

THE RECORD

OBITUARY

HAYNES—Ronald Eugene “Gene” Haynes, 87, formerly of Florence, departed this planet on March 4, 2015, in Newport, Ore., from complications of age.

Gene led an active and colorful life.

Born Nov. 20, 1927, to Robert Haynes and Frances Wright in Des Moines, Iowa, Gene was raised in Hollywood, Calif., by his mother (he never knew his father) and graduated from Hollywood High School in 1946.

His main love of track and field started at HHS, where he held for his lifetime an award never to be surpassed — an undefeated high school record in track. His letter sweater can be found in the high school’s memorial room.

Gene continued his track through a stint with San Jose State and the U.S. Navy. While in Hawaii with the Navy, he uplifted the track and field program. His final race for the Navy was in distance medley relay.

Afterwards he had a short stint with Westinghouse, where he contributed to the design of

the Tuliahoma, Tenn., wind project.

In 1952, he joined Varian Associates of Palo Alto, Calif. (in those days you were not an “employee,” you were an “associate”), a career that lasted until 1979.

Also in 1952, he married Laura Hurlbutt and together they raised a family of four children: Deborah Luane, Laura Elizabeth (Beth) (Dana), Stephen Eugene (Meg) and Paul Ronald (Jonnie), all of whom survive their father/father-in-law.

While at Varian, he became an original member of the Radiation Division and contributed many significant advances in the field of linear accelerators, which are used in the treatment of cancer and non-destructive instrumentation. Gene’s most significant contribution in this field was the development of brazed guide technology. He was instrumental in the initial design of the isocentric therapy unit (Clinac-6). Gene was extremely instrumental as a team member of many projects taken on by this Division.

In 1982, Gene and his second wife Dorothy (Dottie) formed their own company, HRL Inc., which developed the RAD II therapy-attached simulator of Gene’s design. This verified that the oncologist was at the correct area for treatment. To date, more than 100 units are in active use throughout the world. His son, Stephen, has been in control of HRL since 1990.

Gene’s final achievement to the field of cancer therapy was the initial concept of Intraop Medical Inc. as one of the original four founders.

In 1978, he met and married his travel agent, Dottie and they were married for 34 years until Dottie’s death.

Both retired from their jobs, bought a 33-foot sailboat and lived aboard and sailed for 10 years. Gene’s sailing included a single-handed race in 1980 to Hawaii, where Dottie met him and accompanied him on the return trip. He was honored to become the SSS’s Commodore for several years.

Gene lived in Newport for two years “to be near the water” after he and Dottie had lived in the mountains of

California and the islands of San Juan, Wash.

He was active for a short period in the Viewfinders Club and for his entire Florence life was with the Florence Radio Controlled Aircraft Association, building and flying model airplanes.

In addition to his four children, Gene is survived by eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren (of Oregon, Ohio and California); two step-daughters; three step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Gene will also be remembered by scores of friends, business colleagues, the members of his Young People Mountaineering group, and his running group at Stanford U, the Angell Field Ancients.

At his request, there will be no service. Gene wants to be cremated and his ashes scattered in San Francisco Bay along with those of his wife, Dottie, where their cherished home was located for many years prior to Florence.

Burns’ Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Florence Municipal Court
March 10

Alex Brady Railsback pleaded guilty to criminal trespass. He must pay \$675 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Theresa Marie Williams

pleaded no contest to assault and strangulation. She was sentenced to five days in Florence City Jail and must report to Options Counseling Services of Oregon, Inc. She must pay \$425 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Meet Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds

The Florence community will have a chance to meet its newly appointed City Manager Erin Reynolds during a special “meet and greet” at the Florence Events Center on Tuesday, March 17, from 4 to 6 p.m.

At that time, Reynolds will be available to answer questions and meet community members during a casual gathering that is free and open

to the public.

“I am looking forward to the chance to meet the people I will be serving and representing within the Florence community,” said Reynolds.



SIUSLAW NEWS FILE PHOTO
Erin Reynolds

Celebration of Life
Sherrill Warren
1929-2015
2pm March 21
Presbyterian
Church of the Siuslaw

Sneddons continue tradition at Rotary Auction

When Blair and Bob Sneddon take to the stage at Rotary’s annual auction today, March 14, at 5 p.m. at Florence Events Center (FEC). There’s guaranteed to be a lot of clowning around. That’s because the whole thing started with “Stanley the Clown” more than 45 years ago.

“It was in the Quonset hut that was the gym behind the old grade school,” Blair recalled. “Jess Young asked me to appear as ‘Stanley the Clown.’ There was an auction going on to raise money for Rotary and I thought it looked like fun.”

And the rest, as they say, is history.

And quite a history it is. Blair’s wife, Gerry, got in on the act and was joined by their son, Bob, 1989. According to their stories, the auction has been almost everywhere in Florence since and sold almost everything imaginable in the process.

It started on the back of a flatbed truck in the lumberyard parking lot, moved to a vacant drug store building, and then to a tent near the 7-11. It was a tent that nearly blew away in a typical Oregon rainstorm during one year’s auction.

It’s been in the old high school, and in the building that currently houses Habitat for Humanity.

“It really used to be more like a garage sale,” Blair said. “We had everything from old tools and books to kids’ toys. The IGA used to donate books of Gold Bond stamps. We’ve auctioned off llamas, oysters and a side of beef.”

In 1990, it moved to the Elks Lodge and began to trend toward a more elegant, gala-style event. There was one really down year, Blair recalled, when they decided to have a dance instead of an auction.

The results were disappointing but the auction lived on.

“We moved into the FEC as soon as it was finished,” Bob said, “and that was when things really took off. Nobody knows how to put on an auction like Rotary, that’s for sure.”

And the Sneddons are not just auctioneers — they sometimes get in on the bidding



COURTESY PHOTO

Blair Sneddon as Stanley the Clown

themselves. Bob recalled a particularly attractive statue of ballet dancers that was offered one year, and he decided to buy it for his mom’s birthday.

Perhaps Gerry was a little

less than thrilled, because the statue never stays in one place for long.

“Those ballet dancers are still making the rounds of Sneddon family events,” Bob said. “They disappear for a

while, but they always show back up again, somehow.”

There probably won’t be any ballet dancing statues at the FEC tonight, but there will be exotic trips, power tools, elegant jewelry, one-of-a-kind paintings and lots of other excitement — all presented in the traditional Sneddon style.

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NEW: Cinderella - 112 min (PG) – From Walt Disney Pictures
Fri: 12:30, 3:30, 6:20, 8:50 | Sat: 1:00, 3:30, 6:20, 8:50
Sun: 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

Kingsman: The Secret Service - 129 min (R) – Fun and thrills in spy thriller
Fri, Sat: 9:10 | Sun: 6:25 | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 7:20

McFarland, USA - 128 min (PG) – Feel-good movie of the winter
Fri: 2:15 | Sat: 2:20 | Sun: 1:10 | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 12:20

NEW: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - 122 min (PG) - The Sequel!
Fri: 12:10, 3:00, 6:00, 8:40 | Sat: 11:40 AM, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
Sun: 1:20, 3:10, 6:00 | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 12:00, 3:10, 6:00

Still Alice - 101 min (PG-13) – More than likely, last week.
Fri: 12:05, 4:30, 6:50 | Sat: 11:50 AM, 4:30, 6:50
Sun: 4:00 | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 2:30, 5:00

NEW: Two Days, One Night - 95 min (PG-13) – Starring Marion Cotillard
Fri: 12:00, 7:05 | Sat: 2:10, 7:15 | Sun: 4:10
Mon, Wed, Thu: 12:10, 5:20 | Tue: 12:10

What We Do in the Shadows - 86 min (NR) – The definitive vampire comedy
Fri: 2:25, 5:00, 9:20 | Sat: 5:05, 9:30 | Sun: 6:40
Mon, Wed, Thu: 3:10, 7:35 | Tue: 3:30, 8:10

Special Events:
The Duchess of Malfi - 180 min - Sat: 12:00 – Globe on Screen Returns
Matisse: The Cut-Outs - 90 min - Sun: 1:00 – DOC – Visit the Tate without leaving Florence
Antarctica: A Year on Ice - 91 min (PG) - Tue: 6:00 – Amazing scenes of Antarctica

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“At the Edge of the Forest” Duckworth’s Landscaping
“Urban Table Garden” Sustainable Solutions Landscapes
“Never Far From Nature” The Country Gardener
“Imagine Your Garden Parties” Johnson Brothers Greenhouses
“Classic Garden with a Twist” Graham Landscape & Design

Remodel it Now! home seminars

Ericka Arowcavage
Signature Kitchen & Design
Thurs 6pm, Sat 5pm, & Sun 3pm
Kitchen Remodels - Designs to Budgets

Magda Zafer - CKD, CBD
Neil Kelly Design/Build Remodeling
Thurs 7pm
Creating a Splash in Your Bathroom!

Matt White
Neil Kelly Design/Build Remodeling
Fri. 7:30pm
Reinventing Your Home

Tim Little
Built To Last Woodworking
Fri 6:30pm Selecting Cabinets

Scott Ankersen
John Webb Const & Design
Sat 12noon
New Ideas - New Kitchens

Steve Moir
Moir Construction
Sat 1pm
Remodel to Stay Put

Joel Kirk
KirkBath
Sat 2pm
Dream Bathrooms
Real World Budgets

Kelli Hemphill & Shannon McHaffie
Stone Works International
Sat 2pm Countertop Innovations
Sun 11am Tile Trends & Designs

Jeff Emmett
Neil Kelly Design/Build Remodeling
Sat 3pm Reinventing Your Home

David Zarzycki
General Contractor
Sun 1pm
Planning
Successful Remodels

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