

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**GOFF**—Shirlene “Sam” Elois Goff, 71, of Florence, passed away Oct. 9, 2016, at RiverBend Hospital in Springfield, Ore., after suffering a sudden heart attack.

Sam was born Aug. 28, 1945, in San Diego, Calif., to Otis and Elois Thompson. After graduation, she married Maurice Goff and they had a son, Maurice Goff III, who died in infancy. They later divorced and she moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where she worked for the school district in the food service and maintenance departments. It was there that she met Alice Cooke, who introduced her to her son, Rick Lewis — who became the love of Sam’s life.

She and Rick had 34 wonderful years together; they were like two peas in a pod and loved every minute of it. In the early years, they lived on a houseboat in the Portland, Ore., area.

Then, on a weekend getaway in 1982, they discovered Florence and fell in love with the town and its surroundings. They returned to Portland, sold their houseboat and moved to Florence within a matter of months.

It was a move they counted as a true blessing from day one. They bought a cozy log house they called their “cabin in the woods” and settled right into

their “little slice of heaven.” They both loved the outdoors and made use of every opportunity to go fishing, hiking, crabbing, mushrooming, beachcombing and hunting.

Sam got her first job in Florence at Mo’s Restaurant. When it burned down and was rebuilt, she returned and continued working there for many years — first as a waitress and later as assistant manager. It was during those early years that she and Rick met the family of Glen and Susan Weathers, their son Ned Hickson and Susan’s mother, Chris Pringle.

They became friends and family for life, celebrating all occasions together from Super Bowls to the the birth of grandchildren. Sam never forgot a birthday, anniversary or opportunity to send a card to say “thank you,” or just make someone smile.

She loved music of all kinds but her favorite was rock; she could answer any trivia question on the subject.

Over the years, she had many creative interests, such as pottery, jewelry making, leather crafting, altered art and watercolor.

She enjoyed a wide variety of card games (and was good at them all), collecting blue glass, “catching a few rays,” playing her “tunes” and wearing denim.

Sam had a genuinely kind, caring and loyal nature and all who knew her as we did miss her presence in their life each day.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant son, a

niece and nephew, and in 2008 the love of her life, Rick.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Don Trine of Michigan; brother and sister-in-law Larry and Stacy Thompson of Maine; nieces and great-nieces and great-nephews; her Florence family: best friend and “life sister” Susan Weathers, Ned and Alicia Hickson, nieces and nephews Elyse and Jake Hickson, and Connor and Elizabeth Wheeler; and many others whose lives both she and Rick so lovingly and unforgettably touched.

A celebration of her life was held in her home in October 2016.

**LUTZ**—William Edward Lutz, Jr. (Bill), 75, of Oregon City, Ore., and formerly of Florence, died at home Feb. 12, 2017, after a long courageous battle with lung disease.

Bill was born in Klamath Falls, Ore., to William E. Lutz Sr. and Jessie V. Moore. Following the death of his mother, Bill was raised by his father and step-mother, Norma N. Nyhart Lutz, who raised him in Florence.

With a quick wit and ready smile, Bill entertained all he met with his funny sayings and infectious laughter.

He had an amusing nickname for everyone. He could recite all manner of trivia including history. On his land in Oregon City he built furniture, cleared trees and planted gardens and flowers.

All of Bill’s life was spent loving cars and they were his hobby, pride and joy; he

restored many.

It all started with the Scavengers Car Club in Florence, and continued with Henry’s Half Tons in Portland, Ore.

While primarily Fords, of late he had added Pontiacs; all were pre-1965.

After many years working in and managing Ford parts departments, he went to work for State Farm as an auto claims estimator. He retired from State Farm in 2006. He could recite many parts numbers from memory years after he left the parts business.

Bill is survived by his wife, Linda L. Seaver Lutz; son, William E. Lutz, III, of Oregon City, Ore.; brother Nicholas Lutz (Susan) of Sherwood, Ore.; and sister Dorothy Stalcup of Olympia, Wash.

The family would like to thank Providence Hospice East for their care, concern and guidance.

Bill dreamed of owning a 50s/60s diner. A celebration of Bill’s life will be held Sat. March 11, 2017, noon at Blue Moon Diner, located at 20167 Tualatin Valley Highway, in Beaverton, Ore.

Donations to the Oregon Coast Humane (OCHS) Society would be appreciated.

Throughout the years, Bill found great comfort and joy in his dogs (mostly Beagles).

**CONRAD**—Margaret Gloria Conrad, 91, passed away at her home in Mapleton on Feb. 26, 2017.

Memorial services are pending.

## PTA hosts annual ‘Superstars Talent Show’

Florence Community PTA will host its annual Talent Show, “Siuslaw Superstars” on Wednesday, March 8, and Thursday, March 9, at the Florence Events Center.

This year, thanks to increased student interest, each night will feature differ-

ent student performers in kindergarten through fifth grade with special middle school appearances.

Tickets are available for just \$2 for PTA members and \$3 for non-members in the Siuslaw Elementary office.

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## Weekly Community Suppers continue this month

Free Florence Community Suppers, which began in February as a way to bring families and community members together, will be continuing into March. Community Suppers are held each Wednesday, from 5 to 7 p.m., at one of four local churches and is sponsored by St. Andrews

Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence United Methodist Church.

Remaining suppers for March:

- March 8: The Presbyterian Church, 3996 Highway 101.
- March 15: United Methodist Church, Second and

Kingwood streets.

- March 22: The Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.
- March 29: New Life Lutheran, 21st and Spruce streets.

Anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week is welcome. Donations towards the cost

of the meals will be accepted but not required.

### WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Feb. 21	45	37	1.93
Feb. 22	49	32	0.04
Feb. 23	46	29	0.02
Feb. 24	37	30	1.71
Feb. 25	48	31	0.02
Feb. 26	46	31	0.73
Feb. 27	44	30	0.53

**Rainfall** Week: 4.98"  
 Month: 22.46" Year: 33.64"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

### Clarification

In an Extraordinary Person article, Michael Falter of City Lights Cinemas (Feb. 25), it was stated that the theater operates as a nonprofit.

While it supports nonprofits and was inspired by the nonprofit model, it is currently a for-profit business.

Falter had a range of positions at the Pickford Film Center but has primarily been the Program Director, a position he currently holds.

### Correction

In the front-page article, “Nurses endure third round of negotiations,” in the March 1, 2017 issue of the Siuslaw News, the story said, “The next step would be arbitration.” According to Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) representative Gary Aguiar, ONA is not allowed to enter into arbitration. Siuslaw News regrets the error.

**Dave's RE-CORNER**

Most people have heard of the 3Rs of environmentally friendly behavior-

**REDUCE** is to use less of something. Use less water, turn off lights, use both sides of a paper.

**REUSE** is to use an item again. Refill a water bottle, reuse a container and buy reusable bags.

**RECYCLE** is to make new items from old ones; recycle bottles, glass, paper, cans, plastic, cardboard & more.

**Tip**  
**Decluttering, Spring Cleaning and Recycling**

**Reduce:** Go room-by-room, drawer-by-drawer, closet-by-closet and group the items that you haven’t used in a while. If you cannot remember that last time you used it, or you forgot that you had it, it is a good sign that it is time to pass it on. Reducing waste and clutter in your home could also include unsubscribing from junk mail lists and credit card offers.

**Quiz** Answer to Previous Quiz: A Recycling  
 If you make 2 sided copies and print everything you can 2 sided you are...  
**A) reducing. B) reusing. C) recycling.**

**Did you Know?**  
 People in the U.S. make up 5% of the world’s population but use 25% of the world’s resources and generate 30% of its garbage.\*

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