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Is Oregon the “Worst Place to Die”?

By Dajuana Dodd

Oregon is often cited by critics as the **worst place in America to die** because of the state’s costly estate tax, sometimes referred to as the “death tax.”

Oregon has the **lowest estate tax exemption in the nation**, meaning estates valued above **\$1 million** may be taxed when assets are passed on to family members. Critics say that the threshold is far lower than the federal exemption and lower than most other states.

Opponents argue that the tax can place a heavy financial burden on families who are already grieving the loss of a loved one. In some cases, heirs have reportedly been forced to **sell family homes, farms, restaurants, or small businesses** in order to pay the tax bill.

Many states have moved away from estate taxes altogether. Today, **38 states have repealed their death taxes**, leaving Oregon among a shrinking number that still impose them. Now the issue is resurfacing in Salem.

Lawmakers recently held a hearing on **Senate Bill 1511**, which would make changes to Oregon’s estate tax structure. While the proposal lowers taxes in some lower brackets, it **raises rates in several higher brackets**, meaning the state would still collect the same overall revenue.

Critics say raising estate tax rates in Oregon — where the threshold is already among the lowest in the country — only adds to the burden faced by families hoping to pass their property or businesses on to the next generation.

With the legislative session nearing its end, the future of the proposal remains uncertain. ■

Estate Tax Fast Facts

OREGON ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

\$1,000,000

FEDERAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

About \$13,000,000 per person

STATES WITH NO ESTATE TAX

38

OREGON TAX RATES

Approximately 10% – 16%

WHAT IS TAXED?

Assets passed from a deceased person to heirs once the estate exceeds \$1 million.

Information for this article compiled from Oregon legislative materials and tax policy reports.



Letter to the Editor

Times are always changing, and newspapers and magazines are closing down in favor of digital and other electronic means. 2022 opened with Dajuana Dodd starting a newspaper; she rekindled the Mitchell Sentinel that was first published in 1904 by W.P. Gillenwater and Anthony Helms. The first issues were one page, and now they continue to get larger.

What started as a local publication has now morphed into all the western states. A lot of the subscribers have Mitchell connections of yesteryear. Stories of history long ago lead folks back home to a time of simplicity and good times.

I personally want to thank Dajuana for giving me a vessel to sail my stories on. I submit my stuff printed in pencil, and she has to transfer and translate it to print. I also thank her for not editing my stuff, which may make it better when God gives me a thought, I want to keep it.

Dajuana published Marian Humphreys story of the depression, Molly Day's poems, and Dan Cannon's stuff! Stories that would not have seen the light of this world without the Sentinel.

The rejuvenation of Mitchell has been helped by the Sentinel by getting the word out about Tiger Town, Wheeler County Trading, Bridge Creek, Brittany's Bees, Painted Hills Cottages, Judy's Place, Sky Hook Motel, Oregon Hotel, Timbuck II, plus public service announcements about meetings and events.

So Dajuana Dodd, thank you for your vision and effort, and all your work.

Dan Cannon

02/03/26

AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TRAINING PROVIDED
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AMBULANCE FOR MORE INFO

FOSSIL (541) 763-2698
SPRAY (541) 468-2086
MITCHELL (541) 462-3043

Mitchell Ambulance Chat

March 2026

Hello and welcome to this month's edition of the chat. I hope you have all had a great month and all is well in your world!! We continue to make progress in the EMS Solutions group and will be ready to submit a proposal soon. This proposal will make the volunteer-based EMS system in the county sustainable for the foreseeable future, ensuring quality, reliable emergency medical services for all. I have mentioned in previous articles that this is a group made up of leaders throughout the county who have assembled to find a solution to the ever-increasing problems faced by the 3 ambulance services, such as a lack of participation and senior individuals within these services retiring with nobody to fill their shoes. Our proposal will address these concerns and more, and will be the cheapest solution to these problems by far, so please show your support for this proposal so we can continue to provide all of you with the necessary emergency medical services that are so critical to life in Wheeler County!!

The MIH mobile integrated healthcare plan is moving along as well. A director has been hired, and the group is laying the foundation for the program. Implementation of the program is still a ways off, as there are many hurdles to clear to get this up and running, but rest assured, forward progress is being made. This program will be a great benefit to the citizens of Wheeler County, and we are excited to see it come to fruition!!

I want to give a shout-out to a new company in Wheeler County called Painted Hills Medical Services. They offer medical equipment and services, and can assist with medical forms as well. I was recently involved with an end-of-life care situation for a local individual and put the family in touch with them for assistance. The family was extremely pleased with their services and assistance, and recommends them highly. Please give them a call if you need help. You can reach them at 208-407-6696.

I want to remind you all that we are all here for you 24/7 if you need us. We do this for free because we care about all of you. The 3 ambulance services are comprised of dedicated, trained individuals who spend many months learning and are always learning through experience and continuing education. Please show your support for our upcoming proposals so we can continue to help you during your time of need. Thanks, and have a safe month, everyone!! ■

John A. Hayes, EMT - Mitchell Ambulance

Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday April 04, 2026!

🥚 Potluck at 11:30am 🥚

🥚 Easter Egg Hunt @ 12:30pm 🥚

Gather at the Mitchell City Park!

We are bringing back an old Mitchell tradition with a new twist! Originally started by the now disbanded Mitchell Lions Club, the City of Mitchell is bringing back the Easter Egg Hunt!

Bring your FAVORITE dish, excited children and family for an afternoon full of community FUN!!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



FEEL LIKE DONATING?

We are actively seeking donations for supplies!

We need to purchase plastic eggs and candy. Potluck supplies are needed too!!

Plastic silverware, paper plates, napkins, table cloths, beverage cups... See the folks at Wheeler County Trading to find out how you can donate supplies!

*For other ways to donate, contact Brie Koon,
the Mitchell City Clerk!*

cityclerk@cityofmitchelloregon.com

(541) 462-3121

202 SE High Street, Mitchell, OR 97750

*Parents,
Please bring a
basket or bag for the
Egg Hunt! 🥚*

*Happy
Easter!*



Unforgettable Folks: The Legends Next Door

In this series, I've introduced you to several interesting folks I've been fortunate enough to know. These individuals, full of wisdom and personality, left an impression on me that hasn't faded with time. They weren't scholars in the traditional sense, but their intelligence was undeniable, shaped by experience, resilience, and an innate understanding of people and the world around them.

Ted Barnhouse

Ted Barnhouse invaded Wheeler County when he was 18 years old. He had just graduated from high school and was newly married from The Dalles, Oregon. He left a football scholarship from OSU on the table to become a rancher. Ted moved his wife Nadine into the old house, where the snow drifted inside the house almost as much as outside.

It didn't take long for Ted and Nadine to become charter members of the Mountain Creek Mafia along with the Collins, Cherrys, Humphreys, and Smiths. These folks worked hard when they had to, and played harder when they wanted to. When God made Ted, he broke the mold; in fact, the mold may have been cracked in the process.

My Dad and I were washing the street. Ted's pickup was in the way in front of the Pastime. I went in and asked if he could move it; he was playing cards with Bob Clover - replied he didn't have time. We had a pile of leaves and mud, and couldn't go any farther, so we shoveled it all on the back of Ted's pickup. We watched him leave later that evening. Later, I get a call from the mayor inquiring about the pile of junk in front of the door at City Hall.

Now I get to shovel it all again! I don't know how it started, but at 10:00 am, Ted and I started drinking beer sitting in my old jeep at Cannon's lot. Every time someone wandered over, we shamed them into buying beer. This went on until early in the evening. We kept throwing empty cans into Mac Carlli's truck, and they were piling up. Mrs. Dale Cole came to get her husband. Jeff Bourland started in on Dale, calling him hen-pecked, no backbone, and other things. Jeff didn't notice his wife coming up on his blind side until she told him it was time to come home. Without batting an eye, he stretched out his arms and replied that he was getting a little tired, too! That ended the party. Next morning, I cashed in \$20 worth of cans.

Barnhouse was always pulling pranks. His neighbor raised and sold purebred Hereford bulls. The morning of the sale, when the buyers showed up, the only bull to see was a dwarf bull. Barnhouse placed one of his own and herded the others off. Jack Collins was the Wheeler

County Stockman one year. On tour of his stock, Barnhouse drove the good stock off and replaced them with a lepey calf. The tour partakers got a laugh out of that prank. Fran Cherry one-upped Ted in Prineville the day he bet him \$100 that Barnhouse didn't have the moxie to drive Fran's tractor and park it in front of the Cinnabar. Barnhouse got on the tractor and embarked on the bet. Cherry called the Prineville police, stating he was the John Deere dealer, Jim Farthing, and someone just stole one of his tractors and headed downtown with it. By the time Cherry got to the crime scene, the law had Barnhouse handcuffed and stretched out on the sidewalk. This caper continues. Cherry purchased a new flatbed 5-ton truck from the Ford dealer, and before he took delivery on it, Barnhouse called as Cherry and told them he wanted "Big Red Cherry" painted on each door. When Cherry sighted his truck, he was angered, and the doors were repainted. This story continues. Late one evening, the Barnhouses were breaking bread with the Collins at the Fopiano Ranch. Cherry stopped by returning from Prineville. He said a quick hello, then hurried on home. The dinner being over, the Barnhouses were on the way home when all of a sudden they hear a racket coming from the trunk of the car. Fearing the worst, they stop, cautiously open the trunk, and out jumps a stunned old doe! Cherry had hit her with his car and deposited her in the trunk. The wiring harness in the trunk needed attention because of the thrashing hooves. Barnhouse closed out his 76 years on earth and was buried in Mitchell West Cemetery. The Barnhouse daughters had a nice stone placed at the grave, and on the back of the stone was inscribed, "Four beautiful daughters, one bathroom, and still there was love." On Memorial Day, yours truly placed a small sign over the "beautiful," making the inscription say "Four so-so daughters, one bathroom, and still there was love." Barnhouse had many more happenings in his life, but time, space, and memory limit the rest of the story. ■

Dan Cannon

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2026 MINI-GRANTS

Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition



APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2026

**FOR INFORMATION CALL: 541-256-0551 OR EMAIL
WHEELERCOUNTYCULTURE@GMAIL.COM**

**APPLICATIONS AT LOCAL POST OFFICES, CITY HALL, FOSSIL LIBRARY,
SPRAY GENERAL STORE. ON-LINE AT
WWW.WHEELERCOUNTYOREGON.COM/COMMUNITY-DEVELOPMENT**

ROYCE DOTSON OBITUARY

Royce Dotson

Mar. 14, 1932 ~ Jan. 04, 2026

Driskill Memorial Chapel

Charles Royce Dotson of Prairie City, Oregon, known to many as "Royce," left this world peacefully in the early morning of January 4, 2026, with his daughter, Tina, and granddaughter, Caitlin, at his side. A Celebration of life will be planned at a later time.



Royce was born March 14, 1932, in Huntsville, AR, to parents Chloe Binam and Duke Dotson. When he was about 5 years old, the Dotsons and the Binams headed West, and though they lived in several areas, settled in Oregon, where they ended up at Camp Watson searching for work and eventually met up with the Hudspeths (John Hudspeth, a prominent lumberman) from Oklahoma, who were friends of the families when they lived in Arkansas. They settled at Camp Watson, which is now a historical site near Mitchell, Oregon. Royce attended grade school in Prineville, Oregon, and later high school in Mitchell, Oregon, earning letters in basketball and baseball, and graduating as Class Valedictorian. After high school, he earned a degree from Oregon Tech.

After college, Royce traveled and worked on a fishing boat in Alaska. He later moved out towards the Southwest with his father and met his former wife, with whom he had two children, Charlotte and Chuck. Later, Royce and his father started working for John Hudspeth, building a mill in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, which was San Juan Lumber. Royce worked in Pagosa Springs for several years before meeting the love of his life, Phyllis Quintana, whom he married, and with their daughter, Crystal, they headed to Long Creek, Oregon, where they welcomed another daughter, Tina. They lived there for a short time and then headed back to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where Royce became the Manager of San Juan Lumber and, along with his wife, Phyllis, raised their two daughters until San Juan Lumber closed, which took them to a couple of other states for a short time.

Eventually, Royce, Phyllis, and their youngest daughter, Tina, moved to Prairie City, Oregon, in 1980, where Royce lived for the last 46 years. Royce worked for Prairie Wood Products for several years as Mill Manager

and later moved on to Malheur Lumber in John Day, Oregon. He traveled to Lithuania several times to assist with the construction and planning of a mill owned by Ochoco Lumber. After retiring from Malheur Lumber in 1996, he was again asked to consult and travel to Lithuania a couple more times, and he became a consultant with his firm, Madera Consulting. He traveled and worked in Tennessee, Arizona, Emmett, Idaho, and also did some consulting locally for Grant Western Lumber in John Day, Oregon. Among the many hats he wore, he was also elected to the Forestry Commission in Grant County.

Royce was an avid historian and could talk anyone's ears off about history around Grant, Deschutes, and Wheeler counties, and the list goes on and on. He loved collecting old historical maps and sharing them with friends. He helped with much of the information and photos used in the publication of the book "Green Gold," which highlights the early years of the lumber industry in Eastern and Central Oregon. He enjoyed both steelhead and fly fishing. He enjoyed camping with his family and hunting with his best friend, Walt Clark. He was a very good artist and loved to paint pictures of old sawmills, old bridges, and landscapes such as Strawberry Mountain. He was able to pass on his artistic gift to his granddaughter, Caitlin, who is also a talented artist. Royce loved watching NFL Football and was obsessed with the Kansas City Chiefs. He loved to play the slot machines when he had a chance, and he won some pretty big jackpots back in the day. In fact, just two days before his passing, he wanted to plan a trip to Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Royce was a wonderful, caring son, husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend to so many. He was very loved and respected in the community and past communities he lived in because of his kind, respectful, and caring demeanor. He was just an all-around "good guy". He was a fighter, and no matter how bad he felt or how many obstacles he faced in the last few months of his life, he was determined to get better and do all the things he loved with family and friends. He was not ready to leave this world, and we were not ready for him to go either; however, God had other plans.

Royce was preceded in death by his beautiful wife, Phyllis Dotson, daughter, Crystal Quintana, parents, Duke Dotson and Chloe Maxwell, stepfather, Charles "Coon" Maxwell, his little sister, Carolyn Trujillo,

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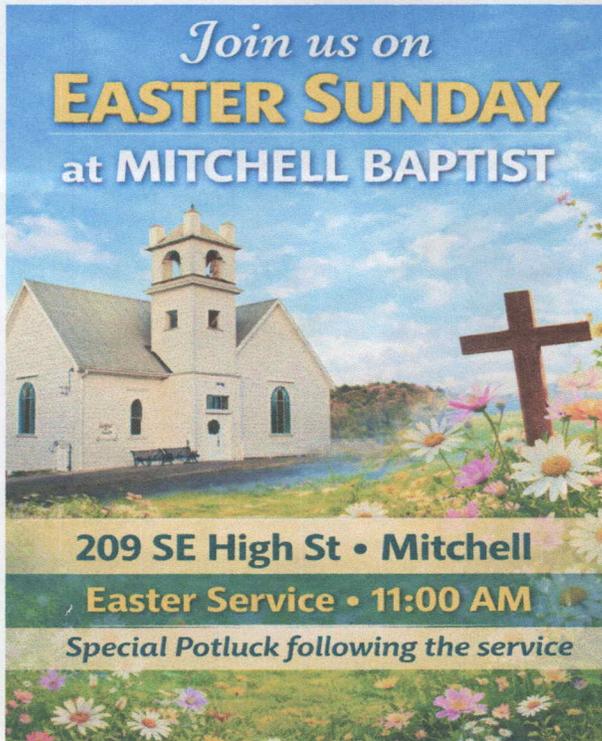
ROYCE DOTSON OBITUARY (cont'd from page 6)

great-grandson Jace Higginbotham, and his very best friend, hunting and fishing buddy, Walt Clark of Prairie City.

Royce is survived by his children, Tina Willet, Charlotte Doll, and Chuck Dotson, as well as grandchildren Caitlin Willet and Tim Quintana, with whom he shared remarkably close bonds, Daniel Virgil Martinez, and Avila Doll. Emmanuel Doll, Joseph Doll, Sheila Doll, and Bernadette Doll, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Daddy, Papa, Grandpa, Granddad, Uncle Royce, Cousin Royce, you left us so very broken-hearted when you left this world. We are sure you were welcomed by all your family and friends who went before you and have found the best places to do the things you loved to do including camping, fishing, painting (we hope you meet up with Bob Ross as you used to love to watch his painting show), eating authentic HOT Southwest Mexican food and enjoying as much chocolate as possible. We hope each and every day is a "Colorado Day" as you used to put it, meaning it was a beautiful sunny day. We love and miss you more than words can describe. We will meet again full of hugs and joyful tears. ■

Driskill Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.



Join us on
EASTER SUNDAY
at MITCHELL BAPTIST

209 SE High St • Mitchell
Easter Service • 11:00 AM
Special Potluck following the service

Community Advertisement

Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition opens applications for 2026 Mini-Grants

The Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition has received a grant of \$8,726 from the Oregon Cultural Trust in support of arts and cultural activities in Wheeler County!

Is your organization or group fundraising and planning a program, event, or special activity this year that could qualify for a Mini-Grant? The spring deadline for submission of an application is Tuesday, March 31, at 5 pm. Individuals, groups, or organizations with arts, culture, or heritage-related projects, programs, or events coming up in 2026 are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000. All projects must be of benefit to the community and be completed by January 31, 2027. Grants are awarded as a part of your overall project budget that includes additional funding or in-kind support in the community.

2025 grant recipients include the technology upgrade of KFSL Community Radio Station in Fossil, integrating their entire production system, enhancing their capacity for live call-in shows, recording, and more. A grant helped launch the Wheeler County Photographers Coalition, a new project of the Spray General Store, supporting workshops, meetings, and outreach activities. Funding for five new cameras to be used in student Photography Workshops, hosted by the Condon Arts Council, worked with kids in Wheeler County. In Mitchell, grants supported the production of The Mitchell Sentinel newspaper, The Painted Hills Festival, and a new community Mural Project created with local artists and students. The mural will be completed in 2026. Grant funds supported a new Festival Shuttle service, helping Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival visitors and locals with a ride from different sites around Fossil. Wheeler County Community Transportation provided the bus and volunteer driver, which assisted residents of Haven House to enjoy music at the Courthouse as well. A grant to The Fossil Beds Art Box project supports area artists who provided line drawings for postcards of iconic landscapes, which will be featured in watercolor painting art kits sold around the state of Oregon.

Pick up an Application at Wheeler County Post Offices, City Halls, the Fossil Public Library, the Spray General Store, and online applications can be found at

www.wheelercountyoregon.com/community-development.

Questions? Call Committee Chair Anne Mitchell at 541-256-0551 or email to:

wheelercountyculture@gmail.com



Working together to grow Mitchell's park

Brie in her office. If you prefer to mail it in, send to: City of Mitchell Survey, PO BOX 97, Mitchell, OR 97750

Want to join the park committee? Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24th, at 5 pm at the community hall.

MARCH 2026 - CITY PARK COMMITTEE UPDATE

We Want Your Voice in the Future of Mitchell City Park!

Mitchell City Park is one of our community's most treasured spaces—a place where families gather, friends meet, kids play, and neighbors enjoy the outdoors together. As we plan for improvements and future development, we want to ensure the park continues to reflect the needs, interests, and hopes of the people who use it most: **you**.

That's why we're inviting all residents to take a few minutes to complete the **Mitchell City Park Community Survey**. Your feedback will guide decisions about maintenance, amenities, programming, accessibility, and long-term park enhancements. Whether you visit every day or only once in a while, your perspective is incredibly valuable. Your responses will help shape a park that better serves everyone.

How You Can Help

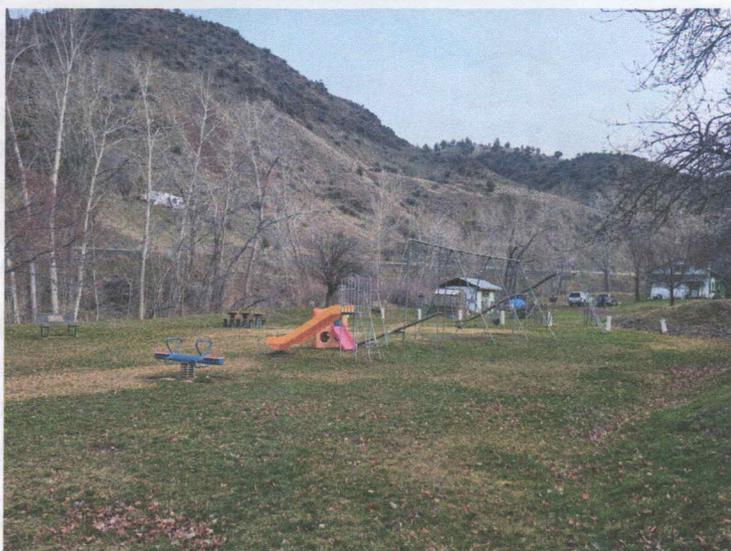
Please take a moment to fill out the survey and encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. The more voices we hear, the better our planning will be.

Thank you for helping us keep our community vibrant, welcoming, and growing!

Link to Online Survey:

<https://www.surveyhero.com/c/9ycnnxf>

Or fill out the included paper copy insert and drop off at the City Hall, either in the water bill drop box, or give to



Photos by Lindsey Beveridge



"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

Earth Day Community Volunteer Event

The City of Mitchell and Mitchell School District #55 have partnered together for our **SECOND** Annual Earth Day Community Volunteer Event!

April 22, 2026 - 12:45pm to 2:45pm

How YOU can help...

There are 2 categories that we need assistance with:

- 1) We NEED Volunteers!!
- 2) Do you, or someone you know, need a little extra help?

Maybe you have an elderly neighbor that struggles to get their yard cleaned up after winter?

Maybe you need help but don't know how to ask?

Maybe you're interested in Volunteering and have been waiting for the right opportunity?

That is what this Event is all about!

This is how it works:

Fill out the bottom portion of this flyer, detach it and return it to Mitchell City Hall.

You may also call City Hall and sign up with Brie, the City Clerk.

541-462-3121

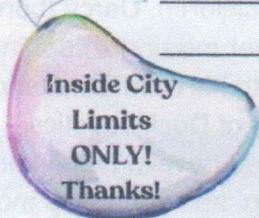
If you are requesting help: Please give an accurate description so we can match you to the right Volunteers.

**** This Event is designed for residential, outside yard work help. It is NOT intended for helping businesses.**

YES! I want to Volunteer to help! Here is my Name and Contact Information!

I NEED HELP! Here is my Name, Contact Information and a description of the work to be done!

My neighbor needs HELP! I have told them about this Event and they agree to accept the help. Here is their Name, Contact Information and a description of the work that needs done!



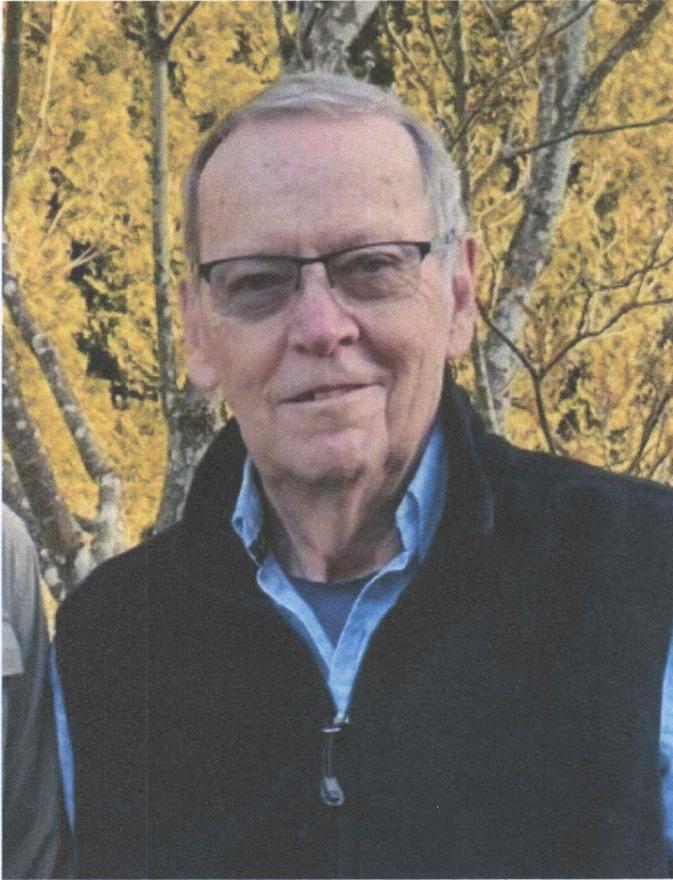
Please respond by April 15.

This will give us time to create a plan of attack!
(an attack on pesky yard chores! 😊)



OBITUARY FOR MARC ANDERSON

February 22, 1943 – February 11, 2026



Marc Julian Anderson passed away on February 11, 2026, in Springfield, Oregon, surrounded by his family and close friends. A lifelong Oregonian, Marc was born in The Dalles on February 22, 1943. He grew up along Mountain Creek in Mitchell, exploring with his dog Duke, listening to the World Series exploits of his hero Mickey Mantle on the radio, and spending weekends with his friends riding recreational jeeps on the Painted Hills. Marc was a four-sport high school athlete (football, basketball, baseball, and track). One of a graduating class of six, he would joke that the football players had to do it all - offense, defense, and be the marching band at halftime. Marc was his senior class president and played cornet. Always an avid reader, Marc then graduated from Willamette University in 1965 with a degree in history.

Marc was a proud and brave veteran who volunteered for service with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. He attended Officer Candidate Schools at Camp Pendleton, flight school in Pensacola, Florida, and earned his wings as a Naval Aviator in May 1967. Serving in Vietnam with the HMM-163 "Ridge Riders" from September 1967 to November 1968, he primarily flew the Sikorsky UH-34D "Seahorse" on many dangerous combat, rescue, and supply missions. Among his military honors, he received

the Presidential Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy" for his support of the 26th Marines at the months-long Siege of Khe Sanh. In November 1968, he returned to the United States and joined the HMM-264 at New River, North Carolina. He continued to fly until he completed his active military duty in 1970, by then holding the rank of Captain. Marc stayed connected throughout his life with members from his unit and had many meaningful visits in later years to the Vietnam "Wall" in D.C. to remember fallen comrades.

While stationed in North Carolina, he joined his friends at a party and happened upon a cute blonde named Shirley Ann Hepler. After a six-week whirlwind courtship, the two became engaged while driving in his Ford Torino with the Beach Boys playing in the background. Not quite yet the romantic, Marc mumbled something to the effect of "Don't suppose you'd want to get married?" Shirley thought she heard him correctly, but asked him to repeat himself just to be sure. They were married in Raleigh, North Carolina, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church on November 1, 1969. After Marc's discharge, the two hopped back in the Torino for a drive across the country to his parents' cattle ranch in Antelope, Oregon, where Marc worked for a year as a cowpoke while planning his next steps.

Marc joined the Oregon State Police (OSP) in 1970 and was assigned to the Eugene/ Springfield station in 1971. For the next 26 years, he served as a state trooper, forensics expert, and later as a narcotics detective and liaison officer to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Never a braggart, his family would sometimes happen upon an article in the newspaper and then learn about his role in major domestic and international drug busts. After retiring from the OSP in 1997, he worked for the Federal Protective Service through the U.S. Marshals office until 2006. Marc's colleagues would frequently recount stories of Marc's keen observation skills, sense of service, and high moral compass. He was known to astutely remind his law enforcement colleagues that they are not paid for what they do, but rather for what they might have to do.

Marc called Springfield home for the rest of his life. Marc was a dedicated father to his two children, Darcy (born 1972) and Adam (born 1979), never missing a sporting event, recital, or performance. Both his children attended the UO, and Marc was an avid fan of Duck athletics. During his retirement, Marc enjoyed traveling, spending time with his grandchildren, golfing, and becoming more active in his faith. He spent many hours every week

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MARC ANDERSON OBITUARY (cont'd from page 10)

volunteering at the Catholic Community Services Food Pantry as well as the First Baptist Church's Kids' Club. Marc had a love for 70s classic rock and outlaw country music that never faded; KZEL remained his go-to radio station for over 50 years. He was a talented sharpshooter and collected guns and knives. He was also a Renaissance man, achieving an intermediate level in Tai Chi and becoming a very respectable cook in his later years, with everyone wanting to try his lentil soup or chicken chili. He never loved cold weather, but maximized warm, sunny days and took in pretty views, whether in his backyard, Central Oregon, or along the Oregon Coast. Marc was a truly stand-up guy with a gentle soul, rare warmth, quick wit, and deep intellect. Even though he was quiet, when he spoke, people listened, and his presence was always felt and brought comfort to those around him. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Marc was a devoted husband to Shirley, and a loving father to Darcy and Adam, and extended that love to their respective spouses, Amal and Ali, and grandchildren Owen, Nicky, Alex, and Eva. Marc was preceded in death by his mother, G. Ann Smith, stepfather Earl Smith, and father Alvin "Andy" Anderson. He will be deeply missed – but never forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Catholic Community Services of Lane County (<https://www.cclsc.org/donate>).

A celebration of life will be scheduled this spring at First Baptist Church.

Remembering Irene Naas



And then there was one. Dan Cannon is the last one left from the graduating class of 1961. Pete Williams was the first one out when he passed in 1979; Bob Seaton was the second one out, followed by Terry Schnee a few years back. Marc Anderson almost made it to 83 when he passed away Feb 11, 2026, Irene Misener Naas passed away 15 days later - Feb 26, 2026.

The last few years, Irene professed she was ready to go home. I kept telling her I didn't know anyone who prepared, or prepared any better for the trip than her.

Irene was a pillar in her faith on her convictions and stood strong. Today we need to rejoice and thank God for letting us share her, knowing that we all retain a piece of her light that shined on us.

Dan Cannon
March 2026

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Remembering Marc Anderson

Feb 22, 1943 Feb 11, 2026

That fall day in 1949, I was a scared little kid, the very first day of 12 more years in school. It didn't take long to figure out that God had filled Sister Sue's and my order for an older brother; we just didn't share last names. Marc was smarter, stronger, bigger, more athletic, and much more mature than I was, so at 6 years old, I became his wingman. I had no idea he would become a pilot, but I had his six, anyway. The one thing I was more gifted at was in my PR skills; Marc never talked much, and yours truly never shut up.

Flash! We breezed through the first eight grades way too fast. Marc was focused on academics, I on social skills. This was my first encounter as a wing man in a romantic situation, as I recall, they were the Sowala sisters, Louise and Catherine. The situation didn't last very long for either one of us; it was just a sample of what was coming.

1958 saw entering Mitchell High School; we didn't care if they were ready, we were coming anyway. We had started school in 1949 with 26 students. By our senior year, we finished with 6. Marc got his driver's license early so he could drive to school. I flunked the test, so Marc became my chauffeur. We were on a double date, Marc's driving, and I am in the back seat enjoying the privilege of not having to drive. Marc stops the car, we get out and have a parley, he informs me I am driving, and next week I'm going in for my license. I was the wing man! The Crooked River Round Up was the next week, and though we were both going steady, Marc had a girl call him and requested him to take her and her girlfriend to the Rodeo dance. I, being the wing man, knew this was a bad deal. Marc reassured me it would be alright, they would never know. We drove by Marc's girlfriend's uncle's house on 3rd St, and the steadys were on the front porch, and they saw us. My steady showed up at the dance, and it was hard to have a good time, not knowing if you were going to get stabbed or clubbed. Such is the life of a wing man! A short time later, after making up with our steadys, we were back. It was a romantic evening by moonlight along the John Day River, my steady was angered at me, she exited the car, and was walking up the road. Marc's steady joined mine to talk her back in the car. I happened to be driving that night. I started the car, drove right past both girls, and came on home. Now, Marc was also in trouble along with me, and the girls had a 2-mile walk to figure it out. Our dating history wasn't that blissful, but it was not boring! Some of the unusual tasks this wing man

had to endure included cutting pitch out of Marc's hair, looking for his watch and billfold after a date. Terry Schnee and I popping out of a hedge and serenading Marc and his steady as they walked to the dance. Marc has a claim to being the only person to ever break out with measles on top of Bailey Butte. We were on a field trip with Mr. Misko, the wing man couldn't help with that. When we reached the age of being cool, we quit hiking and started using jeeps and pickups. The signs on the Painted Hills said that traversing the hills caused irreversible damage. I am surprised they are still there. In those days, we partook of taffy pulls, marshmallow-weenie roasts, dances, and hay rides. We didn't have those devices to distract us.

Marc was Mitchell's quarterback on Crane's home field that fall day in 1961. Crane was already in control of the game. All afternoon, the Mustangs hitting Marc late after he passed the ball. I, being manager, went out to help him get his breath back, and in the process, I may have said some things to the blind officials. I was escorted off the field and quarantined in the school bus. Oh yes! I also gave Crane 15 more yards, but that is what wing men do!

Marc was headed to Vietnam about the time he was getting out of the Army. He was a pilot of helicopters in the Marine Corps in the middle of the action. I couldn't be his wing man now, so I did the next best thing prayed and wrote for him and to him, respectively. The wing man prayed Marc out of Nam. He comes home and soon joins the Oregon State Police. More prayers. You could say that Marc enhanced the wingman's prayer life!

Shirley called and said Marc was ready to go. His eyes were closed, she held the phone up to his ear, and Marc's wingman signed off. I told him it was all right to go, but could grease the hinges on the gate because your wing man is coming!

Dan Cannon

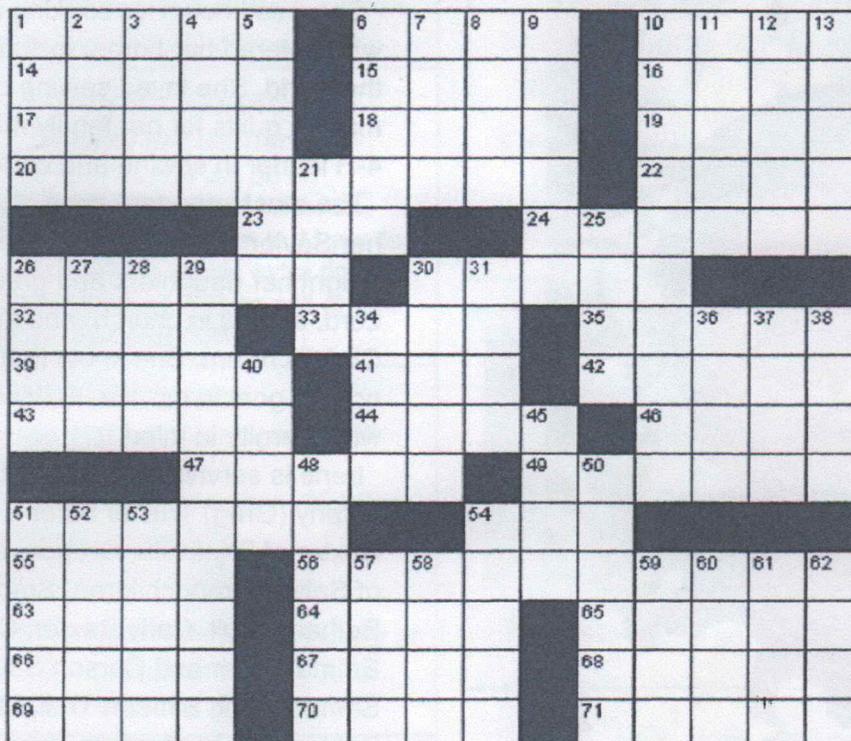
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ACROSS

1. A thermionic tube with 2 electrodes
6. Gratuities
10. Anagram of "Wash"
14. Cause to move forward with force
15. Concept
16. Leave out
17. Velocity
18. A unit of bread
19. Solitary
20. Glass slipper girl
22. A single time
23. Unhappy
24. Worn out
26. Wife of Siva (Hindu)
30. Scurry
32. A beautiful and graceful girl
33. Romantic rendezvous
35. Satiates
39. Sporting venue
41. Make a sweeping movement
42. Ancient Hebrew dry measure
43. Pulls
44. Frozen crystalline precipitation
46. Flexible tube
47. Illustrious
49. Published a periodical

51. Cooking instructions

54. Request
55. Hawk
56. Intruded
63. A curved shaped that spans an opening
64. Long periods of time
65. What a book is called
66. Quote
67. A slender woodwind instrument
68. Jagged
69. Inheritor
70. Repose
71. A conduit that carries away waste water

DOWN

1. A round flat object
2. Zulu warriors
3. Not closed
4. Accomplishment
5. Firstborn
6. Covered in tiles
7. Image of a deity
8. A deep prolonged sound
9. Hunting expedition
10. Handwritten books
11. Amidst
12. Cringe
13. Horse
21. A sudden short attack
25. Backside
26. French airplane
27. German for "Mister"
28. Region
29. A small diving bird
30. Pedestal
31. A bingo-like game
34. A vaulted recess on a building
36. You (archaic)
37. Lack of difficulty
38. Small storage building
40. As Soon As Possible
45. A small puff or tuft
48. A shooting star
50. Anagram of "Steaks"
51. Extend to
52. A lofty bird's nest
53. Desert "trees"
54. A useful or valuable quality

57. Any loose flowing garment
58. Anagram of "Nose"
59. The founder of a family
60. Put away
61. Otherwise
62. Bambi was one

The Crossword Puzzle Solution can be found on page 15

OBITUARY FOR IRENE NAAS

September 7, 1943 ~ February 25, 2026



(Sylvia) Irene Naas, 82, of Mitchell, Oregon, passed away surrounded by her family on February 25, 2026. She was born on September 7, 1943, in Prineville, Oregon, to Virgil and Mary Misener. Irene grew up on a ranch in Twickenham, her favorite place in the world. She attended the one-room schoolhouse in Twickenham, where she would occasionally ride her horse to school. Irene went to Fossil High School for a year before taking the bus to Mitchell High School, where she graduated in 1961 as the only girl in a class of six. She went on to attend Linfield College in McMinnville, studying education for a year before moving to Salem to study at Phagan's Beauty College. She worked as a beautician in Bend until her father passed away in January 1968, at which time she returned to the ranch to help her mother.

Irene married Carl Naas on June 14, 1969. They moved to Culver, Oregon, after Carl accepted a teaching job in Madras. While in Culver, Irene welcomed their daughters Tiffany (1970) and Daphne (1973). She loved leading ladies' Bible studies in her home. In December 1977, the family moved with their two little girls to Dallas, Texas, where Carl went to Bible College. In 1980, they moved to Mitchell, where Carl became pastor of the church Irene's

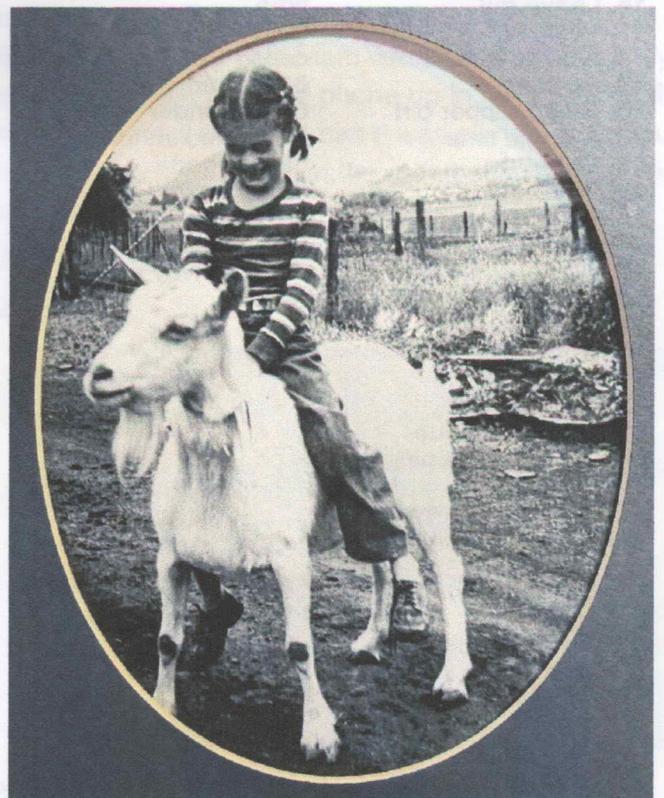
family helped start in 1894. The youngest daughter, Natalie, was born in 1982. Irene worked faithfully by Carl's side until dementia stole her ability to help.

She was known for cooking amazing meals for all who entered her home, including guests from around the world. She loved sewing clothes for her girls, making quilts for her family members, and even was a 4-H leader in sewing and cooking.

The most important thing about Irene is that she loved her Savior, Jesus Christ. She faithfully read her Bible, taught her daughters and grandchildren the ways of the Lord, served in church, and anxiously waited for Christ's return. She knew that wealth and prestige were not the goal in this life. Following Jesus was! She lived with eternity in mind.

Irene is survived by her husband, Carl; daughters, Tiffany (Greg) Trull of Salem, Oregon, Daphne (Pat) Baxter of Prineville, Oregon, and Natalie (Jesse) Sutter of Salem; grandchildren, Bradley Trull, Bailey Buhler, Bethany Trull, Carly Baxter, Clete Baxter, Chip Baxter, Emma Sutter and Carson Sutter; great-grandsons Samuel Trull, Simeon Trull, Mattias Buhler, and Malachi Buhler; and her brother, John Misener. She is preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Mary Misener and sister, Norma Hunt.

A celebration of life will be held at Mitchell Baptist Church on Saturday, March 28th, at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mitchell Baptist Church.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell BINGO Bingo is held on the last Friday of the month at the Mitchell Community Hall on Nelson Ave. Games start at 6:00 pm

Fossil Food Pantry Distribution

We served 82 families in February!
Fossil Food Pantry Distribution will be on **Tuesday, March 24th, from 9 am until 12 noon.**
We will also be open on Monday from 9 am to 11 am for anyone that has appointments or needs extra time.
If anyone needs food or assistance, please call or text Dawn Garcia (310)486-2397

Senior Meal in Mitchell

Fridays @ Noon at the Mitchell Community Hall on Nelson Avenue
60 and over - \$5.00  59 and under -\$6.00
(See MENU on page 16)
ALL are invited! Please join us!

Mitchell City Council Meets every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Hall on Nelson Ave. The Public is encouraged to attend!

SEEKING VOLUNTEER(S)

For the Senior Meal to continue throughout the summer months and into the Fall, Sharon will need a temporary Volunteer or two, willing to prepare and serve the Senior Meals every Friday at the Mitchell Community Hall, working for tips only.

If you enjoy cooking, fellowshiping with people, and giving back to the community, and would be interested in preparing and serving the Senior Meals on Fridays from June through October, please visit Sharon on any Friday at the Mitchell Community Hall around Noon to discuss the details.

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MARCH 27	Mac and cheese with ham, green salad, fruit, and dessert
APRIL 3	Easter dinner! Ham, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, rolls, jello, salad, pie
APRIL 10	Beef pot roast, baking powder biscuits, veggie tray, fruit, cookies

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We Want Your Voice in the Future of Mitchell City Park!

Mitchell City Park is one of our community's most treasured spaces—a place where families gather, friends meet, kids play, and neighbors enjoy the outdoors together. As we plan for improvements and future development, we want to ensure the park continues to reflect the needs, interests, and hopes of the people who use it most: **you**.



That's why we're inviting all residents to take a few minutes to complete the **Mitchell City Park Community Survey**. Whether you visit every day or only once in a while, your perspective is incredibly valuable. Your responses will help shape a park that better serves everyone.

_____ if yes, phone or email to contact you:

MITCHELL CITY PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY

1. What activities do you typically do when you visit the park?

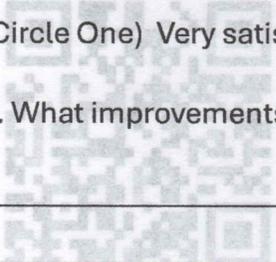
2. How satisfied are you with the cleanliness and maintenance of park facilities?

(Circle One) Very satisfied - Somewhat satisfied - Somewhat dissatisfied - Very dissatisfied

3. How satisfied are you with the offerings of Mitchell's park facilities?

(Circle One) Very satisfied - Somewhat satisfied - Somewhat dissatisfied - Very dissatisfied

4. What improvements would you most like to see made at Mitchell City Park?

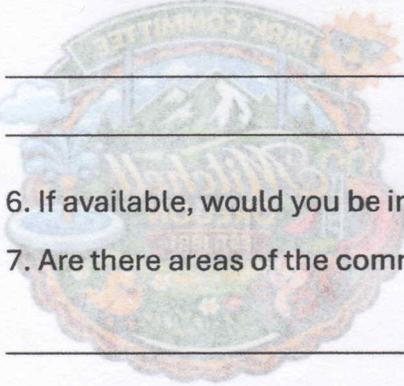


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Alternatively you can complete the survey online at

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5. Are there any amenities you feel are missing?



6. If available, would you be interested in a community garden plot? (Circle One) Yes / No

7. Are there areas of the community that need additional parks or green spaces?

8. Are you interested in volunteering in the park project? (Circle One) Yes / No

If yes, phone or email to contact you: _____

9. Are you interested in donating to the park project? (Circle One) Yes / No

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10. Do you have any further comments or thoughts?

Thank you for helping us keep our community vibrant, welcoming, and growing!

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