

Obituaries

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Neal Lamanna

Neal Michael Lamanna, of Lake Oswego, Ore., died peacefully on Friday, June 12, 2015, surrounded by friends and family, following a windsurfing incident on the Oregon coast. Details on the service and celebration gathering are pending — see www.anewtradition.com/obituaries/obituary/11562 for updates in the coming days. A later celebration will be held in the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon/Washington with extended family and friends.

Neal was born in Warwick, R.I., to Angelo and Miriam Lamanna on Nov. 8, 1957. He graduated from Warren High School in 1975 and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, summa cum laude, from Roger Williams University, with a minor in yacht design. His first mechanical engineering position was with Cape Dorey Yachts in Massachusetts. Then he moved to Sikorsky Helicopter in Stratford, Conn., where he met and easily became lifelong friends with Kai Baker. Later, they would perform best-man duties in each of their weddings. Already an accomplished windsurfer from his days growing up near Narragansett Bay, his love of the wind and water resulted in the founding of a windsurfing school with friends Tim and Roseanne Clough in about 1987. Neal spent his free time racing and competing in freestyle events and sailing short boards, always ahead of the herd in the sport.

It was at this time that he met and then on Sept. 23, 1989, married Ann-Marie and became a devoted husband and stepfather to her children, Bryan and Deanna DiGiovanni.

A visit to the Pacific Northwest in 1990 set in motion a move to the Columbia River Gorge for Neal and Ann-Marie's family, and soon thereafter they set down roots in White Salmon, Wash. Landing a position at Daimler Trucks, North America in Portland, Ore., the family and especially Neal were able to enjoy all the sports the area offers. On any given weekend, you'd find him windsurfing in the Gorge or on the Oregon coast, snow-skiing, white-water kayaking, biking, hiking, golfing, camping and spending time with his family and large circle of friends. He loved playing his guitar at gatherings and making up new ditties (including "Tiki Time") to entertain his friends.

In recent years, as a part of a group of six couples, Neal and Ann-Marie found an extended family in Kai and Shana, Sue and Rick, Richie and Kelly, Johan and Michele and Mischel and Randy. As a group they shared fun activities such as skiing trips, windsurfing, beach trips to Oceanside and celebrations of all types.

Neal is survived by his wife, Ann-Marie; her children, Bryan and Deanna, and his beloved granddaughter Bella; parents, Angelo and Miriam Lamanna; sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and James Celletti; brother and his life-partner, Michael Lamanna and Linda Senechal, and Michael's children Brianne and Amy; brother and sister-in-law,

Richard and Brenda Jean Lamanna, and their children Corey, Nathan and Evan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association and Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Ore., in honor of his Bella-boo for their amazing care. Neal, we love you and will miss you every day! Sail on!

Thomas St. John

Thomas Harry St. John died peacefully on June 8, 2015, while sitting on the deck of his home watching the sunset. He was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Wilmette, Ill., to parents William and Jean (Pierce) St. John. His mother died when Tom was 6 years old and Tom learned the value of independence that would serve him well throughout his life.

Tom joined the Navy in 1950 and served during the Korean War. He was a sonar operator aboard the ships USS Meredith DD 890, USS Earl K. Olsen DE 765, and USS Redpoll AMS 57. Tom was trained in other areas as well, and it was not unusual for him to take the helm from time to time. He was also a boxer for the Navy and won several bouts. Throughout the remainder of his life, Tom took great pride in having served in the Navy. He never hid the tears that came when he heard Anchors Aweigh or the Navy Hymn.

Following the war, in 1954, Tom moved to California where he became a member of the Teamsters and drove trucks for 52 years.

Tom met Marla Redding when they both sang in the choir at the United Methodist Church in Wrightwood, Calif. They married in 1980 and just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on May 17, 2015.

Tom put his wife through chiropractic school and following her graduation they went in search of a practice to buy. They were delighted to find Hood River and took over the business in 1992. They have lived in Mosier and Bingen before moving to Parkdale.

With that move, Tom retired from trucking and moved into his hobby of wood-working. He was talented in both fine hand-crafted items such as fountain pens, candle holders and antler earrings to heavy construction. Tom could be found helping friends with a variety of projects such as replacing dry-rot beams or repairing antique rocking chairs.

When Marla was between office workers, she asked Tom if he could come in to the office "a couple of days" and so began 15 years of Tom serving as the friendly face of the front office at Hood River Chiropractic Center. He loved to visit with people, which was the saving grace that allowed this active man to be willing to sit at a desk for hours in a day.

Tom loved animals and had a soft spot for rescue dogs. Most of the dogs were constant companions, even having their own special spot in the office.

Tom is survived by his wife, Marla. He is also survived by daughters Jean Douglas and Tommi Charlene Crohen, sons Brit, Ken, and Chris, all of New York state, and son Richey of California.

A memorial service for Tom will be held at the Riverside Community Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 26. Memorials may be given to Home At Last pet rescue in The Dalles.

Bloodmobile comes to Bonneville on July 9

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood in the weeks surrounding Independence Day to help ensure a sufficient blood supply now and throughout the summer.

The next Bloodmobile visit to the mid-Columbia

will be July 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bonneville Lock and Dam, Bonneville Lock and Dam, west of Cascade Locks.

Many summer activities, such as vacations and travel, cause frequent blood donors to be less available to give during

the summer. However, hospital patients still depend on volunteer donors to receive lifesaving transfusions — the need for blood does not get a vacation.

Eligible donors are encouraged to choose their day to make a difference. Donors of all blood types

— especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative — are needed. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Neil Lamanna



FALLS TIMES TWO

The June 20 Community Education hike is a "two in one". Guide Ed Walston says hikers will do Umbrella Falls first, then Tamanawas falls "for dessert. Both are south of Parkdale. Umbrella Falls has medium elevation gain 800 feet, 4.4 miles. Tamanawas Falls is an easy hike, 3.8 miles round trip, 500 foot elevation gain. Departure time is 8:30 a.m., meet at the Coe Primary building, off Eugene Street at 10th, 8:20 a.m. with food, water, cameras, \$3 for Community Ed and gas money for drivers. No dogs for this hike.

Photo by Diana Beterbide

'Mammoth Endeavors' June 27



THE ROWENA INCIDENT mural depicts a herd of Columbian mammoths fleeing the approaching Missoula Flood waters. The mural is part of the Ice Age exhibit at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Artist Stev Ominski will conduct a workshop on "Drawing a Mammoth" Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 1-5 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. program with archaeologist Gary Kleinknecht on the Coyote Canyon Dig. www.gorgediscovery.org.

Photo contributed by Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

Take a trip through the Ice Age during Mammoth Endeavors, Saturday, June 27 at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive in The Dalles.

The event features a drawing workshop from 1-5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and an evening program at 7 p.m. with archaeologist Gary Kleinknecht.

Session 1 from 1-5 p.m. will focus on "Drawing a Mammoth." This is an ice age drawing/painting workshop with artist and instructor Stev Ominski. It's a perfect class for beginners or those who don't yet know they can draw. Utilizing the mammoth as the basic design, this class will lead you through some simple drawing exercises to better learn how to "see" a particular subject that you would like

to be able to draw. Most importantly, bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to give it a try. Ominski promises it will be relatively painless.

Ominski is the artist who painted "The Rowena Incident" mural of Columbian mammoths fleeing the Missoula floods located in the ice age exhibit at the Discovery Center.

The culture a la carte dinner at 6 p.m. features hazelnut encrusted salmon, spring asparagus, and nut and berry pilaf with cherry pie for dessert.

Session 2 begins at 7 p.m., with a program on the Coyote Canyon Ice Age Dig with archaeologist Gary Kleinknecht. He will talk about the discovery of fossilized remains of a Columbian mammoth in

November 1999, near present-day Kennewick, Washington. The mammoth skeleton has been dated at 17,450 years, about 8,000 years before Kennewick Man.

"The purpose of the dig is to get a record of life, which will reflect climate," said Gary Kleinknecht, educational director for the research foundation and a social studies teacher at Kamiakin High in Kennewick.

Drawing a Mammoth workshop is \$65 for non-members, \$55 for members. The ticket price includes the workshop, dinner and the evening program. Dinner and program only is \$20.

For information or tickets, phone (541) 296-8600 ext. 201, or visit www.gorgediscovery.org.

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Service Announcements

Dorothy Radliff

Dorothy Radliff, 95, passed away June 17, 2015, at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital in Hood River, Ore. Dorothy was born Aug. 3, 1919.

A memorial service will be held for Dorothy at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Hood River Valley Christian

Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River.

Arrangements 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.

Terry Smith

A memorial service for Terrance (Terry) Smith will be held June 27 at 2 p.m. in the Riverview Room at the Best Western Hood River Inn.

Terry passed away March 9, 2015, at his home in Mount Hood/Parkdale, Ore. Terry was a lover of ani-

mals and memorial donations may be made to the Hukari Animal Shelter in Odell, Ore.; the Oregon Humane Society and also to Heart of Hospice, who provided excellent care for Terry the last two weeks of his life.

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