

OBITUARIES

**Hildegard 'Hilda' White**  
Seaside  
Aug. 31, 1914 — Nov. 25, 2016

Hilda was born to German-Russian immigrants, John and Dorthea Krein, on Aug. 31, 1914, on the family farm near McClusky, North Dakota. Stories of threshing wheat, rounding up the cattle and other daily chores were her favorite memories of growing up on the farm.

From the age of 6 through eighth grade, Hilda attended school in a one-room school house. She was the oldest of seven children: Robert, Antonia, Olivia, Violet, Norma and Marvin. In her teen years she was housekeeper for a family, and helped at a restaurant. She enjoyed visiting with friends and attending polka dances at their farms. At the age of 22 she graduated from Christie Beauty School in Bismarck, North Dakota.

She moved with her family to Selah, Washington, in 1936. On July 3, 1938, Hilda married Jess White. Partners in work and marriage, together they owned and operated a barber and beauty shop and built many homes in Selah. They had three daughters: Judith, Janet and Jacqueline.

Hilda was an active member of the Selah United Methodist Church and the women's guild. After retirement, she and Jess enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing and visiting family in the Northwest. In 1994, three years after Jess died, she moved to Seaside, Oregon, to be near family.

Hilda was a cherished resident of the Carlyle Apartments for 22 years. In Seaside, she was a docent at the Seaside Museum, volun-

teered at the county food bank, and belonged to the senior craft group at the community center. Church being a vital part of her life, Hilda became an active member of the Cannon Beach Community Church. She kept physically active with water exercise classes and daily walks.

Hilda found the most enjoyment spending time with family and friends, and her involvement with church activities. Hilda's interest in the well-being of her children and grandchildren was expressed through her participation in their lives. She will always be remembered for her ready smile, generous spirit, positive attitude, tenacity, her faith in God and the inherent good in people.

She is survived by her three daughters and their spouses, Judy LeBlanc (David), Janet Allen (Ethan) and Jacqueline Simila; her brother, Marvin Krein (Barbara); sister-in-law Frances Krein; brother-in-law Don Wetzel; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be at Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., in Cannon Beach, on Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Cannon Beach Community Church Deacon's Fund; Food 4 Kids Program, P.O. Box 2611, Gearhart, OR 97138; or a charity of your choice.

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



Hildegard White

**June Emelia Kaarle McCloskey**  
Kingston, Idaho  
Feb. 28, 1951 — Jan. 13, 2017

June McCloskey, 65, passed away at her home on Jan. 13, 2017, in Kingston, Idaho. She was born Feb. 28, 1951, in Astoria, Oregon, to Ralph and Olga (Lempke) Kaarle. June will be remembered for her wonderful smile, passion for the outdoors and "her" mountains, camping, gardening, rural life, enjoying her coffee and her love for her animals.

June graduated from Astoria High School, and in 1972 married Floyd Duncan in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They moved to Post Falls, Idaho, and had two daughters, Angie and Nicki. She was active in her girls' lives and was there for them every step of the way.

Later, she married Ken McCloskey and moved to Kingston, Idaho. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Post Falls as a mail car-

rier, and made the commute from Kingston over Fourth of July Pass to Post Falls everyday. She was a proud member of the Eagles.

June was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, and her adopted parents, Janice and Ralph Currie. She is survived by her husband, Ken McCloskey; her two children, Angie and Nicki Duncan, her son-in-law, Michael Eng and grandson Colby Duncan; three sisters and their husbands, Joan and Jay Hendrickson, Judy and Norman Shatto and Janice and Doss Lee; her adopted family, Cassie and George Kelley and son Connor, Janell and Mark Colopy; and Ken's children, Jennifer and Chris, and his grandchildren, Keilene, Autumn and Ellie.

A celebration of her life will be held in June, at a venue to be determined.



June McCloskey

**Cathy Keller**  
Portland  
Oct. 20, 1953 — Dec. 2, 2016

Cathy Keller, born to Lillian and Roy Keller, grew up in Svensen, Oregon. She graduated from Knappa High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. She spent a lifetime in the healthcare industry, caring for the rights and dignities of our senior population.

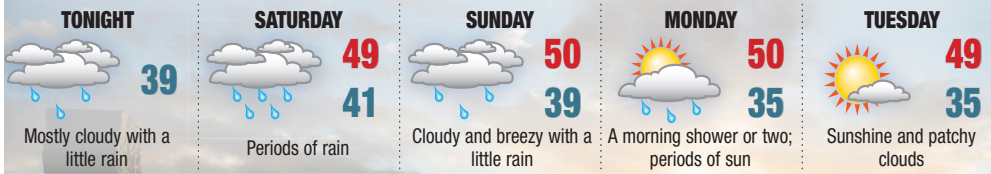
To those who knew her, she was a strong, supportive, loving individual, a sister, mother, aunt, grandma and friend. She most enjoyed spending time with family, visiting New York City, taking trips to the casinos, crocheting, and being "Gammy."



Cathy Keller

Union or in care of Ruby Yuill, 92872 Coyote Drive, Astoria, OR, 97103.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather.com



**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday.  
**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 52°/45°  
Normal high/low ..... 50°/38°  
Record high ..... 66° in 2005  
Record low ..... 16° in 1935  
**Precipitation**  
Thursday ..... 0.32"  
Month to date ..... 5.39"  
Normal month to date ..... 6.56"  
Year to date ..... 5.39"  
Normal year to date ..... 6.56"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 5:03 p.m.  
Sunrise Saturday ..... 7:50 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 1:13 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 12:09 p.m.  
New First Full Last  
Jan 27 Feb 3 Feb 10 Feb 18

**UNDER THE SKY**

**Tonight's Sky:** The constellation Cepheus looks like a child's drawing of a house high in the northwest in early evening.  
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

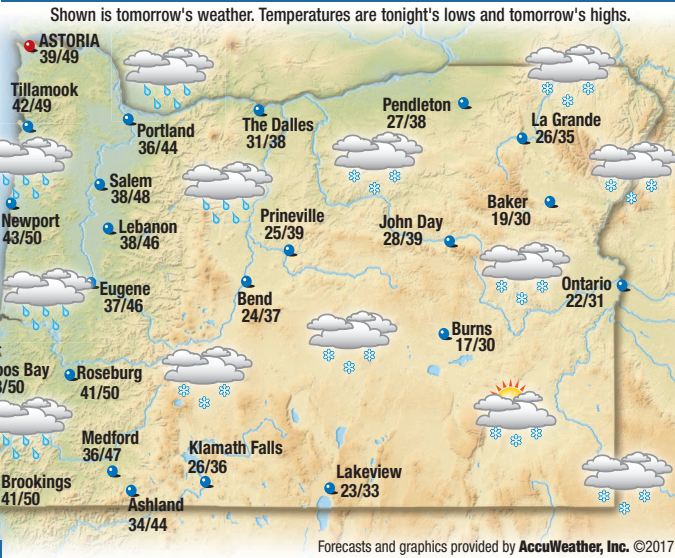
**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks	High	Time	Low
7:57 a.m.	8.3 ft.	1:30 a.m.	3.1 ft.
9:15 p.m.	6.3 ft.	3:05 p.m.	1.9 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Sat.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	74 59 pc	71 59 r
Boston	44 35 pc	50 38 pc
Chicago	45 41 r	55 40 c
Denver	41 24 sn	41 25 pc
Des Moines	45 39 c	47 31 c
Detroit	42 40 r	55 44 c
El Paso	56 46 sh	51 40 sh
Fairbanks	-6 -16 c	-13 -29 c
Honolulu	81 71 pc	79 70 sh
Indianapolis	56 48 c	61 46 c
Kansas City	53 35 c	55 32 c
Las Vegas	52 43 r	56 42 c
Los Angeles	59 48 r	61 52 pc
Memphis	66 56 pc	69 52 pc
Miami	84 66 s	85 71 s
Nashville	68 56 pc	66 52 sh
New Orleans	76 63 t	77 57 t
New York	46 42 r	54 45 pc
Oklahoma City	67 38 s	62 39 pc
Philadelphia	48 40 r	54 46 pc
St. Louis	59 48 c	66 44 pc
Salt Lake City	38 29 c	35 25 sn
San Francisco	56 47 sh	57 51 sh
Seattle	49 39 c	48 38 r
Washington, DC	50 45 r	58 49 pc

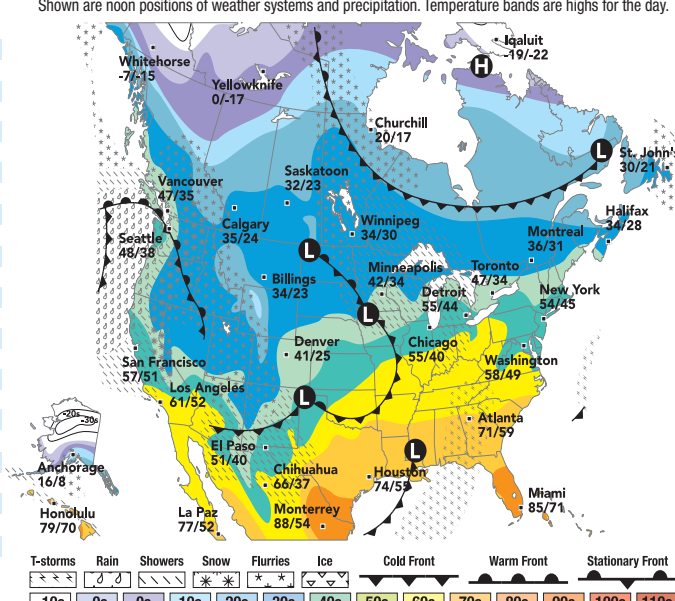
**REGIONAL WEATHER**



**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	29 19 sn	30 17 sf	Olympia	47 33 r	47 34 r
Bend	37 24 c	37 25 sn	Pendleton	38 27 c	38 30 sf
Brookings	50 42 sh	50 42 r	Portland	43 36 r	44 37 r
Eugene	50 37 r	46 37 r	Roseburg	51 41 r	50 41 r
Ilwaco	49 43 r	49 44 r	Salem	51 38 r	48 39 r
Klamath Falls	38 26 sn	36 31 sn	Seaside	50 43 r	50 44 r
Medford	49 36 sh	47 37 r	Spokane	38 26 c	36 25 sf
Newberg	47 36 r	45 38 r	Springfield	49 38 r	46 39 r
Newport	51 43 r	50 42 r	Vancouver	43 36 r	43 38 r
North Bend	52 43 r	52 41 r	Yakima	39 29 sn	40 28 sn

**TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER**



**Smith Rock is stretched to capacity by surging popularity**

By ZACH URNESS  
Statesman Journal

SALEM — Smith Rock State Park has seen dramatic changes during the past five years.

The 652-acre park north of Bend has gone from a place known mostly for rock climbing to a bonafide tourist destination on par with Multnomah Falls and the Oregon Coast.

A sharp increase in visitors, which have almost doubled since 2010, has stretched the park to capacity.

How to deal with those crowds is the focus of an update to the park's master plan, a document that will guide decisions into the future. Last updated in 1991, the process of crafting the master plan is beginning with a series of public meetings and online surveys.

"This first round of meetings is all about listening to the public — finding out what people like, what they want to keep the same, and what problems we need to look at fixing," park manager Scott Brown said. "It's a long and slow process, but an important one."

A public meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday at REI in Portland. The public can also take an online survey ([smithrockparkplan.com/survey](http://smithrockparkplan.com/survey)) and email comments ([julia.cogger@oregon.gov](mailto:julia.cogger@oregon.gov)) to make their voice part of the process.

By Brown's admission, the biggest issue by far is crowding.

From 2002 to 2012, the number of day-use visits to Smith Rock averaged 442,000 people per year. This past year, that number skyrocketed to 745,000. The number of people camping at Smith Rock has also exploded, from 11,036 camper nights in 2010 to 21,900 in 2016.

"Our facilities just haven't been able to keep up," Brown said. "On busy weekends, we have parking overflowing into our neighbor's yards, extremely long lines at restrooms and an overflowing septic system, and a lot of issues with our first-come, first-served campground."

While the problems are not unique — Oregon has seen massive growth in the number of people recreating in the state's outdoors — Smith Rock is an extreme case, Brown said.

A number of possible solutions have been pitched, Brown said.

Smith Rock could embrace the crowds by expanding its parking lot — the current lot has 375 spaces for what's often over 1,000 vehicles. Or, it could go the opposite direction, and institute a limited entry permit system that would cap the number of people allowed to visit — an unprecedented move for the state parks system.

"Everything is on the table right now," Brown said.

A few pilot projects have already been attempted or are

in the works at Smith Rock, said Ben Hedstrom, a state park planner.

"We installed a temporary parking lot at the end of summer, and we're looking at moving some campsites to a reservation system," Hedstrom said. "It's small things we're trying now to improve the situation."

The reason for the increase in visitation is multifaceted. The growth of central Oregon's population combined with the "Seven Wonders of Oregon" marketing campaign raised the profile of Smith Rock beyond the rock climbing community.

The largest increase in visitors, Brown said, has been hiking, trail running and nature viewing.

"It's been a blessing in that we've seen more diverse groups of people coming out - more families - and that's a very good thing," Brown said in a 2015 interview. "The downside is that we've just been struggling to keep up."

The process of updating the master plan will take about a year and a half, Hedstrom said. There will be a second and third round of public meetings in early summer and likely next December.

Once the plan is finalized, smaller changes will likely go into effect right away, while larger changes will be phased over the long term, Hedstrom said.

**DEATHS**

**Jan. 19, 2017**  
BABCOCK, Richard Herman, 89, of Astoria, formerly of Longview, Washington, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.  
RIUTTA, Roberta Diane, 84, of Astoria, died in Astoria.

Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Jan. 18, 2017**  
HOUCK, Erma Mae, 91, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY**  
Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.  
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

**Seaside Airport Advisory Committee**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
**Astoria Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**LOTTERIES**

**OREGON**  
Thursday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 7-5-4-7  
4 p.m.: 7-1-9-6  
7 p.m.: 1-7-8-0  
10 p.m.: 9-0-6-0

**WASHINGTON**  
Thursday's Daily Game:  
0-1-0  
Thursday's Keno: 08-14-22-24-32-37-38-39-43-45-49-54-55-57-62-67-70-71-73-78  
Thursday's Match 4: 05-12-21-22

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