 he went to work for South Lane Mental Health in Cottage Grove. At the time SLMH was a small struggling non-profit. Over the next 25 years Tom and his staff built a mission-based organization, each year helping more than 1,000 children and adults address their mental health concerns. Tom loved this work and was proud his organization was able to serve his newfound community.

Although he was glad he didn't work as an economist he had a lifelong passion for

economics, political science, and statistics. He was proud to be able to blend these interests with his passion for helping others through various commitments to helping people who were uninsured, homeless, and disabled.

In 1994 Tom divorced Barbara. He married Marsha Watson but this marriage was short-lived. In 2000 Tom married Toni Marie Spencer (nee Carbrano). He became stepfather to Josiah, Hannah, and Rebekah, and later a grandfather to Selena, Isaac, Leo, Zayah, and Ares.

Tom loved reading and read biographies of every US president. He enthusiastically played guitar adequately, walked every day, enjoyed bridge and other games, traveled to Europe six times, and obsessively collected recorded music. Tom loved his life. His life was enhanced by his relationships with many mentors, friends, colleagues, and clients. He was gratified to be able to help others in his work and to be a good support to Toni and the kids. Funeral Service was held on Monday, November 15th, 2021 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, Oregon with a private interment at Fir Grove Cemetery.