

# Seaside High School names new principal

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The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Seaside School District has named Jeff Roberts the new principal at Seaside High School.

Roberts, the high school's assistant principal, will replace Sheila Roley, who plans to retire at the end of June.

Superintendent Doug Dougherty said both the school

board and the administration were involved in the selection process. "Jeff is very involved with our community," Dougherty said. "Both he and his wife Nissa. I would say what has impressed us all is Jeff's desire to really support students. For an assistant principal in charge of discipline, he is one of the most supportive people. The students love him."

Dougherty said Roberts is

involved in providing activities and programs for students with a wide range of interests.

"He has been working so closely with Sheila, and Sheila has supported him 100 percent, involving him in day-to-day decisions for quite some time," Dougherty said.

A graduate of Linfield College, Roberts received his master's degree in teaching at Pacific University.

## OBITUARIES

### Louise Birkenfeld

Seaside

Oct. 25, 1928 — Feb. 15, 2016

Louise Birkenfeld, a long-time resident of Seaside, was a beautiful, gracious person who loved life and lived it to its fullest. She loved gardening and nature, and especially enjoyed her artwork. Louise was so happy to retire from being an office manager at an industrial painting contracting firm and get to work on her art whenever she wanted to.



Louise Birkenfeld

She was a member of Trails End Art Association in Gearhart and also Palette Puddlers of Cannon Beach. Her artwork has been displayed for years each Memorial Day and Labor Day at the Cannon Beach Information Center building with other members of the Cannon Beach

group. In earlier years her work was displayed in local galleries, also. She also had watercolor paintings that were accepted and judged by the Oregon Watercolor Society. Her favorite thing to do, other than spend time with family and friends, was to paint. An educational fund has been established at Trails End Art Association in her name.

She will be very much missed by her sisters, Doris Fales and Virginia Collins; her daughters, Madolyn Irene Smith and Carey Teresa Birkenfeld; her grandchildren, Keith Smith, Sally Tietz, Tim Smith, Cassandra Swain and Jeremy Sis-seck; and her great-grandchild-

dren, Travis Smith, Zachary Smith, Sarah Tietz, Ian Tietz and Zachary Lane. She was so happy being together with family at Christmas.

Louise was born to Esther May Drake Williams and Ernest Eugene Williams on Oct. 25, 1928, in Scott City, Kansas.

She was married to Frank William (Bill) Birkenfeld in 1951. They were married 29 years until Bill's death in 1980. Louise also had a son, Tracy William Birkenfeld, who died in 1987.

Services will be held at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside today at 3 p.m.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to share memories and sign the guest book.

### Lawrence Fred 'Larry' Lumbra

Westminster, Maryland

Jan. 23, 1924 — Feb. 12, 2016



Artist, bon vivant, lover of dogs and children, Larry Lumbra died in a hospice in Westminster, Maryland, on Feb. 12.

Larry was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to Daniel and Beulah Lumbra. He had a sister, Evelyn, who predeceased him by several years. He was fortunate to spend his entire childhood in St. Johnsbury and it was there that he, at 16, met Elaine Jones. She was 14.



Lawrence Lumbra

Elaine, truly, was the love of his life, and they celebrated their 71st anniversary on Jan. 27, 2016. Born of this marriage were two children, Gregory Lumbra and Alison Gibbs. They, their spouses, Carla Lumbra and Richard Gibbs, Elaine Lumbra and numerous grandchildren all survive Larry.

Following World War II, after being honorably discharged from the Navy, he attended the University of Vermont. Utilizing the GI Bill, he was able to get a degree in business. During his working

years, Larry was involved in the sale of wholesale quantities of dairy products and granite. A very Vermont combination.

Concluding a successful career in sales, Larry was able to retire, comfortably, at the age of 59. Having lived in Bloomington, Indiana, for several decades prior to retirement, he was finally able to totally immerse himself in his one true passion, which was the

fine arts. Bloomington is the home of Indiana University, and it was there that he spent several years taking art history and fine arts courses. Following his eventual move to Astoria, he also was involved in many art classes at Clatsop Community College. In the ensuing years he produced hundreds of stone and wood sculptures, and later in life, many oil paintings.

In the late 1980s, Larry and Elaine moved to Astoria, Oregon, where they spent several years lovingly restoring an older home on Exchange

Street. During the mid-1990s they once again moved east, residing in Massachusetts and Florida. In 2001, they returned to Astoria and bought a house in the Alderbrook neighborhood.

During their almost 20 years in Astoria, they were faithful members Grace Episcopal Church. They always went to early service, and then joined their fellow parishioners at The Blue Scorcher for coffee. They remained in Astoria until the end of 2014, when they moved to Maryland to live with their daughter, Alison Gibbs, and her family. Recently, when asked how he was doing, he said, "My only problem is I'm so damn old." He had a really good life and will be sorely missed by friends and family.



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The Boardman power plant. Republican senators Thursday called for Oregon's public utility commissioners to testify on a bill to double the state's renewable energy mandate and prohibit PGE and PacifiCorp from buying power generated by burning coal.

# State senators want PUC to weigh in on energy bill

By HILLARY BORRUD

Capital Bureau

SALEM — Republican state senators Thursday called for Oregon's public utility commissioners to testify on a controversial bill to double the state's existing renewable energy mandate.

The legislation would also require the state's two investor-owned utilities, PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric, to stop buying coal power to serve Oregon customers.

In a press release, Senate Republicans pointed to an article published Wednesday in The Oregonian which said members of the Public Utility Commission had concerns about the bill but were silenced by the administration of Gov. Kate Brown. PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric are state-regulated monopolies, and the Public Utility Commission is responsible for vetting the utilities' requests to raise rates.

Republicans sent the request in a letter to the chairman of the committee holding hearings on the bill, state Sen. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield. The Senate Committee on Business and Transportation is scheduled to hold another public hearing on

the bill Monday afternoon, and could also then vote on the legislation. The House passed the bill last week. Beyer could not be reached for comment late Thursday afternoon.

"The unwillingness of the governor to listen to the concerns of utility regulators — experts on how Oregon's utilities function, is concerning," the Republicans wrote in the letter to Beyer, who is a former public utility commissioner. The letter was signed by Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, and eight other Republicans.

The public utility commissioners have expressed concern in emails and other correspondence released by the state that the legislation would be costly for ratepayers yet do little to reduce carbon emissions in Oregon.

Even if the public utility commissioners testify before the Senate committee, they might not be able to say whether the utilities have produced reasonable esti-

mates of how much the legislation would cost consumers. PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric estimated the bill would cause rates to increase by roughly 1 percent annually, on top of any other rate increases. This week, the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau reported the Public Utility Commission still had not finished vetting the cost projections from the utilities.

House Bill 4036, which was written by the two utilities and environmental groups along with the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, would require Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp to use renewable power sources such as wind and solar to serve at least 50 percent of their customers' energy demand in Oregon by 2040, up from the current state mandate of 25 percent renewable energy by 2025.

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