

OBITUARIES

William Donald Shaw
Warrenton
Dec. 16, 1944 — April 27, 2020

William Donald “Bill” Shaw passed away on April 27, 2020, after fighting multiple myeloma for almost 15 years, and, kidney failure brought on by that disease. He died at home with his wife and very close friends by his side.

Bill was born in Astoria, Oregon, on Dec. 16, 1944, as the only child of Donald W. and Anna Louise (Storm) Shaw. He went to Hammond Grade School, graduated from Warrenton High School in 1963, attended Clatsop Community College and graduated from Portland State University in 1968. In 1991 he married Ellen Yvonne Herrmann in Seaside, Oregon.

Bill’s parents owned and operated two small grocery stores in Warrenton and Hammond, and he began stocking shelves as soon as he could match the package pictures and lift the products onto the shelves.

He accompanied his father to the produce markets, other grocery supply outlets and the bank in Astoria, and had vivid memories of those businesses and of the people who worked at them. As soon as he got his driver’s license, he was thrilled to be able to take over these duties for the family business. He never lost his enjoyment in finding a great deal, it didn’t matter if it was for himself or someone else.

During his high school and college summers he (and many other local young people) worked for Point Adams Packing Co. in Hammond, earning money for college. As a young man, he became a general contractor. He and his father built the Hammond Marina gas dock, while continuing to operate Shaw’s Market in Hammond, and built a laundromat next door to the store. He also performed a lot of excavation, or “dirt” work, as he referred to it.

After closing Shaw’s Market, he, his father and Truman Slotte formed Triple S Investments, building residential and light commercial projects. During the economic downturn in the 1980s, they disbanded the company and Bill began a new career as an insurance agent with Knutsen Insurance in Astoria, and later became one of the principals in the company, working there until he retired.

Bill served 28 years in the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief many of those years, retiring in about 1990. The department was a very important part of the community, and Bill thoroughly

enjoyed this time of service and the many people with whom he served.

He also served on the Hammond Planning Commission for eight years, and later on the Hammond Town Council for eight years. For a few years, he was a member of the board of the Independent Insurance Agents of Oregon, and was named agent of the year in 1995.

Bill was a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Astoria for 30 years, and was its chairman for 15 years. His position on the bank’s board was a big part of his life, and he truly enjoyed everything about that work.

Bill was smart, a leader, a mentor, entrepreneurial, a hard worker, very community-minded, the most trustworthy person you would ever hope to meet and had a terrific sense of humor. In short, he was a great guy. He was loved beyond words, and will be terribly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Louise Shaw.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen, and the many members of her family; and by his cousins, Terry (Doug) Arnall, of Warrenton, Trudy Enke, of Hammond, Arlee (Bill) Jensen-Saar, of Astoria, and many other cousins and their families.

Special acknowledgement goes out to very wonderful friends Leslie and John Shepherd, and to the entire extended Shepherd family, with whom he had a rare kinship.

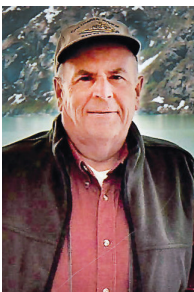
Thanks to the entire staff at Providence Seaside Hospital and Providence Seaside Medical Group and its Oncology-Hematology Clinic for their kind care over the years; and the nurses and technicians at the Fresenius Kidney Care North Coast Dialysis Clinic for their support and care.

Bill spent five months at Clatsop Care before returning home in March, and we thank all of the staff members for the fine care he received while in residence.

Arrangements have been handled by Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary. An online guest book may be signed at caldwellsmortuary.com

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you join in supporting the Warrenton Firefighters Association Christmas Food Fund or Warrenton High School Scholarships Inc.

A celebration of Bill’s life will be held at a later date, due to the current health crisis.



William Shaw

Susan Margaret Simmer Hinding-Cook
Glendale, Arizona
1945 — 2020

Susan Margaret Simmer Hinding-Cook, 74, was born in May 1945 in St. Paul, Minnesota, and died in April 2020 in Glendale, Arizona.

Born to Edward and Jane (Grant) Simmer, she grew up in St. Paul with siblings Michael, Sara (Sally) Coler and James (who preceded her in death). She attended high school at Our Lady of Peace, and college at the University of Minnesota, majoring in English and library science.

She married John Haakon Hinding, had a son and built a dream house in Sunfish Lake.

She became divorced, moved to the Pacific Northwest, and met her second love, the late Lawrence Cook, and resided for many years in Seattle and Ilwaco, Washington, and Astoria, Oregon.

Her father taught her to drive a manual transmission, telling her “you will either be rich enough to want to, or poor enough to need to.” In the end, she lived both ways, as she struggled to reconcile herself to the

world as it is, but not as she wished it were.

Susan was outgoing, funny, intelligent, generous and caring. She also had a sharp tongue, and could be quick to anger, but was always quick to forgive. She enjoyed cooking, music, art and the company of others.

Throughout her life, no matter her means, she volunteered with charities, including the American Association of University Women, Junior League of St. Paul, the Dorothy Day Center in Saint Paul and the Astoria Senior Center.

She is survived by her son, John Edward Hinding, of Arlington, Virginia; siblings Sally and Michael; and many caring friends.

Donations may be made in her honor to the Astoria Senior Center (astoriaseniorcenter.org).

The Mass for Susan will be at 5 p.m. on June 19 at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul (nativitystpaul.org), and may be available online for those who cannot attend in person.



Susan Hinding-Cook

Levies: ‘We need this’

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Autio said a reserve is built into the budget to maintain operations, but without the levy, the fairgrounds will not be able to keep the doors open, let alone make needed improvements.

The fairgrounds wants voters to renew a five-year levy for operations and maintenance. The tax rate would go up to 7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, from 5 cents. Taxpayers would pay about \$21 more a year for a home valued at \$300,000

The tax rate was reduced from 7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to 5 cents in 2016.

The new tax rate would generate between \$471,000 and \$530,000 a year to help the fairgrounds stay even with increasing costs.

Autio said when the tax rate was reduced in 2016, the focus was mainly on maintaining existing operations. He praised John Lewis, who took over as operations manager in 2018, for his work to complete much-needed deferred maintenance, improve the fairgrounds facilities and expand events.

“I think that in order to keep on this track, when we’re trying to make it more of a resource for our community, we need to go back to the 7 cents that we were at,” Autio said.

“The fairgrounds is one of the few venues in Clatsop County besides the (Seaside Civic and Convention Center) and a few smaller venues that we can bring in a big event that generates revenue to the community and allows for opportunities and events that the community wouldn’t otherwise have,” he said. “I think it really is for the benefit of the community that we improve our facilities and are able to bring in more events ... It’s an attraction in our community.”

The Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District wants voters to pass a five-year levy for 35 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value to help sustain operations.

The fire district has a permanent tax rate of 35 cents per \$1,000 — one of the

lowest in the county. A permanent tax rate is set when a district is established, which leaves fire districts dependent on voters to approve levies and bonds for more funding as time goes on.

Voters have approved a five-year levy to support the fire chief’s position for 19 cents per \$1,000 and a five-year bond for a ladder truck at 9 cents per \$1,000. If voters approve the new levy, the total tax burden will increase from 63 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to 98 cents, or about \$141 a year for a home valued at \$400,000.

The new tax would bring in between \$403,000 to \$454,000 a year.

The money would be used to hire a second commanding officer and replace equipment while developing a replacement cycle to reduce maintenance costs.

Agencies throughout the county have experienced dwindling numbers of volunteer firefighters and an increase in calls, which has led to the need to hire personnel to supplement volunteers and run day-to-day operations.

Without a second commanding officer, the chief is on call at all times, which has contributed to the turnover of fire chiefs in Cannon Beach.

Fire Chief Marc Reckmann said that he recognizes the impact the virus has had on the economy, but he said it doesn’t lessen the need for the funding.

“We still have the same needs,” Reckmann said. “And the tourism is going to come back with a vengeance.

“One of the things I’ve heard here lately is that this kind of proves that without tourism, we don’t have any calls.”

He said some people believe the crisis proves the tourism industry should pay, not taxpayers.

“We have to have stable funding to operate on and then try to get tourism tax on top of that to fund better capital programs. We’re not even funding the basic operations right now,” Reckmann said.

“This isn’t me as a fire chief trying to do this,” he said. “This is coming from your community volunteers saying, ‘We need this.’”

SPORTS

Kapua to play volleyball at Clackamas

The Astorian

The list of high school athletes moving on to the collegiate level continues to grow, as another Warrenton senior signed a letter of intent last week.

In a home ceremony, Warrior Melia Kapua signed to play volleyball at Clackamas Community College this fall.

Kapua was an all-league libero last season for the Warriors, the two-time

defending Coastal Range League champions who had all six starters on the Coast Range’s all-league team in 2019.

Kapua joins four other Warrenton athletes who have signed letters of intent since last winter: Devin Jackson, Clackamas baseball; Austin Little, Linn-Benton Community College baseball; Jake Morrow, Linn-Benton baseball; and Kenzie Ramsey, Lower Columbia College basketball.



Melia Kapua

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
61 46	58 41	67 48	75 50	71 52	67 49	66 49
A shower in the p.m.	Spotty showers	Partly sunny; warmer	Partly sunny	Partly sunny and warm	Showers possible	Rain possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	57/42
Normal high/low	59/43
Record high	81 in 1992
Record low	35 in 1980

Precipitation

Sunday	0.19"
Month to date	1.02"
Normal month to date	0.38"
Year to date	33.08"
Normal year to date	30.67"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Mercury is at superior solar conjunction.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:30 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:30 p.m.
Moonset today	5:23 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
May 7	May 14	May 22	May 29

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:03 a.m.	8.4	6:33 a.m.	0.1	
12:31 p.m.	7.6	6:40 p.m.	0.6	
Cape Disappointment				
12:08 p.m.	7.5	5:46 a.m.	0.2	
none		5:48 p.m.	0.7	
Hammond				
12:19 p.m.	8.0	6:05 a.m.	0.0	
none		6:11 p.m.	0.5	
Warrenton				
12:26 p.m.	8.0	6:17 a.m.	0.2	
none		6:24 p.m.	0.6	
Knappa				
12:40 a.m.	8.6	7:34 a.m.	0.1	
1:08 p.m.	7.8	7:41 p.m.	0.5	
Depoe Bay				
11:22 a.m.	7.4	5:15 a.m.	-0.1	
11:31 p.m.	9.0	5:17 p.m.	0.4	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low	Wed. Hi/Low
Atlanta	83/55/t	71/48/pc
Boston	57/41/pc	54/40/pc
Chicago	51/41/r	59/44/c
Dallas	82/57/pc	86/61/s
Denver	70/41/pc	72/43/c
Honolulu	84/72/pc	84/71/pc
Houston	92/67/pc	86/62/pc
Los Angeles	88/63/s	89/64/s
Miami	89/73/s	92/73/s
New York City	61/47/s	56/45/r
Phoenix	103/72/s	106/75/s
San Francisco	70/53/pc	72/53/pc
Wash., DC	58/47/r	55/45/r
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today’s weather. Temperatures are today’s highs and tonight’s lows.

Seattle 68/49	Wenatchee 70/50	Spokane 70/46
Tacoma 68/47	Moses Lake 77/52	Pullman 71/45
Olympia 69/45	Yakima 74/49	
Longview 70/48	Kennewick 81/54	Walla Walla 74/49
Astoria 61/46	Portland 72/49	Lewiston 76/49
	The Dalles 76/52	Enterprise 70/42
	Salem 70/45	Pendleton 75/48
Corvallis 70/46	Albany 70/46	La Grande 73/43
Eugene 72/47	Bend 71/40	
	John Day 74/44	Ontario 81/47
	Burns 74/39	Caldwell 80/47
Medford 77/45	Klamath Falls 71/35	
City	Today Hi/Low	Wed. Hi/Low
Baker City	76/41/pc	58/26/r
Brookings	60/47/c	63/49/pc
Ilwaco	60/48/sh	55/43/sh
Newberg	69/46/pc	63/38/c
Newport	59/47/pc	57/41/c
City	Today Hi/Low	Wed. Hi/Low
North Bend	62/48/pc	60/43/pc
Roseburg	74/48/pc	68/39/pc
Seaside	62/47/c	57/40/sh
Springfield	72/46/c	65/37/pc
Vancouver	70/49/pc	63/38/c