

Historians explore the 'wire trail' through the Gorge

"Finding the Wire Trail: Early Instant Communication in the Gorge" is the title of the Saturday, Feb. 22 program at the Original Wasco County Courthouse, 410 West 2nd Place in The Dalles. The program begins at 1:30 p.m., and is fourth in a month-long series of presentations.

News of the outside world was slow to travel to The Dalles in the 1860s. It came via steamboat from the west or the Emigrant Road from the east.

The first telegraph line was strung between Troutdale and The Dalles in 1868 following an old Indian trail. Members of Troutdale Historical Society have traced the trail and found poles from the original installation. Dave Wand is

an electronic engineer who spent his career locating, building, and maintaining cell phone towers. His sister Helen Wand is a lab technician who writes novels and serves on the historical society board.

Joining them in the wire-trail study and bushwhacking adventures is Larry McGinnis, whose credentials are in surveying, including surveying for transmission lines. They combined their skills over several years tracing the path of the early telegraph line.

Admission to the program is free but donations are welcome. There is a TV monitor on the ground floor of the 1859 courthouse to serve those unable to climb the stairs. Coffee and cookies will be served after the program.



Telegraph poles from 1868 can still be found in the Columbia Gorge. The first line was strung that year between Troutdale and The Dalles, following an old Indian trail. Members of Troutdale Historical Society will present "Finding the Wire Trail" at the Regional History Forum presentation Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Original Courthouse in The Dalles.

Photo courtesy Dave Wand/Troutdale Historical Society.

FOR THE RECORD

EDITOR'S NOTE: All individuals arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

ACCIDENTS

The Dalles City
Feb. 13, 2:01 p.m. - Two vehicle crash, West 2nd and Webber streets. Officer assisted with the exchange of information.

FIRE

Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue
The agency responded to seven calls for emergency medical services on Feb. 13.

POLICE REPORTS

The Dalles City
A theft report was taken Feb. 13 from the 2100 block of West 6th Street after a victim reported her debit card was used without permission.

Police responded to the 3300 block of West 6th Street Feb. 13 on a report of a denial of a weapon purchase. A report was taken.

Alexis Nichole Goodman, 32, The Dalles, was arrested Feb. 13 in the 3600 block of West 8th Street and is accused of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful delivery of methamphetamine within 1000 feet of a school. Amber Renee Whitefoot, 32, The Dalles, was also arrested and is accused of three counts of probation violation. Kaye Leandra Brock, 28, The Dalles, was also arrested and is accused of probation violation. Jesse Allan Barker, 33, The Dalles, was also arrested in the 3600 block of West 8th

Street and is accused of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of heroin, unlawful delivery of methamphetamine within 1000 feet of a school, and parole violation.

Animal control responded to the 2200 block of East 13th Street Feb. 13 on a report of a dog at large. A report was taken.

Police responded to the 1000 block of Union Street Feb. 13 after a caller reported she had been physically abused in a relationship over a year ago. An informational report was taken.

Police responded to the 2700 block of West 7th Street Feb. 13 after a caller reported her ex-boyfriend was texting her in violation of a no contact order. Report taken.

A death report was taken Feb. 13 from the 400 block of West 12th Street.

Michael Irvin Colvin, 42, The Dalles, was arrested Feb. 13 during a traffic stop in the 400 block of Cherry Heights Road and is accused of driving while suspended.

Wasco County
Deputy responded to the 3700 block of Fivemile Road after a caller reported some equipment had been vandalized. A criminal mischief report was taken.

Gilliam County
Christopher Alan Cooley, 37, Umatilla, was arrested Feb. 13 in Arlington and is accused of unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

Regional Jail
Charles B. Dennis II, 58, Chicago, Illinois, was jailed Feb. 14 on a court commitment for reckless endangerment of highway workers.

DEATHS

Laura Ann Comini, 85, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died Feb. 13, 2020, at her home. She was born June 4, 1934. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Faith Lutheran Church (2810 W. 10th St., The Dalles.) A reception will follow. Interment will be private at IOOF 3 Mile Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Celilo Chapel, 204 E. 4th Street, The Dalles. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

William "Bill" M. Cannon, 86, died at home in Hood River on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019. He was born in San Francisco, Calif., on Feb. 21, 1933. A Celebration of his life will be held at his home (642 Highline Road, Hood River) at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2020. Please RSVP by

March 14, 2020, to snellgrove@gorge.net. Military honors will be provided by the US Navy Honors Team. Lite refreshments will be served. Arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Theo "Ted" Duane Sabey, 87, a resident of Vancouver, Wash., and previously a long-time resident of Sherman County, Ore., died Feb. 7, 2020. Services are planned for Saturday, Feb. 29, beginning 12:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Fair Grounds, with a procession-al leaving at 12:45 p.m. for a 1 p.m. graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery on Fraser Road, 1/2 mile north of Crites Lane in Moro, Ore. A celebration of his life will follow at 2 p.m. at the Grass

Valley Pavilion in Grass Valley, Ore. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

Virginia Mary Deal, 94, a resident of Grants Pass, Ore., died in The Dalles Feb. 15, 2020. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home in care of arrangements. Private services will be held.

Melva Marie Earl, 90, a resident of Grass Valley, Ore., died Feb. 12, 2020. Private viewing was held and burial is planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Grass Valley Cemetery. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

Harold Anderson, 87, died Feb. 16, 2020, at Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore. He was born Sept. 13, 1932. Arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center,

Celilo Chapel, 204 E. 4th St., The Dalles. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Gloria Kennedy, 83, died Feb. 15, 2020, at Adventist Health Portland in Portland, Ore. She was born April 16, 1936. Arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Mary "Athalie" Lage, 103, died Feb. 15, 2020, at Providence Down Manor in Hood River, Ore. She was born Dec. 27, 1916. Arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, Ore. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave condolences.

OBITUARIES

John Edward Macnab

October 2, 1951 ~ February 9, 2020

John "Jack" Macnab was born to Don and Edna Macnab on October 2, 1951, in The Dalles, Ore. He passed away on February 9, 2020, in Grants Pass, Ore. He was 68.

John grew up on a ranch in Sherman County and carried a love of farming, building, tinkering, and the outdoors throughout his life. He received his master's degree from Oregon State University in 1976 and settled in Dallas, Ore., to raise his family. He was an accomplished engineer and business leader; at the end of his career, he was General Manager at Garmin AT. He was also an avid hobbyist, he loved: hiking, camping, woodworking, beekeeping, blacksmithing, photography, guitar, travel, and many other pursuits.

John was beloved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by sisters, Jeanie and Karen; children, Ian (Terra) Macnab, Blake (Alyssa) Macnab, Bryce (Bekah) Macnab, Meghan (Josh) Morris, and Dylan (Ariana) Macnab; and 15 grandchildren.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 1131 NE 10th St., Grants Pass, Oregon 97526.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at Route 30, 317 E 2nd St., The Dalles, Oregon, 97058.



OBITUARIES

Laura Ann (Morris) Comini

June 4, 1934 ~ February 13, 2020

Laura Ann (Morris) Comini passed away on Feb. 13, 2020, at her home in The Dalles, Ore., at the age of 85. Laura was born in Sparta, Ill., on June 4, 1934, and went to school in Chester, Ill.

In 1948 she and her family moved to The Dalles, where she graduated from The Dalles High School in 1952. Laura married Jim Comini on Feb. 17, 1955, and the two were together until his death in 2004. They had two children Ron and Angela, and three grandchildren Ben, Rebecca, and Jacob.

Jim and Laura owned and operated The Dalles Liquor Store from 1973 to 1997. Laura worked all her life for various companies. She was a secretary for Stadelman Fruit Co. for 7 years, an automotive accountant for C.H. Urness Motors for 21 years, and did payroll for Mill Creek Orchards and George Davis Orchard for 28 years. Laura started working for the Shilo Inn in August of 1987, and after

working in various positions there, was promoted to General Manager in 1993. She retired in May 2006. After that she worked and volunteered for various local organizations. In 2006 she was hired on as temporary Executive Director for The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce. Both Laura and her husband were actively involved in local politics, and Laura was a charter member of the Mid-Columbia Democratic Women. There she served as treasurer for several years, served on many committees, hosted many functions at home, and even helped set up the year's yearly booth at the annual Waco County Fair. Laura was also very active with the National Federation of Democratic Women and chaired several committees. Recently Laura spent most of her time doing volunteer work for the Kiwanis, Faith Lutheran Church, and she particularly enjoyed the time she spent working for her

friend, Louise, at Lines of Designs clothing. She received numerous awards throughout her life, including (but not limited to): Outstanding Member of the NFDW 1999; the Lawrence O'Brien Award for Outstanding Service to the Democratic Party awarded by the DNC in 1998; Outstanding Board Member for The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce in 2000 and 2002; Kiwanian of the Year in 2004 and 2019. In particular, Laura's main passion projects for the Kiwanis were the backpack program for local schoolchildren and the Challengers Baseball League, which adapts the rules and practices of traditional little league baseball to better fit the needs of children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Laura loved to travel both domestically and internationally, and she visited places like Amsterdam, Tanzania, Hawaii, Alaska, and Ireland. She was planning another trip



to Germany later this year.

Laura is survived by her children and grandchildren, as well as numerous other family and friends who miss her dearly.

They ask that in lieu of flowers, anyone who wishes to do so can make a donation to The Dalles Kiwanis club at P.O. Box 604 The Dalles, Oregon.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Faith Lutheran Church at 2810 West 10th Street, The Dalles, Ore.

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