

Frankowicz joins Daily Astorian reporting team

Former intern, reporter returns

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Katie Frankowicz's first full-time reporting job after college was at The Daily Astorian covering cops, courts and Clatsop County.

After moving on in 2011, she returned to the paper earlier this year to cover Astoria, Warrenton and natural resources.

"With Katie's return, The Daily Astorian is once again on the leading edge of environmental reporting about the Columbia-Pacific region," Managing Editor Laura Sellers said. "And, because she has lived in the area for a number of years, Katie has amassed a deep trove of sources."

Born in Nebraska, Frankowicz grew up in the Portland metro area. She first became involved in newspapers at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City where she worked on the student newspaper first as a reporter and photographer then later as a news editor then editor-in-chief. She earned a bachelor's in journalism from the University of Oregon. While in college, she also interned with the Eugene Weekly and Tigard Times.

After graduating in 2009, Frankowicz joined The Daily Astorian as an intern through the Charles Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism, from which The Daily Astorian has hired multiple reporters and a former photographer. She was hired full time in 2010.

During her time away from The Daily Astorian, Frankowicz worked in restaurants, freelanced and wrote for other regional newspapers such as the South County Spotlight in Columbia County, Chinook Observer in Long Beach,



Tom Bennett/Submitted Photo
Katie Frankowicz, reporter for The Daily Astorian, dons safety gear to report on a story.

Washington, and monthly trade publication Pacific Fishing Magazine. Over her career, Frankowicz has developed an affinity for reporting on fisheries.

"I think it was something that really intimidated me to learn about, but the landscape of this place and the water and the ecosystems are so fascinating to me, and the people who work those areas and see all sorts of things that I'm never going to see or experience.

"Those are the bones of this place, and it's really fascinating to see who's still engaged in that, and why, and how they're making it work. And I just really like talking to biologists and fishermen."

"I would really like to illustrate where city polices or state polices in the case of fisheries and logging, where those really touch people's lives out here," she said.

Frankowicz said it's exciting The Daily Astorian is willing to dedicate coverage to natural resources.

In her personal time, Frankowicz said she enjoys spending time with her dog in the outdoors and with her husband, Michal Frankowicz, head brewer at Fort George Brewery.

Murphey takes over photographer role in Daily Astorian newsroom

Former reporter, studio technician

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

A new name has appeared under Daily Astorian photos.

Colin Murphey became the Astorian's photographer in late April. He succeeds Danny Miller, who is hiking the Pacific Crest Trail.

Murphey, 40, has worked as a reporter and writer at several newspapers throughout the country since switching from the film industry to photojournalism in 2006. One of those papers was the Hermiston Herald, a weekly EO Media Group publication, where he spent a year.

Three years later, he has returned to the Northwest to cover Clatsop County.

"This paper has got an excellent reputation. It's been around a long time," Murphey said. "It doesn't hurt that it's in one of the most beautiful spots in the country."

Managing Editor Laura Sellers said, "Colin brings a wealth of life experiences to his new role for The Daily Astorian. We are excited to continue

our long run of excellent photographers with his addition."

Born in Oklahoma City, Murphey spent his early life in the Midwest before diving into filmmaking as a studio technician. For nearly a decade, he worked on several film projects throughout the country.

But as Murphey gradually transitioned from feature films to documentaries, his interest in photojournalism grew. He attended the University of Missouri from 2006 to 2010 to study journalism.

"Photojournalism and documentary filmmaking have got a lot in common, so it just kind of makes sense," he said.

His most memorable moments in journalism include coverage of a 2011 tornado in Missouri that killed more than 100 people, as well as a trip to cover the Standing Rock protests in North Dakota earlier this year. Standing Rock offered an opportunity to practice photojournalism when subjects' emotion levels were unusually strong, Murphey said.

"Photography is just an invasive practice in general," he said. "Even if you're sensitive, you're still essentially, you know, invading someone's privacy to document what they're going through on an average day."



Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian
The Daily Astorian photographer Colin Murphey shoots a mock victim during a beach rescue exercise Monday on Washington's Long Beach Peninsula.

Gasser: Will be coaching grandkid's Little League baseball team afterward

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Cowapa League title. Most of this year's team were part of last year's Fishermen squad that reached the 4A semifinals.

No. 4?

Asked if this team could win Astoria's fourth state title in 11 years, Gasser didn't hesitate.

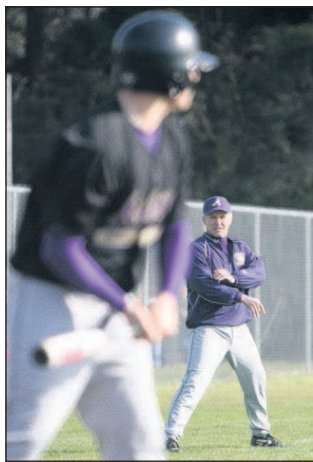
"Oh yeah, absolutely. We're different. We're very good defensively and we swing it. I mean, we swing it," Gasser said.

Gasser headed into the final week of the regular season with a career record of 745-233 and five state championships (Madison, two at Lakeridge, two at Astoria). If he were coming out of college today to teach high school, Gasser said there's not a chance he would have survived a 35-year run.

It starts in the classroom, where Gasser says the time commitment is much greater than when he broke into the business. The changing priorities in high school sports would have worn on him, too.

"The decimation of summer baseball, with the excessive football and basketball, makes it almost impossible to run a community baseball program the way I believe it should be run. That would have driven me out," Gasser said.

One exception has been Astoria, where Gasser says it's still possible to commit to



The Daily Astorian/File Photo
A familiar sight for Astoria players, Gasser standing in the third base coaching box.

summer baseball.

Gasser still has plenty in the tank. But time is winding down, and whatever time Gasser has left, it can't all be about baseball.

"The benefits of coaching high school baseball when you're 65 don't outweigh everything else you could be doing that you've put off your entire life," Gasser said.

Among things he'll be doing in retired life: coaching his grandkid's Little League baseball team. Of course.

"I'll still help out at Astoria. Maybe be a part-time groundskeeper," Gasser said.

Gasser walks away to the dugout to help a player find his keys when he's asked one more time, you're sure, this is it?

"I promise," he said.



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