

# Obituaries

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## Doris Sharkey

Doris Euleta (Utley) Sharkey died on April 20, 2015, in Bend, Ore., from lymphoma (blood cancer). Doris was born April 11, 1927, the third child of Merrill Utley and Ethel (Waddle) Utley. She was born at home on the family farm near Blue Mound, Kansas, during the great Mississippi flood of 1927; the flooding creek there prevented the doctor from attending her birth. She resided on the family farm and began school near Blue Mound.

She moved with the Utley family to the Hood River Valley of Oregon when she was 10 years old. The family resided on Eastside Road where her father worked as orchard foreman for the Victor Thomsen Orchards and her mother seasonally sorted and packed fruit at Pine Grove. She attended Pine Grove Grade School and graduated from Hood River High School.

On June 18, 1949, she married Allan Sharkey at Parkdale, Ore. She and her growing family lived in Parkdale, Hood River, Springfield, The Dalles, Pendleton, Gresham, North Bend, and Bend, Ore., as they followed Allan's banking career.

She loved nurturing her family, outdoor adventure, camping, fishing, archeology, birdwatching, gardening, bingo, reading and card games. She was a good cook and perhaps the best pie maker this planet has ever produced.

Doris was preceded in death by her older siblings, Harlan and Lyndell; her younger sister, Lorraine; and her daughter Diane.

She is survived by her younger brother, Harold; her husband, Allan; sons David and Douglas; daughter Debra; grandson Rowan and great grandsons Austen and Dakota.

Doris loved flowers, but in lieu of flowers please consider a charitable contribution to the American Cancer Society, Beyond Toxics, Partners in Care (hospice in Bend, Ore.), or the National Audubon Society.

There will be a memorial gathering at Parkdale, Ore., on June 13.

## Richard (Dick) Semmes

Richard "Dick" Semmes passed away peacefully with his family by his side on April 12, 2015, after a long struggle with several tough bouts of cancer. Dick fought courageously and bravely for several years, never wanting to give up.

Dick grew up on the family homestead in North Yarmouth, Maine, primarily a dairy farm that they slowly converted to a horse riding school. He hunted, fished, rode horses and repaired old cars. Because of the values received from his parents he loved to work and build, which he considered his hobby and brought great satisfaction and enjoyment throughout his life.

After graduating with an engineering background Dick would travel the country for United Telephone installing telecommunications systems, the high-tech of its time. One such assignment led him to Hood River where he instantly fell in love with the mountains and the Columbia River. He decided to settle and would spend the next 35 years calling Hood River his home.

He brought with him his many hobbies, interests and work ethic; the Gorge was the perfect place to continue his

adventurous interests. He would become one of the founding members of the Hood River Yacht Club, building the first Yacht Clubhouse and starting the first sailing school in the Gorge in 1968 at the old marina. Co-owner of the first keelboat to call Hood River its homeport, his Santana 22 is still sailing the windy conditions of the Gorge today. His love for the ocean and sailing was passionate and would earn him the nickname "Skip" by family and friends. He designed courses and taught celestial navigation, built a 36-foot sailboat, logged numerous nautical miles off-shore and sailed for years in the San Juan Islands with his family.

An avid skier, he was one of the earliest members of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and a ski instructor at Cooper Spur Ski Area. The Cascade Mountains would hold a special place in his heart as he hiked the many trails and would summit many of its peaks.

He was best known by his family and friends for always having one or more projects going on at any one time, and was very handy and resourceful. Dick built a rustic cabin in Mount Hood from the wood of an old barn he salvaged and rebuilt several homes. His interests always kept him busy as he enjoyed tennis, photography, archery, and would always have a garden.

In 1993 Dick returned to Maine and began renovating an 1850s farmhouse in Round Pond. He met his life partner, Judy Ribeiro, and together they completed the building of their home, traveled the country in their RV, and spent the winter months in Fort Myers, Fla. Sailing continued to be a large part of their lives - adventures with friends in Europe and cruising the Maine Coast on one of Dick's numerous boats he purchased and renovated. He spent many fulfilling hours playing his guitars, striving to learn new jazz chords, his favorite music.

He made an impact on everyone he met, and will be missed.

He leaves his love and partner, Judy Ribeiro, of Round Pond, Maine, and his beloved families of Maine and Oregon. Donations in Dick's memory can be made to Skyline Farms, a nonprofit organization, P.O. Box 144, North Yarmouth, ME 04096.

A memorial remembrance will be celebrated this summer both in Maine and in Oregon. Donations in Dick's memory can be made to Skyline Farms, a nonprofit organization, P.O. Box 144, North Yarmouth, ME 04096.

## Marie Murphy

Marie Murphy, 96, of Heppner, Ore., died Sunday, April 26, 2015, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Hood River, Ore.

She was born March 10, 1920, at Portland, Ore., the daughter of William and Grace Seargent Trece. Her early married years were spent on a ranch in Northern Okanogan Valley, Wash., as well as the Havillah area where they lived and raised their family.

Survivors include her daughter, Jo Meligan, of Heppner, Ore.; a son, David Wildermuth, of Oroville, Wash.; stepdaughters Beverly Thomas, of White Salmon, Wash., and Betty Paddock, of Hood River; Bonnie Simpson and stepson Leonard Murphy of Portland, Oregon. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, John Murphy; her parents and

three brothers and two sisters, also preceding her were three of her five children, Clarence Wildermuth, Norman Wildermuth and Edna Tessman; and three grandchildren: Marcia Jo Meligan, Clarence Wildermuth and Cynthia Ann Deming.

Remembrances may be sent to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

## Donald McClain

On March 22, 1928, in the little Oregon town of Cove, a son by the name of Donald Lee McClain was born to Lee

Andrew McClain and Daisy Brashers. Shortly after they made their way to the Hood River Valley and settled in Parkdale. Donald made Parkdale his home for much of his life.

In April 1946 he decided to serve his country and entered the army where he was a toxic gas handler and received a World War II victory medal. In November 1948 his service was cut short when his father got hurt and he had to return home to tend to the family farm.

Donald started his career as a timber faller and gave over 45 years to the timber industry. He finally fell in love and married Susan Dougharty. Susan had three sons: Shad, Brian and Sam. The couple had a daughter together and named her Nancy Dawnell.

Donald had a love for the outdoors, spending his leisure time hunting and fishing.

He was married a second time, this time to Geraldine Floyd. This marriage blessed him with a stepdaughter, Marla. The couple moved to Rufus, Oregon. Donald enjoyed watching the local sports teams and westerns on TV. On April 18, 2015, we lost Donald while he was in the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore.

Donald was preceded in death by both his parents, his sister Oneida Bonnett, and wife Geraldine.

He is survived by his daughter Dawnell Espersen and her husband, Ken; stepdaughter Marla Davies and husband Rich; stepsons Brian and Sam Belander, Shad and wife Stephanie Shibahara; cousins Jim and Virginia McClain and nephews David, Raymond and Stanley Chaffin. Donald will be greatly missed by his family and countless friends.

With Donald's love for the outdoors, his daughter is planning to make a donation to a conservation group on his behalf. If you would like to contribute to this fund please contact Dawnell at 541-352-6479.

Services for Donald will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

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 anderson-tributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

## Death Notice

### Sam Pobanz

Sam Pobanz, 95, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in Portland, Ore. Sam was born May 3, 1919.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's



## STROLL AND SWIM

On a recent Sunday morning on marina beach, dogs and their master, and a Canada goose and her brood seemed unconcerned with each other.

Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

## Community Resiliency Programs continue May 2

Stevenson Grange 121's 2015 Community Resiliency Programs continue with a Walk-In Plant Clinic given by the Central Gorge Chapter of the OSU Master Gardeners (Hood River) and a Seed and Plant Swap, on Saturday, May 2, from 12 to 3 p.m., in the Stevenson Community Library Gallery.

Bring questions, plants, or samples of plant problems and ask the Master Gardeners for

answers and solutions. Attendees are asked to bring the whole plant, if possible, or enough of the plant so that identification of any problem is made easier.

The Seed and Plant Swap will take place concurrently with the Plant Clinic.

Participants who cannot attend the 3-hour period can bring their seeds and plants to the library before noon and are asked to pick up any remaining

at 3 p.m. All those who have seeds and plants to swap are asked to leave a card with the name of the seeds and/or plants, and a contact number for any questions.

This Community Resiliency Program is co-sponsored by the Stevenson Community Library and Stevenson Grange 121. Call Mary Repar, Grange Master, at 509-427-7153 or e-mail repar@saw.net for more information.

## Mad Hatters Tea Party benefits Opportunity Connections

"I'm LATE, I'm LATE, for a very important date! Read the DIRECTIONS and DIRECTLY you will be DIRECTED in the right DIRECTION!"

The fifth annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a benefit for Opportunity Connections, is about to begin! Inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic story "Alice in Wonderland," tea will be served at the elegant Columbia Gorge Hotel in Hood River, accompanied by delicious canapés, cakes and sandwiches. The mad Hatter, Alice, and the White Rabbit, along with Lewis Carroll, will mingle with guests in their

best tea-time attire.

You can take part in a game of lawn croquet with the pink flamingos and try your chance at Alice's cakewalk. Silent auctions of treasures and raffles offered for your enjoyment.

There will be a hat and attire contest, along with something new — a themed "Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest for all enthusiasts ranging from children to professionals.

Tea time is 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Opportunity Connections website, Facebook or call

Katie Maple at 541-386-3520 ext. 7003. Tickets are \$25 and on sale at Klints and Waucoma book stores.

"Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest entrants will compete for four \$100 cash prizes.

The Alice in Wonderland-themed cake decorating contest will have four categories with cash prizes open to all ages and abilities, ranging from children five years of age up to professionals. The cakes are sure to add more imagination to this already storybook afternoon.

## POLICE LOG

### April 20 to 26

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

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

April 21 — Hood River — Female reported multiple domestic assault situations that had occurred in the past.

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

April 26 — Hood River — The Dalles resident arrested on the charges of possession of methamphetamine, tampering with physical evidence and a probation detainer out of Wasco County, and lodged at NORCOR.

April 26 — Second Street, 100 block — Cook-Underwood male arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

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

None reported

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

April 21 — State Street, 300 block — Hood River resident arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

April 22 — Hood River — Hood River resident arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

April 25 — Hood River — White Salmon resident arrested for driving under the

influence of alcohol.

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

April 21 — 12th Street, 1400 block — Forgery reported.

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

April 20 — Cascade Avenue — Officer responded to a non-injury motor vehicle accident.

April 21 — Fifth Street, 1100 block — Hit and run reported.

April 21 — Second Street, 100 block — Hit and run reported.

April 22 — May Street, 3100 block — Hit and run reported.

April 22 — Wasco Street, 2700 block — Male reported being hit by a vehicle in a parking lot.

April 24 — State Street near Second Street — Officer dispatched to a two-car, non-injury motor vehicle crash.

April 24 — E. Marina Way, 1000 block — Hit and run reported.

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

April 21 — Railroad Street, 100 block — Officer made contact with a male.

April 25 — Belmont Avenue, 1700 block — Hood River resident arrested on two valid felony warrants and for resisting arrest.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

April 22 — 13th Street, 1300 block — Employees reported illegal dumping in their trash containers.

April 24 — Rachel Way, 3300 block — Bicycle theft reported.

April 26 — Montello Avenue, 1000 block — Hood River resident reported the vandalism, break in and theft of items from an art studio.

■ **Sex offenses:**

April 23 — Hood River — Sexual assault reported.

■ **Other:**

April 22 — Hood River — Resident reported concerns over an ex's behavior.

April 22 — Second Street, 200 block — Hood River resident reported a lost or stolen purse.

April 24 — First Street and Oak Street — Littering reported.

April 25 — Marina Beach — Officer dispatched to a shots fired call.

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