

OAR from 1A

Other correspondants lived in areas like Mapleton and Glenada, and sent their articles to The Oar.

"My mom did everything, from the writing to the linotype, and my dad Carroll, my uncle Leland, who also went by Pete, and my uncle Wayne were the main people on staff," Grimm said.

The process to put out a paper then was long. Some of their duties were placing the type for the linotype printer, folding newspapers and running the printer.

The typesetting was done by hand, with individual letters, characters and spaces, or used "lines of type," where linotype got its name. Making the linotype involved heating the metal over a wood stove, melting it down and pouring it into molds. "I got to put the type away in the individual letters," Grimm said. "I helped my uncle Wayne put the type back where it belonged after he had written, or even put all the letters into the story or article."

She remembers certain smells from being around the whole process.

"You could smell the ink,

and the metal when it was being melted for the linotype.

You could smell that hot metal, the ink and the paper. You could really smell the print," she said.

The family worked the necessary long hours to tell the stories the Siuslaw region needed to know.

"Coffee started early in the morning, and Jim Beam too," Grimm said.

When she was in high school, she got to help on the printing press. Before then, she mainly helped folding the printed pages and helping put type away.

"It was just fascinating. I loved being there," she said. "I never seemed to be bored. ... I liked being a part of a family business, being there and being involved."

She remembered men like Del and Wally and Steve Hart, a high school student who wrote stories for the paper and helped in the newsroom. Hart's death by drowning in Munsel Lake impacted the atmosphere

of the paper.

"The stories I remember are the tragedies," Grimm said. "Or stories with the harbor. ... I don't know if I paid so much attention to what was going on in town. I was focused on the paper.



Carroll James Morgan

It was like home."

The Oar's building was on the corner of what is now Kingwood and Bay streets in Old Town.

"The newspaper was the main thing on there. You could look out the window and see the dunes, without all the grass. The river was right across the street from the paper and you could watch the bridge open and close. It's where we did everything, right there," Grimm said. "I think The Oar was

really family-operated, and very few other people worked at it. It was really an experience."

Not much changed over the years. Grimm remembers that Morgans purchased an electric typewriter and an offset press in the later years.

Although M.D. wanted his whole family to follow in his footsteps, Dave Holman purchased the newspaper in 1960 and changed the name to The Siuslaw News.

"I would have followed the footsteps of the newspaper folks, but everything kind of changed when the paper sold. Instead I went into social work, which is totally different," Grimm said.

She still has ties to the Florence area. She missed the Siuslaw High School reunion this year, but she still plans to visit in October.

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These photos of a newspaperman working are of Corinne "Corky" Grimm's father, Carroll James Morgan, who was the son of M.D. Morgan, founder of The Siuslaw Oar. Above, Morgan works on the newspaper's linotype, which the paper purchased in the early 1940s. Left, he melts metal in a pot over a wood burning stove at the original Oar building. These photos were likely taken in the late 1940s or early 1950s, Grimm said.

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PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

President Barack Obama has issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, 2014. In his Proclamation, he states: "Among American men, prostate cancer is both the second most commonly diagnosed cancer (behind skin cancer) and the second leading cause of cancer deaths (behind lung cancer). Although prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates have declined over the past two decades, in 2014 alone, an estimated 233,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with the illness, and almost 30,000 men will die from this disease. During National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, we remember those lost to prostate cancer, offer our support to patients and their families, and highlight our commitment to better prevention, detection, and treatment methods."

Us TOO Florence, the local on-call-365-days-per-year Prostate Cancer Education and Support Chapter, is celebrating National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month by having prostate cancer information available on most weekends in September at the Florence Boardwalk Market, thanks to the Boardwalk Market Board of Directors.

Us TOO Florence includes participants from Yachats, North Bend, Coos Bay, Bandon, Langlois, Mapleton plus Florence and nearby local communities. Rarely does a month go by that one or more men, newly diagnosed with prostate cancer, aren't welcomed to their first ever Us TOO Florence meeting. Since 2001, over 160 local men have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and nearly 30 of them have died from the disease.

Us TOO Florence participants know early detection before symptoms develop (asymptomatic) is the key to survival. Prostate cancer that is diagnosed after

symptoms have developed (symptomatic) doesn't have a very good cure record, in spite of the recent advances in treatment of advanced prostate cancer. These advances are able to extend life with a decent quality, but none of them are able to provide the knock-out punch.

Us TOO Florence has over 20 Personal Prostate Cancer Journey binders placed throughout Florence and reaches an even wider audience with its www.ustoooflorence.org website. The binders and website both contain, in addition to other information, the personal journeys of men diagnosed with prostate cancer who describe their experiences from diagnosis through treatment. Simply go to the website, click on Personal Journeys and then the name of one of the men to read his Journey. They are listed according to the treatment(s) they received.

Us TOO Florence's MISSION is to help men and their families make informed decisions about prostate cancer detection and treatment (or no treatment) through support, education and advocacy. Our mission is NOT to tell men and their families "what" to do. It IS to provide all the information men and their families need to make their own informed decision and then support them in their choice.

Us TOO Florence has the invaluable presence of Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff at our evening meetings and Urologist Dr. Doug Hoff at our lunch meetings. Dr. Mehlhaff has been meeting with us for 10 years and Dr. Hoff for 3. Come with questions – leave with answers.

Us TOO Florence welcomes spouses and other family members in support of their man.

- Check out our Personal Prostate Cancer Journeys, slideshows and other information on our website.
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Us TOO Florence has two monthly meetings for your convenience:

- **Tuesday Evening Group (2nd Tuesday)**
5-7 p.m. - Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw
Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff attends.
- **Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday)**
12 noon – 1:00 p.m. – Kozy Kitchen
Urologist Dr. Douglas Hoff attends.

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