

Texas or bust: Ladder truck heads out for second life

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Going, going ... gone!
The city of Whitewright, Texas is now the proud owner of a 1997 E-One, 75-foot quint. The odometer shows only 20,625 miles and 1,559 engine hours, sold for the minimum bid price of \$60,000.

In early December, firefighters welcomed delivery of a new Rosenbauer 100-foot ladder truck.

The nearly \$1.2 million firefighting apparatus provides five functions: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device and ground ladders to reach the top of the city's tallest buildings. The truck delivers navigability down the city's narrow one-way streets and more versatility



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This ladder truck is headed to Whitewright, Texas, after a sale was approved by City Council.

for firefighters.

Fire Chief Joey Daniels went before City Council March 9 to ask councilors to OK the sale of the E-One to the Whitewright Fire Department.

"They're hoping you approve this because they're flying up Thursday," Daniels said. "They're driving home

on Friday the 13th."

Whitewright, with a population just above 1,600 and about 2,600 miles from Seaside, spans two counties in northeastern Texas.

City councilors unanimously authorized the sale. "This will really help out this fire department," Daniels said.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



March 6

12:16 a.m., Safeway parking lot: Responding to a report of a suspicious RV driving with no headlights and parked at a nearby business, police contact subjects who are advised they can't drive as none of them has a valid license.

7:10 a.m., Public parking area: Officers check on a camp set up in public parking structure. Observed are a suitcase and a tarp. No one was around. Officer will check back.

8:11 a.m., 1100 block Broadway: Transients parked in a motorhome obstructing traffic are told to move along.

7:32 p.m., 1400 block S. Columbia: Suspicious persons reported in the area of a recent fire are unable to be located by police who canvass the area.

March 7

10:59 a.m., 1300 block S. Downing: Forgery/fraud is reported.

11:06 p.m., 400 block Avenue U: Gunshots are reported. Police are unable to locate the source.

March 8

12:47 p.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: Responding to a complaint of children left in a car unattended, the parents point

out that one of the children is 12-years-old, old enough to babysit. Police consider the complaint unfounded.

2:30 p.m., 2700 block N. Roosevelt: Caller reports abandoned motorhome in Gateway Park. Officers make contact with owners who say they will be moving along when they go to Sunday Supper.

March 9

12:52 p.m., 1100 block Jeffrey Drive: Abandoned junk is reported.

1:05 p.m., 1100 block S. Columbia: More abandoned junk is reported.

March 10

12:40 a.m., 3300 block Pipeline: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

10:48 a.m., Bridge and Avenue G: A person is trespassed from a business.

1:56 p.m., Lincoln and Avenue E: Caller reports a motorhome leaving the area with no plates. Caller said there are known drug users inside. Officers are unable to locate.

22:28 p.m., Quatat Park: Public works is assisted for a burst water pipe.

March 11

10:02 p.m., 1300 block S. Roosevelt: Property crimes are reported.

4:12 p.m., 3800 Highway 101: Police assist another agency on

a disturbance call.

8:23 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports suspicious smell coming from a parked RV. Officers arrive and didn't smell what was reported. Occupants of the RV are advised of the complaint and recommended to move along.



March 6

6:56 a.m., 1100 block Avenue A: Emergency medical response.

March 7

1:14 p.m., 200 block Broadway: Emergency medical response.

2:17 p.m., 2000 block Spruce: Fire alarm.

March 8

4:40 a.m., 900 block Fourteenth Avenue: Emergency medical response. Medix on scene.

7:29 a.m., 800 block Country Avenue: Emergency medical response.

6:55 a.m., 33000 block Sunset Beach Lane: Structure fire.

OBITUARIES

Arnold Roger Truax

Buckley, Washington
June 15, 1938 — March 1, 2020

The earth shifted just a bit on Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. as Arnold Roger Truax stepped out of this life and into the next.

He was a man of gravity, and not just because of his 6-foot 4-inch, 350-pound frame. His outgoing personality, amazing smile and love for others drew even complete strangers to him. He loved meeting anyone new and learning their life story!

Roger was born to Samuel Strall and Dena Eloise (Phelps) Truax on June 15, 1938. He entered the world at a robust 12 pounds, and was their first and only child, although a stepsister, Marilyn Montgomery, and aunt, Bonnie, were raised with him.

Roger spent his grade school years in Springfield, Oregon, then became a standout athlete in four sports at Seaside (Oregon) High School, graduating in 1956.

He attended Linfield College on a basketball/football scholarship, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business and a math minor in 1960. After college he was recruited, and got letters of invitation from, at least five professional football teams.

He was by far the biggest player on Linfield's first Northwest Conference championship team in 1957, losing only one (out of division) game to a Cal Poly team led by John Madden and seven other future pros.

At Linfield, Roger met the love of his life, Florence Joan Wood. They married Aug. 24, 1957, and had baby Robyn 10 months later.

Life was not easy at that point, so Roger took a job managing Eola Village, a migrant labor camp near Salem, Oregon, from 1958 to 1960 while they were finishing college. (He always said that was where he got hisREAL real education!) Eola Village provided a place to live, and a small stream of income.

Roger supplemented their table by digging clams commercially, and hunting and fishing at every opportunity, labors of love that continued the rest of his life.

He worked at Foster's Sporting Goods in Portland (1960-1962), and at the Oregon State Employment Service (1962-1963), where he was able to get Flo a job at a bottle plant in Portland that paid far better than most jobs at the time.

Soon they moved to Seaside so Roger could work for his dad's roofing business. That ended one day in late 1963, when he stepped backwards over a wire and into a fresh bucket of hot tar that had just come out of the boiler. While recovering, Roger realized that he would have to start earn-

ing a living with his brain, rather than his body.

In early 1965 he took a job at Wauna Mill near Knappa, Oregon, in the accounting and payroll department. Quickly tiring of the commute from Seaside, he and Flo started looking for a place in the Knappa area. Their one priority was waterfront property.

In late 1965 they purchased a worn-out 1900s house with 18 acres on the bank of the Columbia River in Knappa, which the family still owns today.

He spent two years remodeling the broken down house before it was livable enough to occupy with 9-year-old Robyn, and newborn Tony, in 1967. Roger spent the next 40 years doing various remodels and property projects that turned it into the spectacular place that it is today.

Almost as soon as they moved to the Farm, Roger was recruited and hired to become a State Farm Insurance agent back in Seaside. His commute reversed, he made the best of the Astoria traffic from 1970 to 1981, then became an agency manager from 1981 to 1997, and expanded his driving from Tillamook to Woodland, Washington. Meanwhile, in 1976, they adopted 18-month toddler, Christopher, and Flo immediately found herself pregnant with Melissa.

Roger continued as a manager until the company made major changes in 1997. He finished his career as an agent in Astoria from 1997 to 2000. He retired from State Farm at 61 years old, and he and Flo were finally able to feed their love for travel full-time.

They bought a trailer and made the rounds each winter from Astoria to Cabo San Lucas and Cancun, Mexico, Palm Desert, California, and other points across the Western U.S. When that was too limiting, they took cruises and flights and visited many other countries.

In March 2015, health issues forced Rog and Flo to leave the Farm and move into assisted living near their son Tony's State Farm agency. Roger spent his final five years making his gravity felt at Heritage House in Buckley, Washington.

A memorial potluck celebration will be held at the Farm on June 13 from noon until the last story is told. All are welcome, with RSVPs to Melissa Reid at 503-936-0638.

Flo passed away on June 7, 2019. Roger is survived by his four children, Robyn Louise Truax, Anthony Strall Truax, Christopher Dean Truax and Melissa Violet Reid, as well as six grandkids. It's very possible that Heaven shifted a bit as he stepped into the presence of our Maker!



Roger and Flo Truax

Caring for our community

Providence Seaside Hospital is committed to protecting your health and safety. To help reduce the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, here are some of the plans we've launched to care for our communities:

- We are following federal, state and local guidelines for personal protective equipment, visitor regulations and safe patient admission, and the transport and treatment of patients who have contracted the virus.
- We are committed to protecting our patients' privacy and will not acknowledge when we are treating people with COVID-19.

If you think you may have been exposed to the virus, we urge you to call your health care provider or connect to a health care expert through a respected app. **Providence Express Care Virtual** provides affordable visits with nurse practitioners who can screen, assess, prescribe, and provide recommendations and follow up, all via smartphone, computer or tablet.

Most people who contract this strain of coronavirus will only experience mild symptoms. However, people who are elderly or are chronically ill, or who have compromised immune systems or other health issues **should seek medical help if they meet the criteria for COVID-19 exposure.**

As a community, we must all take precautions to lessen the spread of the virus. **It is extremely important for you to:**

- Wash your hands thoroughly and often
- Cover your coughs and sneezes, using the crook of your arm and not your hands
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid shaking hands

Here are resources for up-to-the-minute information about the COVID-19 coronavirus:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
- Oregon Health Authority: healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211
- Providence: Providence.org/oregon
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