

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

HOAGLAND—Louis Gary Hoagland was born in Albany, Calif., on June 9, 1939. When he was 3, his father accepted



Louis Hoagland

a position as assayer chemist for the State of Oregon and the family moved to Multnomah. Several years later, the family moved to southeast Portland, where Gary graduated from Cleveland High School.

Gary attended Brigham Young University, where he met and married Loretta Bingham. Since Gary wanted to go into the hotel business, they soon moved to Lansing, Mich., to attend Michigan State University. Gary got a part-time job at a local hotel and was quickly promoted to higher positions.

After several years with major hotel chains, he was hired by Inter-Continental Hotels as a Financial Director. His territory stretched from London, England to Dhaka, Bangladesh. He switched to Operations and managed Inter-Continental

Hotels internationally.

In 1979, he was managing the Inter-Continental Hotel in Iran when the revolution broke out. While most of the hotels closed in Tehran for lack of business, the Inter-Continental Hotel stayed open at almost full capacity because the international press corps was staying there. All the Iranian employees stayed on and, at Gary's command, turned fire hoses on rioters breaking into the hotel.

Later it was learned the Iranian employees stayed because, in their words "He was an honest man."

Early in the revolution, the American embassy was attacked and the American ambassador captured. Gary got a telephone call from the head of security. He told Gary he was hiding behind his desk as bullets flew through his office windows. He knew the press corps was staying at the Inter-Continental and had contacts with Khomeini's people.

Gary got in touch with the reporters; word was sent to Khomeini's people, and the American captives were released on Khomeini's orders.

This early takeover is mostly forgotten.

Months later, the embassy was attacked and Americans were held as prisoners for 444 days before being released.

After leaving Tehran, Gary was sent to Thailand to manage the Siam Inter-Continental Hotel. A few years later, he decided to leave the corporate world and start his own business.

He purchased several lodging properties in Oregon and another in central Utah.

Today, all the properties he owns rank high on Trip Advisor.

When living in Depoe Bay, Ore., he was elected mayor. There he contributed generously to Neighbors for Kids, a highly successful after school program.

Gary was a born leader and served on numerous boards, including the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association and the Newport, Ore., hospital.

From Depoe Bay, Gary and Loretta purchased two motels in Florence: the River House Inn and the Old Town Inn. He joined Rotary in 2001 and, through Gary's generous contributions, became a member of the Paul Harris Society, known for its contributions to human-

itarian causes worldwide.

Gary was involved in several committees, and the Chamber of Commerce of Florence.

He passed away in Lake Oswego, Ore., on May 23, 2018.

He is survived by his wife Loretta; his daughters: Kelly Moore and Stacy Walker; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be Friday, June 8, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2705 Munsel Lake Rd. in Florence.

The gathering of friends will be at Driftwood Shores Pacific Room at 2 p.m.

PEARCE—John Kenneth Pearce, 94, died peacefully at home May 19, 2018, after a long illness. John's former daughter-in-law, Oralee Pearce, and her sister Laverne Sanders, who were a part of his life over the last 40 years, were with him and John's wife, Celia, during the final days of his battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Celia Pearce; his son Christopher Pearce; grandson Kenneth Pearce; great-grandson Parker Pearce; two step-grandsons, Joe Akridge and Robert Pearce, and their families.

John was born in Croydon, a suburb of London, on Feb. 10, 1924. Most of his youth was spent in Dulwich. His father and mother were William and Marjorie Pearce.

At an early age, John was interested in working with his hands; building things and making models from whatever material he could find. After school, he went to work at the age of 15 for a company that made telephones.

At age 18, John went into the Royal Air Force (RAF) and was an air gunner on the bombers during World War II. In early April 1944, duty took him to the Sindh Desert of India (now Pakistan) for 18 months.

John and Celia were married at the Emmanuel Church in West Dulwich, England, on Dec. 17, 1944.

John was a master model maker in England. The owner of Pacific Miniatures in Southern California offered John

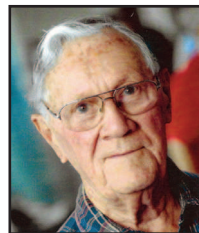
a job and relocation to California. He worked for Pacific Miniatures for 22 years. Thereafter, John and Celia retired and spent six years traveling between the U.S. and England until they permanently moved to Florence in 1993.

John was a keen cyclist in his youth. He competed in road races and track races. He loved to hike, walk and anything athletic. Although slight in build, he was extremely strong, which amazed the grandchildren.

John enjoyed retirement. He used his model making skills to build useful and clever items for the home. He loved animals, RVing, good food and traveling. John and Celia went on about 15 cruises during their retirement years.

Besides his skills and abilities, John was a true gentleman. He was kind and loving. He always offered to help family and friends. He was warm, compassionate and supportive. He was admired and loved by those who knew him.

Private family services are pending. Contributions can be made to hospice or the Florence Humane Society in his name.



John Pearce

City of Florence announces release of 2017 water quality report to public

The City of Florence Water Quality Report for 2016 is now available.

Copies are available at www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/2017-water-quality-report as a downloadable PDF. Paper copies will only be mailed by request or a copy can be picked up at the Public Works Operations Center at 2675 Kingwood Street.

"The City of Florence works hard to ensure that our water not only complies, but exceeds state and federal drinking water standards," said Public Works Director Mike Miller. "In addition, the City continues to be recognized as an outstanding performer by the Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services. This report shows our efforts are working."

As a water supplier, the City is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide an annual Consumer Confidence Report.

Commonly known as a Water Quality Report, it provides water quality data from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017.

The report also informs customers of the location of the City's water sources, the City's

source water protection programs, if there are any contaminants in the drinking water as well as the water analysis undertaken to ensure that the water delivered is safe and of the highest quality.

"Florence's dunal aquifer system is the only one of its kind in the State of Oregon," said Miller. "Protecting it and providing our residents with high quality

drinking water is our top priority."

In addition to the legally required language, the 2017 version includes information regarding source water protection, fun and informative water facts, a chart displaying daily water production as well as a water cycle activity for kids.

The 2017 edition also provides information regarding Fats, Oils

and Grease (FOG for short) and how this substance can create partial or complete blockages in the sewer system.

To request a paper or electronic copy of the 2017 Water Quality Report, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.

To download an electronic copy visit www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/2017-water-quality-report.

Local doctor to discuss opioid crisis

Dr. Ronald Shearer will discuss the opioid crisis and its impact on our local area, on Friday, June 8 the City Club of Florence at noon.

Dr. Shearer has been part of the Peace Health Medical Group in Florence for more than 20 years and is able to discuss the evolution of the opioid crisis locally.

His presentation will include the types of drugs involved, how the crisis developed, alternative therapies and steps being taken locally to help mitigate the problem. He will also be able to answer questions from those in attendance.

Dr. Shearer is a graduate of Oregon Health and Science University Medical School with a specialty in internal medicine.

The presentation will be Friday, June 8, at the Class Act Theatre, 509 Kingwood St.

Doors will be open at 11:30 a.m. and the program will run from noon to 1 p.m.

Early arrival is suggested.

Correction

In the page B1 photo description "Teed Up For A Facelift" in the May 26 edition of Siuslaw News, OB Sports was incorrectly identified as the new owner of Florence Golf Links (Previously Sandpines Golf Links).

OB Sports manages property; new owners are APIC, based out of San Francisco with Wilson Chen overseeing Florence Golf Links.

Siuslaw News regrets the error.

OLIVER IS LOST!
He is a Sheltie with white on chest, legs & tip of tail.
He was last seen Tuesday, May 22 by Foglios Trucking.
He is in urgent need of medication and veterinarian care.
If you see him, please call
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