

Friends rally to raise funds for funeral expenses

Knox loved animals, nature

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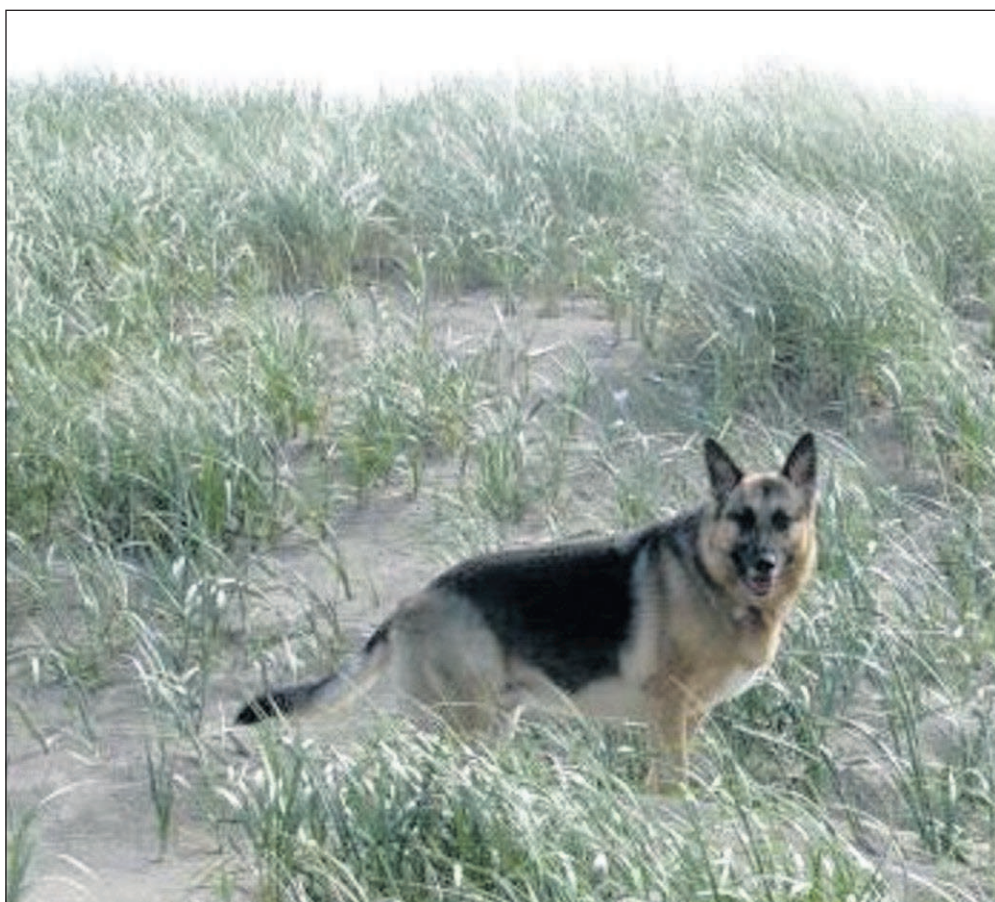
SEASIDE — Ann Knox was fond of Doogers in Warrenton where she often got a sandwich. She was a regular at Les Schwab Tire Center in Seaside. They knew her at Providence Seaside Hospital where she sometimes posted she was “feeling pained.” Rain, even torrential rain, didn’t faze her and she said she preferred the cool summer climate of the north Oregon Coast over California heat.

“She was drawn to the coast because she loved the ocean,” her friend Donna Sue McGuire said. “The sea was her thing.”

Knox, a regular at the By The Way Café and Gift Shop in Gearhart, died in June in Thousand Trails, Washington, her favorite campground. She was 67. A GoFundMe campaign aims to raise \$1,000 to send her remains back to her native California.

Knox, who lived a transient lifestyle, traveled with her dog, Renee, from campground to campground. Last year she and the dog lived in a tent Linda Goldfarb, the owner of By The Way, purchased for her.

“I am sad to hear about Ann,” Goldfarb wrote on Facebook within hours of learn-



Submitted Photo

Friends say Ann Knox never posed for photos, but her Facebook page does contain photos of Knox’s dog, Renee.

ing of Ann’s death. “She and I became friends about two years ago while she was staying in Gearhart. Just a month or so ago she helped me plant flowers and paint some things at my shop. She always had a smile and she had a heart of gold.”

Butternut squash

“She was going to teach me how to make butternut squash ravioli,” said Bobbi Pigeon, a regular at the cafe. “One day when we were all sitting here having coffee, I mentioned some wonderful pre-made pasta they used to carry at

Freddy’s that they haven’t had in stock for months. I said I needed to learn how to make it from scratch. Ann said it was easy and offered to make it for me, but said she would have to wait until it wasn’t raining. I said, ‘You don’t make pasta in the rain?’ That’s when she

said she couldn’t make pasta inside her tent.”

Knox was from Chico, California, and graduated from Chico High School. Soon after she left Chico, she set out to explore the world. She worked as a longshoreman. She rode bulls in rodeo. She was employed as a driver for many years for the California outfit Jackson RV transporters.

McGuire, who owned the company, said she met Ann in the early 1990s and they became close friends.

McGuire said Knox died of complications from diabetes. “She had no money and couldn’t pay for her medicine,” McGuire said. “So many people say they would give you the shirt off their back. Ann would do anything for you. She was that kind of person.”

Lots of friends

McGuire said Knox had lots of female friends. “She loved classical music. She loved opera. She loved hard work and she loved the outdoors and she loved RV-ing. She loved to scuba dive. She loved riding motorcycles. She loved art. She loved a cold beer. Most of all she loved animals and the ocean. She was very connected to the natural world.”

McGuire said that Knox often said besides her Ger-

man shepherd, Renee, she felt alone in the world.

“Her parents were dead,” McGuire said. “She had no siblings or cousins. She called me every week but when I didn’t hear from her, I became worried.”

Knox was found dead by a park ranger in the RV McGuire sold to her last winter. Her dog was temporarily homed with the ranger.

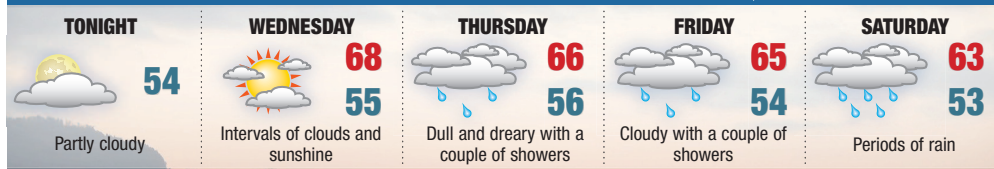
Knox was larger than life. She was lean, rangy and had a striking face. She was described as resembling the singer-songwriter-poet Patti Smith. Born male, she lived for as long as anyone could remember as a woman.

If Knox had anyone in her life who seemed like a daughter, that would be Cheyenne Bart of Richville, California, McGuire said. Bart opened a GoFundMe page to pay for Knox’s cremation and to bring her home to her friends and adopted family in California.

The target amount needed is \$1,000. To contribute to the fund, go to gofundme.com.

“Her birthday would be July 7,” McGuire said. “She touched the hearts of so many.” When asked if there were any photographs of Ann, McGuire said, “She really did not want her picture taken. But she loved any and all pictures of Renee.”

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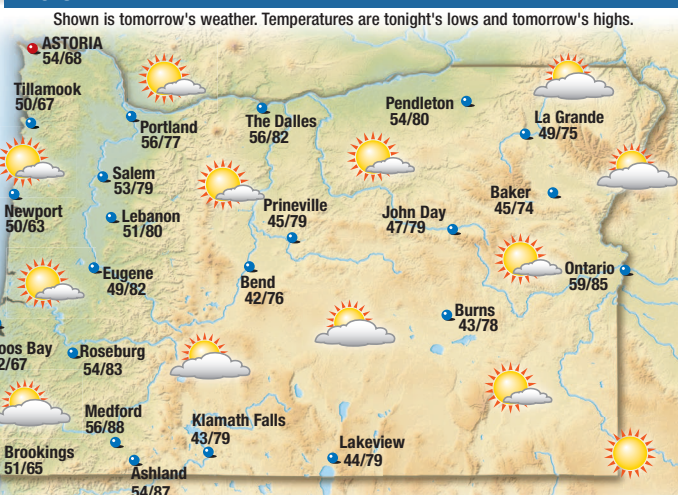
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Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
 High/low 66°/57°
 Normal high/low 66°/52°
 Record high 84° in 1975
 Record low 45° in 2012
Precipitation
 Monday Trace
 Month to date 0.07"
 Normal month to date 0.19"
 Year to date 39.29"
 Normal year to date 36.35"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:09 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 5:32 a.m.
 Moonrise today 7:06 a.m.
 Moonset today 9:58 p.m.
 First Full Last New
 July 11 July 19 July 26 Aug 2

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: (1687) Sir Isaac Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica was first published.

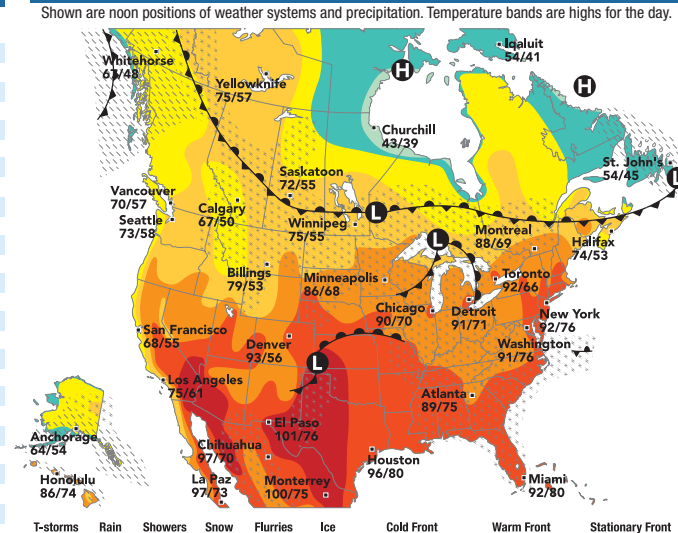
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
2:49 a.m.	9.1 ft.	9:48 a.m.	-1.4 ft.
4:12 p.m.	8.0 ft.	9:51 p.m.	2.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	89 73 t	89 75 t	Olympia	66 51 c	72 53 pc
Boston	79 68 r	88 69 s	Pendleton	79 54 pc	80 55 pc
Chicago	86 72 s	90 70 t	Portland	73 56 pc	77 60 s
Denver	89 58 t	93 56 s	Roseburg	83 54 pc	83 56 s
Des Moines	95 75 pc	91 74 pc	Salem	77 53 pc	79 56 s
Detroit	87 68 s	91 71 t	Seaside	63 54 sh	65 55 pc
El Paso	103 77 s	101 76 s	Spokane	72 52 pc	75 54 c
Fairbanks	70 54 c	66 53 c	Springfield	78 49 pc	81 51 s
Honolulu	86 74 sh	86 74 pc	Vancouver	70 54 pc	74 59 s
Indianapolis	84 72 pc	86 72 t	North Bend	65 52 pc	66 54 s
Kansas City	94 74 t	93 73 pc			
Las Vegas	105 79 s	103 79 s			
Los Angeles	76 62 pc	75 61 pc			
Memphis	91 78 c	94 79 t			
Miami	92 80 pc	92 80 pc			
Nashville	86 73 t	90 76 t			
New Orleans	95 81 t	95 80 t			
New York	85 73 r	92 76 pc			
Oklahoma City	97 77 t	99 77 pc			
Philadelphia	88 73 r	94 75 pc			
St. Louis	92 78 pc	92 76 t			
Salt Lake City	94 68 s	90 63 s			
San Francisco	68 54 pc	68 55 pc			
Seattle	66 55 c	73 58 pc			
Washington, DC	89 76 sh	91 76 t			

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Victims in fatal crash identified

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ILWACO, Wash. — Two local women were killed Sunday in a head-on vehicular collision half a mile north of Ilwaco when the driver of one car crossed the centerline and the driver of the other was unable to get out of the way, according to the Washington State Patrol.

Rhona M. Wood, 58, of Long Beach, was driving southbound in a 2005 silver Kia Spectra on U.S. Highway 101 approaching the Sandridge Road intersection at Black Lake at 2:11 p.m.

Sunday. Linda K. Simukka, 59, of Ocean Park, was driving northbound on Highway 101 in a black Hyundai Elantra.

Wood's car crossed the center line, Washington State Patrol said in a press release. Simukka slowed and pulled to the right shoulder to try to avoid being hit, but Wood's car continued on its path directly into Simukka's vehicle, which rotated, coming to rest in the vegetation on the shoulder. Wood's car rotated, coming to rest in the middle of the highway at Sandridge.

Both women died at the scene. A 13-year-old girl in Simukka's car wasn't seriously injured but was transported to Ocean Beach Hospital as a precaution.

All three people were wearing safety restraints at the time of the collision. The collision remains under investigation.

In addition to state patrol, responding agencies included Ilwaco Fire Department, Medix Ambulance Company, Pacific County Fire District No. 1 and Long Beach Police.

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY
 Junior State Baseball — Astoria Ford at Tillamook, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Junior State Baseball — Tilla-

mook at Astoria Ford, 6 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Junior State Baseball — Madison at Astoria Ford, 5 p.m.; West Salem at Astoria Ford, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Junior State Baseball — Madison at Astoria Ford, 10 a.m.; West Salem at Astoria Ford, 11:30 a.m.; Madison vs. West Salem, 2 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 1 p.m.

DEATHS

July 3, 2016
 DODGE, Betty Lynn, 62, of Astoria, died in Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

July 5, 2016
 PHELAN, Jean Elizabeth, 81, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Seaside Library Board, 4 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., regular meeting and executive session, 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m., public hearing on short-term rentals, Fire Station, 670 Pacific Way.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m.,

City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Improvement Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 5-5-8-6
 4 p.m.: 7-3-1-2
 7 p.m.: 3-4-1-3
 10 p.m.: 9-0-8-9
Monday's Megabucks: 7-9-15-24-33-40
 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million

WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game: 8-3-7
Monday's Hit 5: 02-05-13-38-39
 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Monday's Keno: 01-12-14-16-17-20-27-32-35-38-39-42-44-55-62-66-70-71-72-73
Monday's Lotto: 13-20-21-22-26-37
 Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million
Monday's Match 4: 05-15-16-24

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