

Obituaries

Paid Notices

Lee Williams

George Lee Williams II was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Aug. 23, 1953, to Wilson McCleary Williams and Carolyn Rae Cornielson. Lee was the oldest of three, an only son with a mischievous grin and a competitive streak. He was born an exquisitely kind and sensitive soul.

During his childhood and adolescence, he discovered adventure on the shores of Lake Michigan at Camp Leelanua, during an epic road trip through Central and South America with his family, and along the wooded trails of Queeny Park near Principia Upper School.

He became a cross country and track star in high school with the help of coaches Jack Eyerly and Bill Simon. Running unleashed Lee's potential and helped him touch the hem of his best self. He preached running to whom ever would listen, especially the captive audience of his children. It was the gateway to adventure and connection, the solution to every problem.

Lee married and divorced two powerful women, having six children with the first and running dozens of marathons all over the world with



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the second. His list of athletic and professional accomplishments are long, but his most significant contribution — the arena where he left his indelible mark — was as a dad. When his kids found themselves in some rough seas, he kept the family afloat and steered the ship into a safe harbor. He let each one of them know that he loved them completely.

Lee taught his children kindness, humility and how to make things right after they made mistakes or hurt one another. He worked to make sure no one got left behind — in life or when crossing the Grand Canyon or hiking through the Paria Canyon.

He wanted to leave the world a better place than he found it. This allowed him to persevere and even thrive following his diagnosis of early onset dementia in 2014. We've never seen anyone face down dementia with more grace and humility. The last 18 months of his life were spent at Brookside Manor in Hood River, Ore.,

where he brought the inner courtyard garden back to life and kept the bird feeders stocked with nectar and seeds. He danced, marched in local parades and even started a walking group. He died surrounded by his children, grandchildren and so much love.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lee's name to Camp Leelanua or Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation for Brookside Manor (C/O Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031).

A small service will be held in Hood River at the end of January and close family and friends will gather together at the Grand Canyon later this year.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

POLICE LOG

Dec. 29 to Jan. 4
All calls were responded to within the City of Hood River.

Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:

Dec. 31 — Eugene Street — Officers responded to a report of a possible domestic. The male subject fled the scene before the officers arrival (harassment/threats).

Controlled substance violations (non-DUII):

Jan. 3 — Wasco Avenue, 2700 block — Theft reported. Upon conclusion of the call, a Heppner, Ore., resident was arrested for theft III and possession of methamphetamine.

Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:

Jan. 2 — Sieverkropp Drive, 900 block — Criminal mischief reported.

Jan. 3 — Nina Lane, 500 block — Possible car prowl reported.

Driving under the influence of intoxicants:

Dec. 29 — Hood River — A resident female was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. A subsequent breath test yielded a blood alcohol content (BAC) twice the legal limit.

Dec. 29 — Cascade Avenue, 3100 block — Non-resident male arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The male refused to provide a breath sample. A subsequent warrant was requested and granted for two vials of his blood. After obtaining two vials of his blood, he was lodged at NORCOR.

Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:

Dec. 21 — Hood River — A single vehicle, non-injury traffic crash was reported.

Jan. 2 — Hood River — Non-injury traffic collision reported. One of the involved parties received a traffic citation for being at fault.

Jan. 4 — Hood River — A vehicle was towed due to the driver having suspended driving privileges through the State of Oregon, the vehicle being uninsured and the hazardous positioning of the vehicle on the roadway.

Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:

Dec. 30 — Oak Street, 1300 block — Female arrested on an outstanding warrant issued out of Multnomah County. She was lodged at NORCOR.

Jan. 3 — Eugene Street, 1800 block — Hood River resident arrested on three valid criminal warrants.

Theft, burglary or robbery:

Dec. 30 — Henderson Road, 800 block — Theft of a package from a front porch reported.

Other:

Dec. 29 — Oak Street, 200 block — Male cited for public urination after urinating on a downtown business.

Dec. 31 — Second Street, 200 block — A ladder was brought into the police department. It had fallen off a truck a few days earlier and had not been picked up.

Jan. 1 — Hood River — Juvenile male cited for minor in possession of alcohol and minor in possession of marijuana.

Jan. 2 — 12th Street, 800 block — An intoxicated, combative male was reported by family members. The male was refusing medical assistance at the entrance to the emergency room. The man was found to be in pre-trial release with no consumption of intoxicants.

Jan. 3 — Prospect Avenue — A Hood River resident was placed on a peace officer mental hold after it was deemed the individual was incapable of proper self-care.

Jan. 3 — Fifth Street, 1700 block — Officer made phone contact with a Hood River resident regarding dogs at large.

Jan. 4 — Sixth Street, 1700 block — Found wallet reported.

THIS MONTH AT HRVAC

Hood River Valley Adult Center gives thanks

"What a fantastic year we had at the center," said Hood River Valley Adult Center Executive Director Amy Mallett in a monthly newsletter. "This is the time of year that I get to give thanks to everyone who contributed in a myriad of different ways, all with the common goal of continuing the good work the center is doing."

"Most of you have heard me say it before: Our team, in my opinion, is the best team I have ever worked with. From staff to board, everyone is dedicated to the growth of our center and to offering the best service possible. It isn't always easy, and I am not always easy on them, but I trust each of them and in return, they make everything possible."

Mallett also recognized the center's volunteers and community partners.

"...The dedication all of our volunteers give to our mission is incredible," said Mallett. "As a small non-profit with a very large mission to accomplish, we could not succeed without every single one of them."

She continued, "All the community support we have

and are still receiving from individuals, businesses, other non-profits and foundations has shown us that the effort we are putting forth is what our community wants, and it stokes the fire in all of us to continue to build on what we have, for the betterment of our community as a whole."

The center is seeking volunteers for its Meals on Wheels program. Meals on Wheels drivers deliver food and friendly visits to homebound adults, helping them to live independently and with dignity at home, according to a press release. For more information, call 541-436-0893.

Beginning in January, the HRVAC's thrift store has a change in its operating schedule. The store will now be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In March, the store will go back to its regular Tuesday through Saturday schedule. Those with questions regarding the types of items accepted for donation should call the thrift store directly at 541-436-0891.



File photo by Trisha Walker

HRVAC'S thrift shop will operate under new hours for January and February, returning to its regular schedule in March.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Chess Club starts

Every Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m., the Hood River Valley Chess Club meets at the Hood River County Library, located at 502 State St.

"Exercise creative and problem-solving skills, improve memory and maybe even grow your brain with the newly formed Hood River Valley Chess Club," said a press release. "Both drop-in and instructional, the club invites all members of the community, ages 7 and over, to enjoy the benefits of playing the Game of Kings."

The group meets in the library's Makerspace; all supplies are provided. The club will run through March 17.

Master Gardener applications due Friday

Applications for the Oregon State University Extension Central Gorge Master Gardener classes are being accepted through Friday, Jan. 10.

The program allows gardeners of all levels and abilities the opportunity to learn and grow with other like minded gardeners, and classes are designed to be informative and interactive.

Classes are scheduled on Wednesday evenings and occasional Saturdays from Jan. 22 through April 4 and are held at the Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River.

Class topics will include Botany, Firewise Landscaping,

Entomology, Healthy Soils, Vertebrate Pest Management, Vegetable Gardening, Growing Berries, Herbaceous Ornamental Plants and more. Classes are taught by OSU instructors, experienced Master Gardeners and local experts.

Completed applications for the 2020 Master Gardener class series must be received by Jan. 10. Applications are available by contacting Megan Wickersham at 2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River, or 541-386-3343 x38257.

Native plants now available to order

Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District is again hosting its native plant sale and is currently taking or-

ders. This year, HRSWCD has added pollinator plants to its sale.

Visit www.hoodriverswcd.org to download an order form and gather information on plant species and site suitability. Plants are 1-2 year, bare root seedlings around 12-18 inches tall and are ready to be planted. Conifers are for sale for \$1.75 each and deciduous trees and shrubs are for sale for \$2.75 each. Purchases will be available for pick up on Friday and Saturday, April 3-4.

For more information or guidance when making your selection, call Kris at 541-386-4588 or stop by the Hood River office, located at 3007 Experiment Station Road.

MARRIAGE PERMITS

December 2019

Trevor Andrew Drvodelic Jr., 32, and Erica Andrea Buckner, 37, both of Grove-town, Ga., on Dec. 2.

Abraham Macias Ramirez, 22, and Julie Anay Rincon Fuentes, 18, both of Hood River, on Dec. 6.

René Dubois Furan, 25, of Yakima, and Emily Kaye Black, 29, of Stevenson, on Dec. 9.

Nichole Celia Vella, 43, and Dylan Tonnucci Zwicker, 35, both of Portland, on Dec. 13.

Danielle Neysa Green, 30,

and Zachary Taylor Allen Stearns, 29, both of Hood River, on Dec. 20.

Stephany Itjem Starr, 27, and Allison Kari Moore, 33, both of Wasco, on Dec. 20.

Misty Dawn Smyer, 33, and Mark Sean Driscoll, 43, both of Yakima, on Dec. 30.

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