

OBITUARIES

Keith Alan Rooney

Seaside

April 8, 1967 — Jan. 4, 2021



Keith Alan Rooney was born in Astoria on April 8, 1967, to Robert E. Rooney and Deanna Rooney (Bergeson).

I miss him so much. He always had a big smile for everyone, and a big heart, but his heart failed him on Jan. 4, 2021.

He loved his sons, Robert Leslie Rooney, age 12, and Ronny Russell Rooney, age 10, so much. His boys were named after grandpa Rooney and grandpa Les Ronny Russell Rooney, best friend, Ron Hopla, and great-grandpa, Russell.

Keith graduated from Seaside High School in 1986 and went to Mount Hood Community College for a short time before joining the U.S. Army in 1988. He attended boot camp in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and then was stationed in Germany, where he was trained as a combat engineer.

Once he was out of the Army, Keith moved to Alaska to work with his dad as a heavy equipment operator. Most recently, he worked as a driver Clean Sweep, owned by Ben and Tammy Olson.

We lived in a logging camp in Thorne Bay, Alaska, from 1969 to 1974. Keith attended first grade there. He became a big brother when his sister, Shannon, was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, in 1971.

Baseball was Keith’s favorite sport growing up. From pee-wee to varsity, we never missed a game. Keith was a catcher for all four years on varsity. He had a lot of respect for coach Jim Auld, from whom he learned a great deal.

Keith had a lot of friends and family. He is survived by his dad, Robert Rooney (Sandee), in Fairbanks, Alaska; and his mother, Deanna, and stepfather, Les Philbrook, of Seaside.

In addition, Keith leaves behind the following family members: brother, Hunter Rooney; sister, Dakotah Rooney; brother, Brandon Philbrook, his wife, Jen, and nieces, Emily and Leiana; sister, Shannon Lahaie, her partner, Jim, and their children, Kaelee and Jacob; sister, Charmagne Stous (Ray); brother, James Philbrook

(Christine); uncle, Gary Bergeson (Pat); uncle, Larry Bergeson (Linda); uncle, Wayne Bergeson (Joni); uncle, Wade Bergeson (Jackie); and aunt, Lynn Bergeson.

Dusty Chevront was always a big part of Keith’s life. He has always been a big part of our family. He was like a son to Keith, and Keith was so proud of him. Dusty is now a staff sergeant with the U.S. Marines. Keith was close to Dusty, his wife, Rachell, and their kids, Baily, Zeke and Ellie.

Keith was a great father. He raised his children by himself, with a little help from grandma Deanna.

I love you son, and miss your daily phone calls.

Love you forever,

Mom

“When I am gone, release me — let me go / I have so many things to see and do. / You must not tie yourself to me with tears / Be happy that we had so many years.

“I gave you love, you can only guess / How much you gave me in happiness. / I thank you for the love each have shown / But now it is time I traveled alone.

“So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must / Then let your grief be comforted by trust. / It is only for a while that we must part / So bless those memories within your heart.

“I will not be far away, for life goes on / So if you need me, call and I will come. / Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near/ And if you listen with your heart, you will hear / All of my love around you, soft and clear.

“Then when you must come this way alone / I will greet you with a smile and ‘Welcome Home.’”

We would like to thank everyone who was so kind in sending flowers and cards and making condolence calls.

We would also like to thank Providence Seaside Hospital and Providence St. Vincent Medical Center for taking good care of Keith and for everything they did. We appreciate it.

Thank you from the Philbrook and Rooney families.



Keith Rooney

Charles (Chuck) Cameron

Seaview, Washington

April 23, 1931 — April 18, 2021

Charles (Chuck) Cameron, 89, of Chuck’s Fly Shop in Seaview, Washington, passed away in his sleep on April 18, 2021, of natural causes, at Ocean Beach Hospital.

Charles was born on April 23, 1931, in “Cherry Corner,” Parker Heights, Wapato, Washington. Charles was raised on a fruit farm on Lombard Loop Road and graduated from Wapato High School in 1950.

He and his family moved to Seaview in 1964, where he worked at the Crown Zellerbach paper mill at Wauna until retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lois Cameron; sons, Chris Cameron, and ex-wife, Janice, of Logsdon, and Patrick (Sherryl), of Seaview; daugh-

ter, Martha Thompson, of Port Angeles, Washington; grandchildren, Dana Cameron, of Newport, KC (Ty) Wilson, of Bellevue, Washington, Rachel Cameron, of Yelm, Washington, Sean (Lauren) Thompson, of Acworth, Georgia, and Tina (Dean) Martineau, of Seaview; and six great-grandchildren.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Clio Cameron; brother, Virgil Cameron; daughter, Susan Durant; and a grandson, Charles Thompson.

Charles lived and breathed fishing. He was an artist when it came to tying flies. He always had a river or lake he wanted to fly fish wherever he went.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Oregon Trail video game aims for accurate native depictions

By ANNA KING
Northwest News Network



Gameloft

The Oregon Trail game is part of the new Apple Arcade. It features more accurate depictions of Native American characters, historically-based story lines and researched clothing styles.

just as guides or trappers.

University of Nebraska historian Margaret Huettl has Lac Courte Oreilles tribal ancestors. She researched old photos and drawings for accurate depictions of different tribes’ clothing and style.

“Initially, all of the Native people (in the revamped game) had braids,” Huettl said. “And I think we suggested, maybe they don’t all have to have braids.”

One major teaching moment for Trudgen was about bows and arrows. He definitely wanted them.

“There are a lot of popular games out there, ‘Tomb Raider’ and ‘Last of Us,’ and like these big games where bows and arrows are sick,” Trudgen said.

But Huettl explained if you were a Native American trapper at the time of the Oregon Trail, you were more likely to have a rifle, so bows and arrows are an outdated stereotype.

“That wasn’t our intention at all, obviously,” Trudgen said. “We were just coming to it sort of as a naive ‘bow and arrows are cool’ angle.”

David Lewis teaches anthropology and ethnic studies at Oregon State University. He’s a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the territory where many Oregon Trail settlers ended up.

“(Tribes) were excited initially for all the new products: the guns, the metals and fabrics and things like that,” Lewis said.

But, he said, the real Oregon Trail wasn’t a positive story for Native Americans. The settlers kept coming, and the government forced tribes into bad deals, like treaties that gave away their best land and forced their people onto reservations where many died.

Jazz Halfmoon remembers playing the educational video game Oregon Trail as a reward for doing well in her Oregon grade school class.

“It was on a super old computer,” she said. “The green screen was like the only color.”

She said it was really exciting, and the kids would often clamor and fight over who could play the game on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation in Eastern Oregon.

“I remember being like ‘oh, like the Indians killed off somebody in your wagon train ... and then being like, ‘Oh, we’re Indians, you know,’” Halfmoon said.

Halfmoon, 38, and a generation of kids like her grew up playing it. They remember the game mostly for the moment — wait for it — their party died of dysentery.

Now, a new spin on the wagon train game focuses on more accurately representing Native Americans.

The company Gameloft tackled the redesign of Oregon Trail for Apple Arcade just in time for the increase in worldwide play because of the coronavirus pandemic. Its target audience: the now-40-year-olds and their kids. And more Native American players.

Gameloft Brisbane creative director Jarrad Trudgen had to root out historical inaccuracies and clichés about Native American culture.

“Well, as a white, middle class Australian, I don’t think I can really speak to that,” he said about getting everything right for Indigenous peoples in the new game. “I’d like help with that. And I’d like to talk to some Native Americans, and some Native American history professors.”

So he brought in three Indigenous historians. They listened to early test music for the game and said back off the drums and flutes. And don’t use broken, stilted English. Trudgen got it.

“It’s like a trope to make Native American people seem primitive somehow,” Trudgen said. “When actually there were a lot of bilingual or polylingual Native Americans at that time.”

The team of historians came up with more appropriate names for game characters and advocated for new roles for Native Americans, not



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Hi Lisa,

I just wanted to drop a note to say how pleased I am working with you and The Astorian. Your expert skill and years of knowledge in working with the public and companies like Lucky Duct comes shining through the phone. You have navigated us through the abundant options with regular success in reaching a wider audience and expanding our business. In addition to regularly attending to artwork changes, staying within my budget guidelines, you always let us know when grants or specials were available too.

We all need to have things and people we can count on every time and on time; this has been spot-on! I have confidence the advertising is working well for us! I sincerely look forward to more opportunities to service our community and working with a local individual like yourself whom represents with the upmost integrity creates certainty for more to come.

Thank you Lisa and my gratitude to The Astorian for having you on my extended team.

Personally, Renae Nelson, owner

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
61 49	60 48	61 49	61 49	60 45	58 44	61 45
Partly sunny	Areas of low clouds	Mostly cloudy	Areas of low clouds	Mostly cloudy	Showers possible	Showers possible

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	65/40
Normal high/low	60/45
Record high	85 in 1926
Record low	34 in 2012

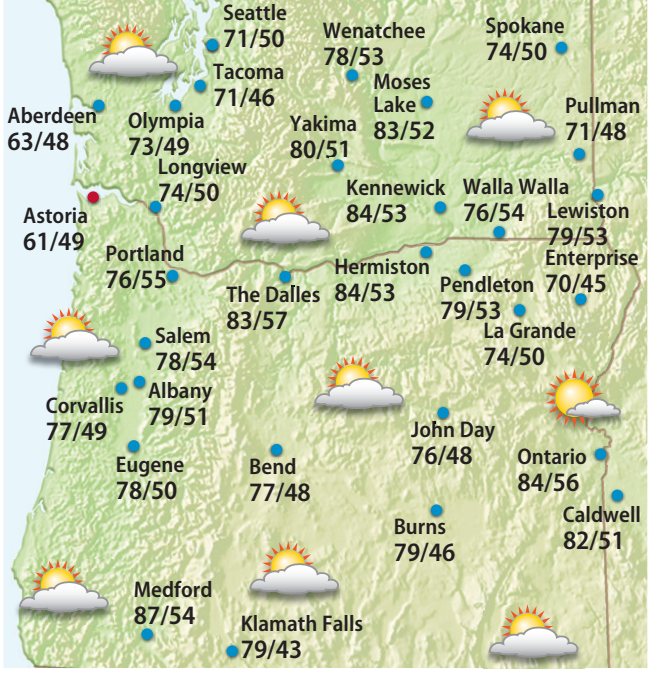
Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.39"
Normal month to date	1.32"
Year to date	34.57"
Normal year to date	31.36"

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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



City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	75/43/pc	73/42/c	North Bend	59/49/pc	59/47/pc
Brookings	62/49/pc	66/50/pc	Roseburg	81/53/pc	78/45/pc
Ilwaco	59/51/pc	59/50/c	Seaside	61/50/pc	61/49/c
Newberg	77/52/pc	77/45/pc	Springfield	81/50/pc	79/42/pc
Newport	57/47/pc	56/45/pc	Vancouver	76/54/pc	77/47/pc

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:17 a.m.	8.2	9:29 a.m.	-0.4	
3:52 p.m.	6.7	9:11 p.m.	3.0	

Cape Disappointment

1:58 a.m.	8.1	8:33 a.m.	-0.5	
3:23 p.m.	6.6	8:20 p.m.	3.3	

Hammond

2:07 a.m.	8.4	8:54 a.m.	-0.7	
3:38 p.m.	6.8	8:41 p.m.	3.1	

Warrenton

2:12 a.m.	8.6	9:13 a.m.	-0.3	
3:47 p.m.	7.1	8:55 p.m.	3.1	

Knappa

2:54 a.m.	8.5	10:30 a.m.	-0.4	
4:29 p.m.	7.0	10:12 p.m.	2.6	

Depoe Bay

1:08 a.m.	8.2	8:04 a.m.	-0.7	
2:42 p.m.	6.6	7:49 p.m.	3.3	