

# Former teacher, councilor instrumental in Seaside

## Haller dies at 83

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SEASIDE — A guiding force for civic involvement and community spirit, Larry Lee Haller, 83, died Sunday.

Haller, a city councilor for more than 20 years, touched lives as a member of the Seaside Kids, Jaycees, Rotary, Miss Oregon Pageant, Masonic Lodge, Providence Seaside Hospital board, Seaside Civic and Convention Center board and the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

"He was a fun-loving, wonderful man to be around," City Manager Mark Winstanley said. "Every time he was asked to step up to the plate and do something, he just gave it his all. I'm not sure there's anybody that cared more about Seaside than Larry did."

"Larry was, to me, he was Mr. Seaside just because of his enthusiasm for life and his willingness to always step up to the plate and to help, whatever he was asked of," City Councilor Dana Phillips, a longtime friend, said. "If he was given a job he gave it 110 percent."

Phillips, retired executive director of the Miss Oregon pageant, said Haller was "instrumental in keeping the Miss Oregon pageant going in the community."



Larry Haller

He worked on the pageant for more than 40 years, she said, serving as judge's chairman on the executive board judges' panel.

"When Larry was soliciting ads for the pageant's journal, no one dared say 'no' out of respect for the man — and they knew he would come back until they did," Phillips recalled.

### Teacher, mentor

Haller was born in Sweet Home to Alma and Joseph Haller.

He graduated from Milwaukie High School. He received a bachelor of science degree from Oregon State University and a master's degree in administration from the University of Oregon.

He married Joyce Cumberland in 1956. In 1960, he moved with his family

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to Seaside, where he taught and coached at Seaside High School until he retired in 1989.

"He moved here in 1960 and he hit the floor running with being involved in the community," his daughter Kristi Haller-Shaffer said. "There's a lot of years in with Miss Oregon, Seaside Kids, City Council, Jaycees and all that."

Winstanley was one of Haller's students at Seaside High School. "I've known Larry for damn near 50 years, because he had me as a freshman in high school," Winstanley said. "He was a very good teacher. He cared very much about his students."

Stubby Lyons, a former Seaside High School teacher and coach and later a member of the City Council, called Haller "one of the brightest men I've ever known. He always had the right thing to

say and the right thing to do."

"I knew Larry clear back when I was in high school," former City Councilor Don Johnson said. "He was the teacher, I was the student."

Winstanley said Haller served as councilor during two separate periods, from 1981-92 and from 2001-10.

### Council legacy

Haller was instrumental in the formation of the city's first Trail's End and Greater Seaside urban renewal districts, which brought improvements to the Broadway area from Holladay to the Prom. "I thought meetings were a magic place where dad-dys went when I was a little kid," Haller-Shaffer said. "It really gave me a big sense of community."

"We got a lot of bridges done," Lyons said. "We got a lot of service done in the infrastructure around town. We

started this business of getting it done — and I'm really happy about that."

At his retirement in June 2010, Mayor Don Larson said Haller was instrumental in developing the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Without the convention center, we would be a small, hardly used community," Larson said in 2010. "Larry was a prime mover behind that."

"He was a doer and a get'er done," Johnson said Monday. "He was part of the 'secret seven' of the instigation of the convention center — he, my dad, and a handful of other citizens formed a committee and figured out we needed a convention center. Didn't seem to hurt us any I don't think."

When Johnson joined the City Council, Haller served as Johnson's mentor and teacher on the council.

Haller played a similar role for Phillips.

"Larry's the reason why I'm on the council," Phillips said. "After the brain tumor, he knew it was time to step aside. He called me, and said, 'Dana would you consider thinking about running?'"

In 2010, Haller had this advice for would-be councilors: "You are here to help the public," he said. "Don't come with a specific agenda. Be a team player and be prepared to work closely with the city manager and the City Council. That's what I think is most important."

Haller is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Kristi; son-in-law, Todd Shaffer; son, Scott; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Harrison; a brother, Bill; and several nieces and nephews. "My brother and I were raised to give back to the community in which we live, and he lived that," Haller-Shaffer said.

A celebration of life is planned for later this year.

## OBITUARIES

### Lois Margaret Morford

Astoria landlady

Nov. 22, 1935 — March 9, 2017

Lois was born in Oakland, California, on Nov. 22, 1935, and passed on March 9, 2017, at age 81.

After graduating from high school in 1953 at age 17, she moved to Ellensburg, Washington, to attend college. Within the year she was married, and had four children before graduating from Central Washington State College 10 years later, in 1963. The following year she completed an interdisciplinary psychology/sociology master's degree at the University of Oregon.

She taught second grade in Oak Harbor, Washington, for three years, then moved to Astoria in 1967, teaching psychology and child development at Clatsop Community College until 1977. After a year of travel, she was a mental health consultant to Head Start for 10 years.

Her proudest accomplishments were raising her four children by herself, after her husband skipped out in 1970, her volunteer work in clinics and refugee camps in Central America during the violence of the 1970s and 1980s, and in providing comfortable, affordable housing to many beginning Astorians by renting rooms in her house for over 40 years.

She loved traveling, gardening and children. She was an elder of the Oregon Country Fair, attending and working for the event for 37 years. She was an original member of the OCF Wristband Crew.

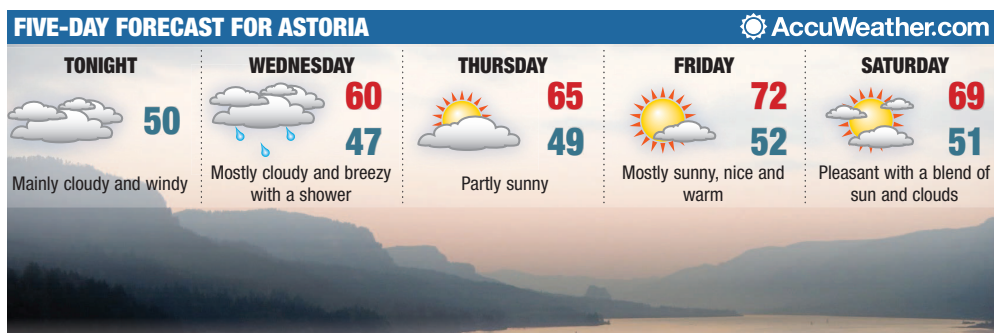
Lois is survived by her partner of 37 years, Wm. Paxton Hoag of Astoria, Oregon; her four children, Kevin Morford of Chugach, Alaska, Shairm Villa of Vancouver, Washington, and Margo O'Connell and Kirk Morford, both of Portland, Oregon; her eight grandchildren, Corinna and Julian Michels, Conor and Mickey O'Connell and Alicia, James, Mateo and Elena Villa; and by one of her twin brothers, Douglas Taynton, and his wife, Leah Taynton. Her other brother, Donald Taynton, preceded her in death by two years, and is survived by his wife, Mary Taynton.

A memorial event will be held at Shively Hall in Astoria Sunday, June 11, at 1 p.m.

Memorial donations can be made to Scholarships, Culture Jam, Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401. Lois sponsored four of her grandchildren to attend Culture Jam, a summer youth camp by the Oregon Country Fair.



Lois Morford



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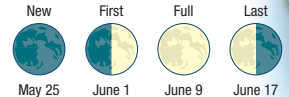
Astoria through Monday.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 84°/49°  
Normal high/low ..... 61°/47°  
Record high ..... 88° in 1941  
Record low ..... 37° in 1960

**Precipitation**  
Monday ..... Trace  
Month to date ..... 5.78"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.42"  
Year to date ..... 47.02"  
Normal year to date ..... 32.46"

### SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 8:51 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday ..... 5:33 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 4:37 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 6:17 p.m.



### UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Vega, Altair and Deneb of the Summer Triangle will emerge from the eastern horizon after 10:30 p.m.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### TOMORROW'S TIDES

**Astoria / Port Docks**

Time	High	Time	Low
12:20 a.m.	9.4 ft.	7:10 a.m.	-0.8 ft.
1:22 p.m.	7.8 ft.	7:02 p.m.	1.5 ft.

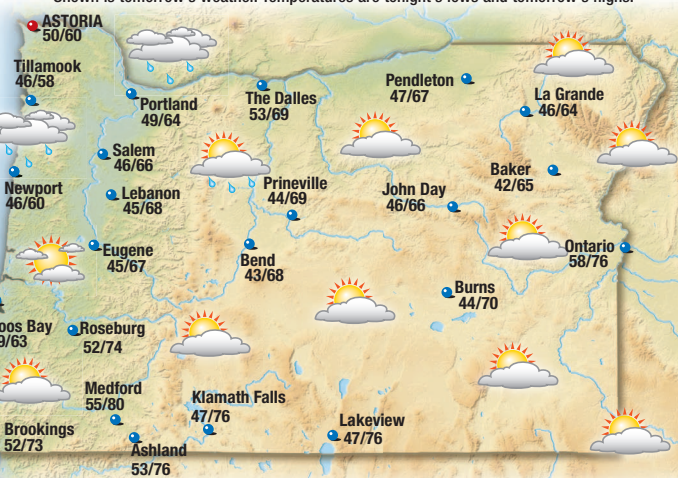
### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	74	64	t	74	56	t
Boston	70	57	pc	67	54	pc
Chicago	66	52	t	61	51	sh
Denver	62	40	pc	79	51	s
Des Moines	63	51	sh	66	48	pc
Detroit	74	55	c	72	58	r
El Paso	89	60	s	95	70	s
Fairbanks	57	37	sh	61	37	c
Honolulu	85	70	pc	85	69	sh
Indianapolis	74	57	c	64	53	r
Kansas City	63	47	pc	64	46	pc
Las Vegas	98	76	s	101	75	s
Los Angeles	81	59	pc	75	57	pc
Memphis	79	57	c	68	53	c
Miami	91	79	s	92	77	t
Nashville	79	60	pc	69	54	sh
New Orleans	82	66	t	78	60	pc
New York	74	59	c	74	59	pc
Oklahoma City	68	47	t	71	50	s
Philadelphia	73	56	c	77	58	pc
St. Louis	74	53	t	68	55	sh
Salt Lake City	80	59	s	84	53	s
San Francisco	71	52	s	68	55	pc
Seattle	77	48	s	64	50	pc
Washington, DC	70	58	r	73	61	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

### REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

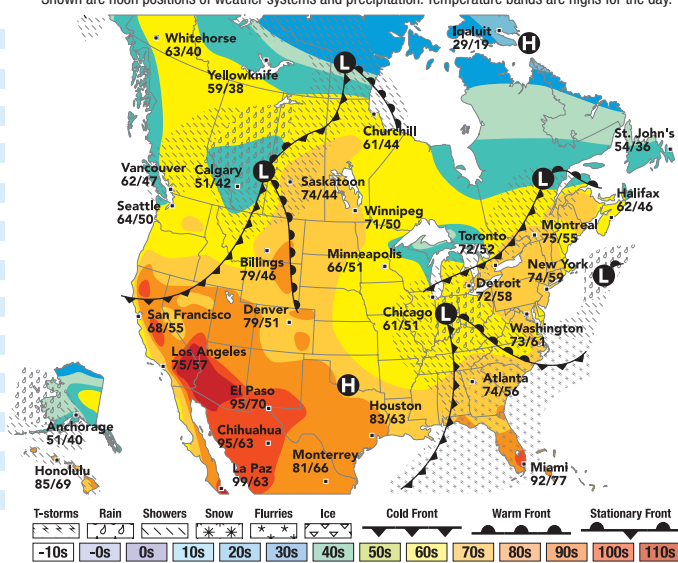


### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	86	42	s	65	36	pc		
Bend	88	43	s	68	35	pc		
Brookings	69	52	s	69	48	pc		
Eugene	84	45	s	67	43	pc		
Ilwaco	60	50	pc	58	49	c		
Klamath Falls	88	47	s	76	35	pc		
Medford	96	55	s	80	46	pc		
Newberg	82	45	s	64	47	c		
Newport	60	46	s	60	45	c		
North Bend	63	50	s	62	48	pc		
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Olympia	76	44	s	63	43	c		
Pendleton	89	47	s	67	46	pc		
Portland	82	49	s	64	50	c		
Roseburg	89	52	s	74	48	pc		
Salem	84	46	s	66	47	pc		
Seaside	61	50	pc	58	49	c		
Spokane	82	47	s	63	46	pc		
Springfield	85	46	s	68	43	pc		
Vancouver	81	48	s	62	48	c		
Yakima	95	49	s	73	47	pc		

### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



## DEATHS

### May 23, 2017

WIESE, Mary Rose, 93, of Gearhart, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

### May 22, 2017

CHAVIS, Georgia C., 66, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

KIBBEE, Teresa E., 63, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Cald-

well's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

### May 21, 2017

DUDLEY, Nadine Elizabeth, 95, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

AZEVEDO, Frank E., 77, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in

charge of the arrangements.

### May 17, 2017

BROWN, Shirley Puttkamer, 97, of Gearhart, died in Gearhart. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

### May 13, 2017

KNOP, Michael William, 59, of Cannon Beach, died in Bend. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

## BIRTHS

### May 16, 2017

SEARS, Dana, and WEYL, Harley, of Ocean Park, Washington, a girl, Alaina Elizabeth-Mae Weyl, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Jeannie and David Weyl and Daniel Sears.

DINTLEMAN, Taylor, and LARCOM, Lyric, of Seaside, a boy, Wolfric Ray Larcom, born at Providence Seaside Hospital. Grandparents are Pamela Cleveland of Medford, Jeff Dintleman of Seaside, and Lisa Larcom and Darrick McCostlin, both of Kelso, Washington.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### TUESDAY

**Clatsop Care Health District Board**, noon, meeting and annual preliminary budget presentation, Clatsop Retirement Village, 947 Olney Ave.  
**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 Commis-**

**sion**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

### WEDNESDAY

**Astoria Parks Board**, 6:45 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Port of Astoria Budget Committee**, noon, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.  
**Cannon Beach Budget Committee**, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.  
**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

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