

Obituaries

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Diane Betz Winterholler

Diane Betz Winterholler, 82, of Beaverton, Ore., passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at her home surrounded by those she loved. Diane Marie



Diane Winterholler

Taneyhill was born July 9, 1932, in San Pedro (Los Angeles), Calif., to Irvin Taneyhill and Gladys (Clewett) Taneyhill.

Diane graduated from Inglewood High School (Inglewood, Calif.) in June of 1951. On Dec. 1, 1951, Diane married Donald Betz and was blessed with two children, Daniel and Lori. Diane was a devoted wife and mother who loved spending time with family and friends, camping, water skiing and enjoying the outdoors. In 1969 Don and Diane move to Hood River, Ore., where they continued to raise their two children.

Diane later moved to Portland where she met and married Carl "Bob" Winterholler on Nov. 11, 1989. They made their home together in Beaverton.

They enjoyed a life of traveling the coast of California, Arizona, and outdoor activities on the beaches of Oregon and Washington along with several trips to Mexico.

While in Beaverton Diane had fun working estate sales, making candy for a local business and volunteer work at St. Vincent Hospital. There seemed to be almost nothing that she wouldn't try. Diane is remembered by all who knew her for her kindness, thoughtfulness, great smile and wonderful laugh. She will be greatly missed.

Diane is survived by her husband, Bob; her children Dan (Kary) Betz, of Hood River, and Lori (Marcia) Betz, of Estacada; Bob's children, Marti Winterholler, of Greece, Mitchell Winterholler, of Portland, and Morgan Winterholler, of Oregon City. She is also survived by her three grandchildren: Rachell (Chad) Lindley, Angela (Kevin) Holcomb, and Jonny (Mandy) Betz; and great-grandchildren: Alexa and Paige Lindley, Madison

Fisher, Ryan Gray, Aksel Betz, and Rubi Holcomb. Diane is also survived by her twin sister, Donna Magee, and brother, John Taneyhill, and their children, all of California.

Remembrances may be made to the Palliative Care Program at Providence St. Vincent Foundation, 9205 S.W. Barnes Road, Portland, OR 97225 or online at providencefoundation.org/psvmc.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, March 6, 1 p.m. at the Willamette National Cemetery.

Jo Ellen Cox

Jo Ellen (Smith) Cox, 77, of Sun City, Ariz., went to be with the Lord Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, at her home in Sun City. Jo Ellen was born Aug. 27, 1937, in Susanville, Calif., to Floyd and Margie Smith. She graduated from Lassen High School (Susanville, Calif.) in June of 1955.



Jo Ellen Cox

On Oct. 17, 1957, Jo Ellen married Robert Cox and was blessed with two children, Margie and Dean. Jo Ellen was a devoted wife and mother who loved spending time with family and friends.

From 1957-1974, Jo Ellen lived in many different places in the U.S., such as Virginia, Washington and California, to different places overseas such as Taiwan and Okinawa, while Robert served in the Navy. When Robert retired from the Navy in 1974, He and Jo Ellen settled in Hood River, Ore., with their children and other family. In 1994 she and Robert moved to Arizona, making their home in Sun City.

Jo Ellen enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting and crocheting. She will be remembered as a very loving and caring wife and mother.

Jo Ellen is survived by her husband, Robert; son Dean, and daughter-in-law, Debbie. She is also survived by her five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren in Oregon and Arizona.

Memorial services will be held at Grace Bible Church on Monday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. Condolences may be left for the family at advancefunerals.com.

Maurer house fire ruled accidental, precise cause remains unknown

By KIRBY NEUMANN-REA
News editor

The cause of the Jan. 30 fire that destroyed a West-cliff Drive home has been ruled accidental.

Fire marshal Jim Trammell of Westside Fire Department said the fire first started in the garage, but the precise cause of the blaze will never be known.

"Officially, the investigators involved have narrowed the cause to be accidental in nature, with several potential ignition sources that cannot be excluded. At this point, no further action or reports will be authorized," Trammell said in a statement Friday morning.

He said five investigators spent four days looking through rubble as deep as five feet. They included local investigators, assistant state fire marshal Ted Megert, and an electrical engineer.

Suzanne and Michael Maurer and their granddaughter, Gracie, escaped the fire, along with a tenant, Jean Hunting, after it broke out at 5:38 a.m. Police were on scene a 5:41 a.m. and fire fighters arrived at 5:47, according to Trammell.

"We must realize that this fire incident had the potential for a very bad outcome. We are thankful that all four residents escaped without injury, except for Mr. Maurer, who sustained some painful burns that were not too serious or life threatening," Trammell said.

"The actions taken by this family, especially their granddaughter Gracie, who was awoken by the sound of a smoke detector, cumulated in a safe and speedy escape and survival for all," Trammell said.

He said Maurer used a fire extinguisher in the garage to try to keep it from spreading into the house, but had to quickly abandon the attempt.

Jean Hunting's husband, Butch, said she lost photos, a sewing machine and her laptop computer, along with all the clothing she had there. She was able to grab her phone and purse before fleeing, he said.

Trammell said the estimated damages including the home, contents, and cars, is \$750,000.

Trammell said the fire "was building in intensity, and happened at an hour when there are few awake to report the fire and the house sits in a small draw somewhat out of sight from the road or freeway. Due to darkness, smoke was not yet visible to passersby."

He said, "We must understand the type of construction of modern buildings compared to those of 'legacy construction' from about the early 1980s, which used dimensional lumber and strong support members; new construction uses lightweight materials which ignite easier and fail more quickly. The fuel loading of today's homes, the contents and the heat release rate of items in the homes is more flammable than those years ago, the amount of plastics and poly foam (solid gasoline) creates a life threatening fire environment many minutes faster than older furnishings."

"In the garage where the fire originated looks like any other garage on the block, including my own, comprising numerous



Photos by Josh Beckner, Westside FD

MAURER HOME in the aftermath. The fire started in the garage, destroying two vehicles, before flames filled the rest of the house via a garage door and an open side door, allowing hot vapors and flames to enter the home through a soffit below the eaves.

pieces of electrical equipment, cars, paints, solvents, gasoline cans, lights, extension cords, appliances and other numerous combustible of flammable items.

"The Maurer family did or did not do anything that any other person would have, given the life threatening and devastating emergency they faced," Trammell said.

A total of 25 firefighters responded, aboard three engines and two tenders, according to Trammell. They were from Westside and Hood River fire departments, and the Odell station of West Fire District.

Donations for the Maurer family can be made at US Bank, and at Wells Fargo, where employees recently established a fund.

MAXAM

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which prevents Cole and his former general manager, Julie Graves, from manufacturing or distributing their products until they come into compliance with federal law, as first reported by the Hood River Biz Buzz.

According to Cole's attorney John Markham, the injunction has resulted in the closure of Cole's business located at 1020D Wasco Street.

"He's obviously very sad that he had to shut down and can no longer supply his customers with his products," Markham said, speaking on behalf of his client after the News made multiple attempts to contact Cole via both the local and toll-free phone numbers for Maxam Nutraceuticals.

The injunction is one of several actions the federal government has taken against Cole over the past five years. According to News archives, in 2010 the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning letter to Cole and his company Maxam Nutraceuticals, threatening legal action unless he corrected "unsubstantiated claims" involving his products' health benefits, which offered treatments for every-

thing from autism to Alzheimer's and other afflictions.

In 2011, federal agents raided Cole's home on the Heights as well as his business' offices on Wasco Street and the Big Gym on West Cascade Avenue, which Cole owned at the time and is now known as the Power Station gym and the site of Cross Fit Hood River. Agents confiscated documents, computers and over a half a million dollars in cash and gold from Cole.

In 2013, Cole pled not guilty to a federal case brought against him that alleged he had filed false tax returns. That same year, a jury ruled against Cole in another case, allowing the federal government to keep the assets it seized in the 2011 Hood River raids.

The most recent case stated that Maxam's supplements were unapproved by the FDA and were considered "misbranded drugs because the products failed to bear adequate directions for use for the purposes for which the drugs were intended" according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice. The court also found that the dietary supplements were "adulterated" because they had not been "produced in compliance with federal good manufacturing practice regula-

tions," and noted that "defendants did not have specifications for the ingredients in their products and did not conduct appropriate tests on incoming shipments of components used in the manufacture of their products to determine the identity, strength, purity and composition of each component."

Markham says his client continued to stand by his products, despite continued scrutiny from the FDA, and is bolstered by positive customer testimonials regarding the efficacy of Cole's supplements.

"In the 15 years he's been selling these products, despite the FDA looking high and low, there has not been one illness, injury or bad reaction," Markham noted. Cole also challenged the federal government's tactics used in their investigations. A website called "Maxam vs. FDA" makes references to the "tyranny" of the FDA and linked to a legal defense fund for Cole, as well as providing updates regarding the court cases. A message on the website that appears to have been signed by Cole states that over \$600,000 had been spent on legal fees over the last five years and that the injunction was "the final straw."

"They have us in a checkmate situation where we can't possibly survive or ever

comply," the message states, adding that "we are being forced to close Maxam in contemplation of bankruptcy."

Markham was not able to confirm the veracity of the message or whether Cole was considering bankruptcy. He said Cole was working to comply with the terms of the injunction in an attempt to get his business up and running again.

"He is determined to find a lawful way to sell these products," Markham said.

Death Notice

Stephen Olds

Stephen Dale Olds, 60, passed away Feb. 11, 2015, at his home in Hood River, Ore. Stephen was born Aug. 12, 1954.

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.

Poetry Out Loud happens Feb. 19

Hood River Valley High School announces a school contest for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. The competition, presented in partnership with the Oregon Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

In the 2014-2015 school year, Poetry Out Loud celebrates its 10th anniversary, reaching nearly 2.5 million stu-

dents at more than 7,300 school nationwide.

On Feb. 19, at the Columbia Center for the Arts, more than twenty classroom winners from HRVHS will participate in the Poetry Out Loud school contest. Community members serve as judges.

The winner will move on to the regional competition, with the possibility of reaching the state and national level competition, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

The competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end around 3 p.m.

This Week at HRVHS

Monday, Feb. 16

No school, Presidents' Day; no activities scheduled

Tuesday, Feb. 17

JV Girls Basketball vs Pendleton HS, 5:15 p.m. @HRVHS

Girls Basketball vs Pendleton HS, 7 p.m. @HRVHS

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Compass Testing, 4 p.m. @HRVHS

Thursday, Feb. 19

First Aid Class, 4 p.m. @

Room F107

Friday, Feb. 20

JV Girls Basketball vs Hermiston HS, 5:15 p.m. @HRVHS
Girls Basketball vs Hermiston HS, 7 p.m. @HRVHS

Saturday, Feb. 21

Middle School Wrestling Championships, 10 .m.-8 p.m. @ HRVHS

FFA Farmers Breakfast, 7 11 a.m. @ Cafeteria

Baseball Steak Feed and Silent Auction, 5 p.m. @ Springhouse Cellar



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