

Obituaries

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Melvin Lucas

Melvin G. "Mel" Lucas passed away Monday, Feb. 16, 2015, after a long battle with cancer in The Dalles, Ore., with his family by his side. Mel was born in Alexandria, Minn., the fourth of eight boys, to Paul Harold Wesley and Mable (Irwin) Lucas on June 7, 1933.

When Mel was 6 his family moved to Hood River, Ore., where Mel attended local schools. He met Darline James in 1952, and they were united in marriage and moved to Cascade Locks, Ore. Together they were blessed with five children: Melody, Terry, Cal, Scott and Robyn. In 1962 the family moved to Auburn, Wash., where Mel worked for Miles Sand and Gravel. In 1971 they moved to Canby, Ore., where they lived until Darline passed away after a long fight with cancer.

In 1976 Mel met and married Patricia "Pat" Crews. Pat brought with her three children: Carolyn, Darrell and Lyle. They moved to Hood River and combined their families. Mel was employed in the roofing business. In 1985 Mel and Pat moved to Arizona where he and Pat managed senior and assisted living facilities. In 1991 they returned to Oregon, moving to The Dalles, where they opened Flagstone Assisted Living. In 1998 Mel retired from Flagstone.

Mel and Pat enjoyed 39 years together, sharing good times with their eight children, 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Also, the couple were foster parents to many children who were in crisis situations. Through the years the couple enjoyed traveling. In addition to numerous road trips they loved cruising and took several trips to Alaska plus Hawaii and through the Panama Canal where they visited several countries in Central America. Mel served four years with the National Guard. He was also an active member of several organizations including the Mid-Columbia Veterans Memorial Committee, helping with the building and completion of the monuments at Sorsosis Park. He was also involved with the Mid-Columbia Community Meals program, serving on the board several years in addition to being president of the service group. Mel touched the lives of many people with his generous spirit, soft heart and helping hands. He was also well known for "Mel's Famous Fudge." Numerous offices, professional people plus his large contingency of close friends were always

pleased when he dropped by with a plate of the "best fudge in the Gorge."

Mel was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers. He is survived by his wife, Pat Lucas, of The Dalles; brother Bob Lucas, of Springfield, Ore.; his children: Melody (John) Snyder, of Lake Tapps, Wash.; Terry Lucas, of Salem, Ore.; Cal (Angie) Lucas, of Milwaukee, Ore.; Scott Lucas, of Salem, Ore.; Robyn Jones, of Caldwell, Idaho; Carolyn (John) Layson and Darrell Clemmer, of The Dalles, Ore.; and Lyle Crews, of Hood River, Ore. In addition Mel is survived by 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews plus numerous friends.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2819 W. 10th, in The Dalles, with interment to follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Hood River.

Memorials may be made to Home at Last, 200 River Road, The Dalles, OR 97058. "We take comfort in knowing Mel is face-to-face with his Lord and this is not 'good-bye,' only 'see you later.'"



Melvin Lucas

Mary Prine

Mary Josephine Prine, 79, passed away Feb. 23, 2015, surrounded by family at her home in Hood River, Ore. Mary was born Feb. 13, 1936, in Palisade, Colo., to William and Helen (Beal) Setchfield.

Throughout her life Mary resided in Grandview, Wash., Bingen, Wash., and Hood River, Ore. Mary married Newt Prine. Her profession was caring for children, and she was a nursery supervisor at Asbury Child Care Center. Mary loved her family and spent many years traveling and camping. She also enjoyed knitting, cooking, fishing and reading. Mary belonged to Hood River Elks and Royal Neighbors of America.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Newt Prine; sons Jerry Prine and Johnny Glen Prine; and parents William and Helen Setchfield.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Helen Marie Davis, and her husband Terry Lee Davis; Jerry's wife, Kathy; grandchildren Steven Prine and his wife, Emily, Michael and his wife, Amanda Prine, Devin Lee Davis and Zachary Alan Davis; and great-grandchildren Sophia Prine, Ava Prine, Wyatt Prine and Gunnar Prine.

A memorial service will be held for Mary at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Anderson's Tribute Center.



Mary Prine

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Curtis Fehrs

Curtis Fehrs, 60, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, at PeaceHealth Southwest Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver, Wash. Curtis was born Sept. 3, 1954, in The Dalles, Ore., to Edward and Faye (Merrill) Fehrs.

After graduating from The Dalles High School, Curtis married Laura (Lucas) in Libby, Mont., on June 22, 1974. Throughout his life Curtis also resided in Cascade Locks, Ore., Stevenson, Wash., and Vancouver, Wash.

Curtis' profession was carpentry and some of his other interests included antiques, fishing, hunting and mushroom picking. He was a baptized member of Living Hope Church in Vancouver, Wash.

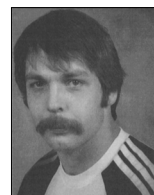
Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Faye Fehrs.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Fehrs; his daughters Kay Bloomquist and Kimberlee Fehrs; his sister, Laura Rush; and his brother, Daniel Fehrs. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service is scheduled for noon Saturday, Feb. 28, at Cascade Locks Cemetery, 86 WaNaPa St., Cascade Locks, Ore.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Ray Hickey Hospice House, 2112 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98661.

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Seedy Saturday scheduled at Rockford Grange March 14

Seedy Saturday is coming up. This is Rockford Community Grange's second annual Seed Exchange and Give-away, an opportunity to obtain (free) seeds from the Rockford Grange Seed Bank and other seed collections from local growers. We welcome any extra seeds you have to share (but not necessary), and we are especially interested in expanding our collection of native Mexican seed that may be acclimatized to our region.

Katrina Jerome from Grow Organic will demonstrate seed starting for new growers and give tips on improving germination, and the Master Gardeners will be running a plant clinic to help diagnose plant problems and share information about soil testing. All are welcome any time between 4-7 p.m., and are invited to stay for the Folklore Society's dance afterwards.

The Rockford Grange is located at 4250 Barrett Drive (next to Westside Fire Department). For more info please call 541-806-2344.



Photo by Aera Atkins

SCOTTY KIMBALL winnowing heirloom seed for the Rockford Grange Seed Bank.

First Book grants announced

On January 29, the Hood River First Book Advisory Board awarded the following grants to these literacy programs: Oregon Child Development Coalition (Migrant Head Start), \$1656 for 826 books for 212 children; Mid-Columbia Children's Council (Head Start), \$977 for 488 books to 127 children; Hood River Middle School, \$336 for 168 books to 28 youth; and Hood River Valley High School, \$156 for 78 books to 13 teen parents and their children.

Each student will get an average of 5 new books to keep for their personal use. The funds totaling \$3,125 were from the Hood River Lions Foundation Trust, United Way of the Columbia Gorge, and individual donations from the local community.

First Book/Hood River is a local community effort whose mission is to promote literacy by giving books to low income children (birth to 18 years) who have few books of their own. Often the children/youth are involved in selecting the books that they would enjoy reading.

First Book/Hood River is part of the national effort at www.firstbook.org. Last September the national First Book program made some changes to their literacy effort.

The organization is now called "Team First Book." Most of the national staff will work on awarding book grants and fundraising rather than working on developing new Advisory Boards.

Advisory Boards will now send funds to the national office when grants are awarded. Team First Book/Hood River will continue to operate under the assistance and approval of the national effort which is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

Instead of awarding book grants once a year as the Advisory Board has done since they started in 2000, the Board will be awarding book grants about four times a



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BOOKS stack up at Klahre House, thanks to Hood River First Book donation.

year. The next group of grants will be awarded in September 2015. To help with this local literacy effort, call Nancy Johanson Paul at 541-490-5330. Help is needed in writing grants, fundraising, and making presentations to local service groups and businesses.

Donations can be sent to Team First Book/Hood River PO Box 221 Hood River, Oregon 97031.

Roman Moretti, teacher at the Klahre House Alternative School wrote the following story after the school received a First Book grant in December 2014:

"At the Next Door Klahre House Alternative School, our students live in foster homes where they have minimal possessions, including books.

"Our small library, which consists of only six bookcases, allows students to borrow books; however, it is limited in its selection. Receiving grants from First Book has allowed our students the opportunity to choose their own books to keep forever. "Recently, the students

were allocated \$22 each to purchase books through First Book. Some students were able to buy more than a dozen books with that amount.

"One student in particular has greatly benefited from this grant. He has spent most of his life living in various foster homes and has been in treatment programs since the age of 11. Now at 16, he has a great passion for reading and writing.

"Currently, he is spending most of his free time developing and writing a full-length science fiction novel, often approaching his Language Arts teacher before class for feedback and suggestions for improvement.

"This student has very few possessions of his own, but thanks to our recent book grant, he has now added over a dozen new books to his personal library which will not only allow him to strengthen his reading and comprehension skills, but also provide additional inspiration and guidance for his own writing."

POLICE LOG

Feb. 9 to 22

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

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

Feb. 10 — May Street — Male reported possible abuse of his son.

Feb. 22 — E. Marina Drive, 1100 block — Officer dispatched to motel for possible domestic situation.

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

Feb. 12 — Hood River — Male cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana during a traffic stop.

Feb. 13 — Montello Avenue, 1200 block — Male subject in need of medical assistance and possible illegal drug activity reported.

Feb. 20 — Hood River — Hood River juvenile female cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

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

February 11 — Cascade Avenue, 2100 block — Salem male cited for disorderly conduct after reports that he parked in a parking lot with his pants off.

Feb. 13 — Belmont Avenue — Male cited and released for criminal mischief I and disorderly conduct II.

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

Feb. 22 — Katie's Lane, 800 block — Hood River male arrested for obstruction, resisting arrest and driving under the influence of intoxicants, and lodged at NORCOR.

Feb. 22 — Hood River — Hood River resident arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and lodged at NORCOR.

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

Feb. 10 — 12th Street, 1700 block — Juvenile female arrested on the charges of

identity theft, theft II and forgery II and lodged at NORCOR.

Feb. 14 — 12th Street, 1900 block — Counterfeit bill reported.

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

Feb. 9 — 12th Street, 1700 block — Hit and run reported.

Feb. 21 — Hood River — Three car non-injury motor vehicle crash reported.

Feb. 22 — Hood River — Milwaukie, Ore., resident arrested on the charge of misdemeanor driving while suspended and lodged at NORCOR.

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

Feb. 9 — Eugene Street, 2100 block — Hood River resident arrested on a probation violation and lodged at NORCOR.

Feb. 9 — Hood River — The Dalles resident arrested on two outstanding warrants out of Hood River Municipal Court and Klickitat County, and lodged at NORCOR.

Feb. 9 — Eugene Street — Possible violation of a court ordered no-contact order reported.

Feb. 12 — Cascade Avenue — Officers met with male about additional information he has supplied regarding a restraining order violation and other events.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

Feb. 9 — Prospect Avenue, 400 block — Two unlocked vehicles were unlawfully entered and items were taken.

Feb. 12 — A Street, 1500 block — Stolen bicycle reported.

Feb. 12 — Prospect Avenue, 400 block — Residential burglary reported. Suspect stole a pistol, camera, gaming units and other items.

Feb. 14 — Wasco Avenue, 2700 block — Cascade Locks resident cited and released

for theft III.

Feb. 18 — Sterling Place, 2000 block — Female cited for theft III after taking items belonging to a local center. She was also trespassed from the property.

Feb. 18 — Sterling Place, 2000 block — Theft III citations issued to a male and female for taking items from a donation area of a local center.

Feb. 20 — Sterling Place, 2000 block — Female cited for theft III after taking items from a donation area of a local center.

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■ **Sex offenses:**
None reported

■ **Other:**
Feb. 10 — Hood River — Found duffel bag turned in at the Hood River City Police Department.

Feb. 11 — Cascade Avenue, 2400 block — Unattended death reported.

Feb. 12 — Hull Street, 1000 block — Hood River male cited for violating municipal code 9.36.020 for discharging a Co2 BB gun within city limits.

Feb. 20 — State Street, 300 block — Lost black nylon briefcase reported.

Feb. 20 — Hood River — Hood River juvenile female cited for minor in possession of alcohol.



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