

Obituaries

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Ray Gaulke

Sergius Ray Gaulke, 92, longtime Hood River resident and dentist, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, at the Oregon Health and Science University hospital in Portland. He was born Aug. 2, 1922, in Walla Walla, Wash., to Sergius Carroll Gaulke and Rita (Hamberton) Gaulke.



Ray Gaulke

His early years were spent in Baker City and Coquille while following his father's career with Standard Oil. He graduated from Coquille High School in 1940, along with his wife-to-be, Jeanne Claterbos, whom he married in 1944 and spent the next 58 years with before Jeanne's passing in 2002. Ray shared the last 10 years of his life with his loving companion Dorothy Mellenthin.

Ray attended the University of Oregon for two years before entering North Pacific Dental College (now OHSU School of Dentistry) and graduating in 1945. Following graduation he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps stationed in Farragut, Idaho, and Bremerton, Wash., until the end of World War II. He then moved to Hood River in 1946 and entered into dental practice as an associate of Dr. Carey H. Jenkins. Shortly afterward he began solo practice for 35 years until his son, J. Scott Gaulke, joined him in 1982. During the Korean War, he had to put his private practice on hold for two years when he was recalled by the Navy, and then loaned to the Army who were short of dentists. He retired from the practice of dentistry in 1986.

Ray and Jeanne raised four sons who were the primary focus of their interest and activities that included boating, skiing, hunting, camping, hiking, travel, and photography. As a father and grandfather devoted to his family's love of sports, he attended hundreds of ball games and sporting events over the years, enthusiastically supporting his children, grandchildren, and their teams. From 1962 to 1974, Ray served as a Hood River Port Commissioner and was a strong supporter of the development of the Hood River waterfront that occurred during his tenure. For over 50 years he enjoyed summers with his family at their cabin at Wal-lowa Lake. Ray is best remembered by his friends for his selfless devotion to his family, his talent for creative problem solving, and his compassion and empathy for his patients.

Ray is survived by his sons and their families: Michael R. and Judith A. Mellenthin Gaulke of Atherton, Calif., Thomas G. and Sherry A. Gaulke of Albany, Ore., Dr. J. Scott and Sue Gaulke of Hood River, and Terry K. and Cheryl Hughes Gaulke of Tualatin, Ore. Also surviving are grandchildren Brent, Kelly, Lindsey, Lauren, Cameron, and Mitchell Gaulke; and great-grandchildren Gunnar and Logan Gaulke.

The family will observe private ceremonies of remembrance.

Sara Stone-Parks

Sara Katherine Stone-Parks, 92, passed away Jan. 8, 2015, at her home in Odell, Ore. She was born March 27, 1922, in the Pigeon District of Mountain Home, Ark., to Steve Jonafan and Dolly Jane (Trivitt) Stone.

Sara was a 53-year resident of the Hood River Valley. She was an ordained minister who loved music, reading, and gardening, and deeply loved spending time with her friends and family.

Sara is survived by sons Jerry and his wife, Brandi Parks, Kenneth and his wife, Debbie Parks, Daniel Parks, Ronald Parks and Donald and his wife, LaLoni Parks; daughters Evelyn Joan (Parks) and her husband, Thomas Elliott, and Shirley (Parks) and her husband, Lyle Wells. She is also survived by her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents; seven siblings; husband James Eldon Parks; son James Keith Parks; and granddaughter Heidi Marie Parks.

Sara asked that no funeral service be held. A private family remembrance ceremony was held for Sara at her home. Those wishing to recognize Sara's life can make a contribution in her name to Providence Hospice of the Gorge, 1630 Woods Court, Hood River, OR 97031. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit andersontributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

David Arnold

David Dennis "Dave" Arnold, 48, passed away Dec. 29, 2014, at his home in Portland, Ore. Dave was born Oct. 1, 1966, in Portland, Ore., to Larry L. Arnold and Mari Beth Arnold (now Bohne).

Dave spent his grade school years in Aloha, Ore., District 48, where he was involved in martial arts. He moved with his parents to Parkdale, Ore., during his seventh-grade year in school. He attended Wy'east Middle School and later graduated from Hood River Valley High School, class of 1984.

Dave loved to speed ski and worked at Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort as a ski technician. After high school, Dave attended Eastern State College where he became active in the ROTC program. Later he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, receiving an honorable discharge.

In his youth, Dave was part of the Boy Scouts of America's Sea Explorers. And while in high school he became the president of the Spanish Club, and could speak Spanish fluently.

Dave's summers, while in school, were spent traveling throughout the USA. He often spoke of his seeing

every state in America. This experience created a love for geography, making it one of his hobbies. He also loved cruise ships and traveled extensively abroad, visiting many countries.

During his "free time," Dave enjoyed many activities: skiing, motor-cross, whitewater rafting, high diving, camping and target shooting were among his favorites. But mostly Dave enjoyed hanging out with his friends around a campfire, telling stories and sharing his sense of humor over a hot dog.

He also enjoyed studying the history of his family's American Indian heritage.

Dave leaves behind his father and stepmother, Larry and Carol Arnold, of Parkdale; and mother and stepfather, Maribeth and Randy Bohne, of Portland, Ore.

A celebration of David's life will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, at the home of Ryan and Denise Koch, 12524 S.E. Eagle Glen Drive, Happy Valley, OR 97086, from noon to 4 p.m.

Betty Connelly

Betty Louise Connelly, 87, passed away Jan. 10, 2015, in Salem, Ore. She was born Sept. 8, 1927, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Oscar Alonson and Anna Alice (Hoard) Rich. She married T. Daryl Connelly on June 20, 1946; he preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 2012.

Private services will be at Willamette National Cemetery when Betty will be laid to rest with her husband Daryl.

Betty is survived by her children, Allen, of Vancouver, Wash., Kenneth, of Bandon, Ore., Calvin, of Coos Bay, Ore., Diania Parvin, of Drain, Ore., Vickie Johnson, of Pasco, Wash., Peggy Diefenbaugh, of Salem, Ore., Carol Phelps, of Eugene, Ore. and Christine Arnold, of Parkdale, Ore.; sister, Beverly Loomis; two brothers, Vern Rich and Larry Rich; many, many grandchildren and many more great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Betty will be greatly missed by family and friends. She now joins her husband of 65 years in eternal sleep in Heaven; they are at peace and with other family already there.

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SHERIFF LOG

Jan. 5 to 12

All calls were responded to within the County of Hood River.

■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

Jan. 5 — Culbertson Drive — Assault reported. Report was unfounded.

Jan. 5 — Wells Drive — Assault reported. Report was unfounded.

Jan. 10 — Avalon Drive — Male arrested for felony strangulation and harassment, and lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Controlled substance violations (non-DUII):**

None reported

■ **Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:**

None reported

■ **Driving under the influence of intoxicants:**

None reported

■ **Identity theft or bank/credit card fraud:**

None reported

Cherry loss may be 'catastrophic'

Extension agent seeks declaration of emergency

By JUSTIN BRIMER
The Dalles Chronicle

A Wasco County horticulturalist is warning cherry growers that a perfect storm of unusually warm November weather followed by a sharp drop in temperatures may wreak havoc on their fruit trees for up to two years.

"This is perhaps the worst disaster that has fallen on Wasco County cherry orchard production since I've been here, and I started in 1988," Lynn Long, Oregon State horticulturalist, told county commissioners during their Tuesday meeting.

Long said when temperatures dipped to between 7 and 4 below zero in Wasco County on Nov. 16 buds, spurs and the wood on cherry trees may have been significantly damaged.

He asked commissioners to help affected farmers to get low-interest USDA loans by signing a letter to a local USDA emergency board asking for a secretarial declaration of disaster. If that board approves the declaration they would forward the request to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture who could free up otherwise unavailable money for loans.

Long said farmers should check the spurs and wood on the trees and if damaged, they would have to drastically change how they prune.

"Growers really need to be out there checking their situation and not just look at flower buds, but looking at

what their spurs and wood looks like. If the spurs are damaged or dead, they are going to have to prune harder and it may be 2017 before they (flowers) produce again," he said.

He said even if affected flowers produce smaller cherries this year, farmers could suffer a complete loss.

"It is impossible to make any money off 'small fruit,'" he said.



Long said he discovered some of the damage to trees during a pruning tour in Wasco County in December.

It is too early to tell the extent of the damage but his initial testing shows the damage could be "catastrophic" depending on the location of the orchard.

Oregon Cherry Growers Vice President Gip Redman agrees that farmers should be monitoring their trees closer this year because of the freeze, but he is not ready to throw in the towel on the 2015 and 2016 crop.

"Given the proper (weather) conditions through the rest of winter and spring some of that injury will repair itself," Redman said.

"Probably the crop has been diminished but for growers, having a light crop is better than having tree death."

Redman said farmers with many acres of cherry trees may want to start pruning now because the pruning process may take longer this year because of the freeze.

Long said temperatures in Dufur and The Dalles fell below freezing and orchards there could suffer a complete loss while Mosier's low was closer to 7 or 8 degrees and trees there may not be affected at all.

He said when trees begin to bloom in late March or early April, farmers would have a better idea at the extent of the damage.

Another concern for farmers is bacterial canker, a disease that harms branches on fruit trees like cherry by causing oozing "sores" that drain beneficial nutrients from the tree.

Long said the disease is more likely to occur when trees have been damaged like the frost damage that occurred in mid-November.

He told commissioners a Parkdale orchard was annihilated by bacterial cankers in 2010 following a similar freeze.

Wasco County's cherry industry is worth about \$50 million annually and is the most valuable agriculture product in the county.

"This could be really bad," Long said.

Kevin McIntyre with The Dalles USDA Service Center said a secretarial declaration of disaster for the area could help farmers.

He also said farmers who bought crop insurance before Nov. 20 could be recouped for losses and encouraged farmers whose crop may be affected to call him at 541-298-8559, ext.2 for potential solutions.

POLICE LOG

Jan. 5 to 10

All calls were responded to within the City of Hood River.

■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

None reported

■ **Controlled substance violations (non-DUII):**

Jan. 7 — Cascade Avenue, 2200 block — Washington resident arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine and later charged with theft by receiving I. The investigation is ongoing.

■ **Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:**

None reported

■ **Driving under the influence of intoxicants:**

Jan. 5 — Hood River — Hood River female arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and lodged at NORCOR.

Jan. 10 — Hood River — Resident of The Dalles arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

■ **Identity theft or bank/credit card fraud:**

None reported

■ **Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:**

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Jan. 8 — Highway 35, 14000 block — Hit and run with property damage reported.

Jan. 8 — Cooper Spur Road, 10000 block — Hit and run reported.

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

Jan. 5 — State Street, 300 block — Female arrested for violation of a conditional release agreement and lodged at NORCOR.

Jan. 8 — Montello Avenue, 1200 block — Male arrested for a probation violation and lodged at NORCOR.

Jan. 8 — Dee Highway, 7100 block — Female arrested

Jan. 5 — Cascade Avenue, 2000 block — Hit and run reported. Suspect vehicle damaged a parked truck.

Jan. 8 — W. Cascade, 2200 block — Hit and run reported.

Jan. 9 — Rand Road at Wasco Avenue — Vehicle stopped for an unsigned turn. The driver was driving while criminally suspended. The driver was arrested and lodged at NORCOR. The driver was also placed on a detainer per his probation officer.

Jan. 10 — Hood River — Hood River resident arrested for misdemeanor driving while revoked and attempt to elude.

Jan. 10 — 12th Street, 2000 block — Motor vehicle crash reported.

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

Jan. 10 — Hood River — Hood River resident arrested on two outstanding warrants.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

Jan. 7 — May Street, 800 block — Theft of a bicycle reported.

Jan. 7 — Eugene Street, 700 block — Theft of ski

equipment reported.

Jan. 7 — Country Club Road, 500 block — Lost or stolen money reported; female stated she had dropped an envelope containing \$700 in a local taxi.

Jan. 9 — Fifth Street — Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle reported.

Jan. 9 — Montello Avenue, 200 block — Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle reported.

Jan. 9 — Seventh Street, 1100 block — Multiple car prowls reported.

Jan. 9 — May Street, 400 block — Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle reported.

Jan. 9 — Seventh Street, 1100 block — Theft of a firearm from a motor vehicle reported.

Jan. 9 — May Street, 400 block — Car prowler reported.

■ **Sex offenses:**

None reported

■ **Other:**

Jan. 8 — Hood River — Officer responded to a traffic crash with injuries involving a bicyclist and a pedestrian. Both subjects were transported to the emergency room. The cyclist was determined to be at fault and cited for unsafe operating of a bicycle on a sidewalk.

Service Announcements

Fredrick Hogg

Fredrick Neil Hogg, 72, passed away Jan. 8, 2015, at his home in Parkdale, Ore., surrounded by friends and family. Fredrick was born Oct. 18, 1942.

A Celebration of Life service with reception following will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Anderson's Tribute Center.

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Leroy Nickerson

Leroy Nickerson, 64, passed away Jan. 10, 2015, at his home in Hood River, Ore. Leroy was born Dec. 18, 1950.

Services are planned for 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Anderson's Tribute Center.

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Death Notice

Vernon Bowlby

Vernon Lee Bowlby, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at his home in Corvallis, Ore.

A Celebration of Life is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis.

McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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