

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

SNEDDON — Geralean (Gerry) Sneddon passed away April 22, 2016.



Geralean Sneddon

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 14, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Florence Christian Church (Second and Ivy streets) in Florence.

Friends are invited to join the family immediately following the service at the church. A graveside interment will be at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway, Ore., on Saturday, May 28, at 11 a.m.

Online obituary and condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAMS — Mitchel DeWayne Williams, 56, of Mapleton, Ore., passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 7, 2016.

He was bigger than life, a man with honor and high principles; he loved his family,

fishing, God and country. Mitch's mother and father lived in Mapleton at the time of his birth on Dec. 15, 1959.



Mitchel Williams

Mitch always said he had not gone far in life as his dream home for the past 14 years was located just a mile up river. His family moved to Florence where he attended school until high school, when they moved to Zillah to help his grandparents on their family farm.

He was student body president, played football and was on the wrestling team. He graduated from Zillah High School in 1978. Mitch felt strong ties to classmates at both Zillah and Siuslaw and regularly attended class reunions for both schools.

After graduation, he moved back to Florence and married Kimberly Holden in 1983, and had two children.

He met the love of his life, Elaine, and her three boys, in

1989. They raised their children together as one big happy family and were married in 1994 in a ceremony on the Sternwheeler on the Siuslaw River.

He was a commercial fisherman for many years, worked at American Laminators in Swishome and was owner and operator of Mitch Williams Construction for the past 20 years.

Mitch was proud of his family; it was his world.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; and his five children: Whitney of Florence, Wade (Kirsten) of Mapleton, Jacob (Bryndie) of McMinnville, Jeffery (Bari) of Springfield, Joseph (Jessica) of Oakridge, and Drew Holden (Brooke) of Portland; his father, Wendell, of Zillah, Wash.; a sister, Maryann; nephews Logan and Brady of Granger, Wash.; his brother, Guy; his nieces: Morgan and Lydia; his nephew Rafe of Kooskia, ID; and nieces Lindsey, Leanna and Tronda.

He and Elaine shared nine incredible grandchildren: Chase, Tanner and Brylie

(Jacob and Bryndie), Chandler and Kian (Jeff and Bari), Kylie, Emmalee and Spencer (Joey and Jessica), and Jordan (Whitney).

There were literally hundreds of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and thousands of friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Brenda, in 2001; and his brothers, Douglas and Gregory, in 2008.

A celebration of life will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, May 14.

Gifts and contributions can be made in his name to Mapleton STEP and Mapleton Fireworks Fund.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HATCH — Don "Joey" Hatch, 77, of Florence, passed away May 8, 2016.

Arrangements are being held through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 3	60	52	0.05
May 4	56	50	0.10
May 5	59	49	0.00
May 6	65	41	0.00
May 7	62	45	0.00
May 8	60	49	0.00
May 9	61	44	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.15"
Month: 0.15" Year: 36.58"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

Deadlines for press releases and news items are Mondays and Thursdays at noon.
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Rhody Express announces special Rhody Days hours

Don't miss the 2016 Rhododendron Festival festivities from May 20 to 22.

The Rhody Express will operate its regular hours and route on Friday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fares are \$1 one-way or \$2 all day.

For those wanting to experience the night life during the Rhody Festival, the Rhody Express is a safe and convenient way to get you from Bay Street to any lodging within the city limits free of charge from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, May 20 and 21.

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Second Saturday Gallery Tour set to inspire

Enjoy the Second Saturday Gallery Tour on Saturday, May 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. This self-guided tour, from Old Town to the 101 Uptown Region, inspires locals and visiting tourists alike and reinforces Florence as an ever-evolving arts destination.

More than 13 organizations will be participating on the tour, including: Kenneth B Art Studios, showing Giuliano Marchetti and Gigi Lissan works in a show titled "PICT.up.ART;" Siuslaw

Public Library in Florence is hosting its Hang it All show featuring an animals theme; continuing the 20th year celebrations for the Florence Events Center is the Dancing with Sea Lions GeoCache event; new works are up at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) by its member artists; and Amanda McCreia is the Artist of the Month at Old Town Coffee Roasters.

The gallery tour begins at any of the participating locations.

For more information, visit 2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com.

Florence Food Share Monthly Statistics April 2016

Households served 629

Ages served

Infants 59
Children 3-12 248
Teens 13-17 157
Adults 18-54 790
Seniors 55+ 453

Total served 1,707
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