

Hughes-Ransom owners look to sell old, build new



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Interested in buying a mortuary?
The owners of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory are selling the company's two mortuaries in Astoria and Seaside as they look to consolidate into one new, modernized location.

"Mostly, we want a nice one-level (building) that can be built to accommodate new service," said Todd Slack, co-owner of Hughes-Ransom in Astoria and Seaside with his wife, Joy, since 2013. "The buildings are fairly old. There's just so much more new technology to where you can build things to suit."

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The couple also own mortuaries in Oakridge and Springfield, where they have been remodeling. The new mortuary would have a more efficient crematory and technologically upgraded chapel.

"We're about 70, 75 percent cremation" on the North Coast, Slack said. "That's why we're trying to get where the chapel would have pro-

jectors to run video tributes."

E. B. Hughes established a mortuary in the Harvey and Mary Pike residence at 576 12th St. in Astoria in 1923, remodeling the building in the 1930s into its present look. The building is 10,000 square feet spread over three stories, including a chapel, reception area, kitchen and a two-bedroom apartment

upstairs, and is listed at \$649,000.

Hughes Mortuary started the Seaside chapel in 1933 at the site of a former Masonic hall, according to an article at the time in the Evening Astorian Budget. The current mortuary was built in 1948 and was recently listed at \$499,000. It includes a chapel, meeting rooms and a two-bedroom apartment.

"It's been hard for us to keep both buildings open," Slack said, adding that having only one location will help the mortuary lower prices.

The mortuary won't settle on a new location until after selling at least one of the two buildings, Slack said.

Astoria schools tour slated for next week

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The Astoria School District is inviting the public to tour schools and provide input next week as the school board decides whether to go out for a new school improvement bond.

The tour starts at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Astoria High School. Attendees will then ride a school bus to tour John Jacob Astor Elementary School and Astoria Middle School.

The district will hold a community meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the middle school to gather public input on the district's facilities needs. Representatives from BLRB Architects, the firm helping the district assess facilities, will provide a short report, lead a discussion and tour the middle school. Dinner and child care will be provided, and information will be in English and Spanish.

The school district received

grants from the state Department of Education to evaluate facilities and seismic needs as part of a long-range plan.

Astoria schools last passed \$21.4 million in bonds in 2000.

"Our school facilities are an integral piece of student learning," Astoria Superintendent Craig Hoppes said in a release about school tours. "It is vital that the district receives community input as we review the district's current needs."

Boat owner fined for Warrenton fuel spill

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WARRENTON — The state Department of Environmental Quality has fined Jeffrey Green, the owner of a fishing boat called the Emerald Sea, \$28,800 for spilling about 300 gallons of diesel

fuel into the Skipanon River in August 2016.

The crew of the Emerald Sea overfilled a tank during an internal fuel transfer.

"This spill caused a mile-long sheen in the river, and most of the oil was lost to the environment due to the lack

of immediate efforts to contain and clean up the spill," the state's enforcement letter said.

Green was fined for the spill and for not immediately making efforts to clean the spill or report it to the state Emergency Response System.

OBITUARIES

Betty-Lou Ann Thompson Hare

Seaside

Sept. 30, 1925 — Feb. 6, 2018

Betty-Lou Ann Thompson Hare was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 30, 1925, with her passing at Avamere Memory Care in Seaside, Oregon, where she had her own studio apartment for the last two months. She was 92.

Betty-Lou was the light of her parents' lives; H. Loren and Lucille (Blaska) Thompson who lived in Chicago, Illinois, eventually settling in Portland, Oregon, in 1945. Her last five years have been in Seaside, Oregon, with daughter, Piper, and son-in-law, Jimmy, in "her" wing of their home.

Betty-Lou graduated high school from Niles Township in Skokie, Illinois, and entered National College of Education in Evanston at 17. Betty-Lou met her best friend, Bobbi, in grade school, and they exchanged handwritten letters to each other every week until Bobbi passed 10 years ago. When Betty-Lou loved, she loved for life.

Betty-Lou met Raymond Hare when they were both 14; they married in 1945 at 19, and had three children together, divorcing in 1966. They remained friends until her passing; Betty-Lou never remarried. Forever grateful for all she loved and met on her journey of life.

Betty-Lou had a very spiritual upbringing, which sustained her for her entire life. Raised as a Nazarene until the age of 12, and becoming a Methodist until her passing, Betty-Lou was a member of both the First United Methodist Church of Portland, where she was very active in Women United and Ruth's Circle until moving to Seaside in 2013, where she had the privilege of being welcomed with open arms into Seaside United Methodist Church.

Betty-Lou instilled her love of volunteering to her children, being a stay-at-home mom, and involved in her children's lives with Boy Scouts, Campfire and PTA, and did not drive

until the age of 40!

Betty-Lou was a chaperone for Miss Oregon 1959, and continued to be a patron of the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program. She now has become another "pageant angel." Having not held a paying job since she was 19, in 1967 Betty-Lou became an executive secretary until her retirement in 1983.

Our mom was the epitome of class her entire life. Betty-Lou was a strong, intelligent woman who would do anything for her family, truly beautiful on the inside as well as out. Those of us who were blessed to share in life with Betty-Lou are richer for it, and she will be missed, another one of our angels watching over and

guiding us.

Betty-Lou is survived by her children, Stephen (Rusty, died 2008) Hare of Portland, Dana (Steve) Phillips and Piper (Jimmy) O'Brien of Seaside. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren are Tiffany Phillips (died 1998), Meghan (Rob) Roy and Rylee Stacey and Joseph O'Brien of Richland, Oregon, Adam (Siobain) and Rowan Sauve of Austin, Texas; her step-grandchildren are Moira (Micah) Pierce and Geoffrey (Jaime) Ryan and Reed Thompson of Washington state; and extended family are Warren, Charlotte and Albert (Hilary) Cook of Portland.

Betty-Lou's family is at peace because our Mom/BL/Missie/Gammy/Gigi is at peace and once again with her parents.

At Betty-Lou's request, there will be no service. A private inurnment was held at Finley Sunset Hills Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Betty-Lou's honor to her late granddaughter's foundation, the Tiffany Ann Phillips Memorial Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 1099, Seaside, Oregon 97138, a 501c3 Oregon scholarship foundation.



Betty-Lou Hare

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

| TONIGHT | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 44 | 49 / 37 | 44 / 27 | 40 / 26 | 41 / 30 |
| Rain | Breezy with rain | Mostly cloudy, a little rain; chilly | Mostly sunny and cold | Rain and drizzle possible in the afternoon |

ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High/Low: 49°/37°
 Normal high/low: 52°/37°
 Record high: 72° in 1996
 Record low: 21° in 1956

Precipitation

Thursday: 0.05"
 Month to date: 2.20"
 Normal month to date: 3.97"
 Year to date: 13.56"
 Normal year to date: 14.17"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight: 5:43 p.m.
 Sunrise Saturday: 7:16 a.m.
 Moonrise today: 7:53 a.m.
 Moonset today: 6:48 p.m.

First Full Last New
 Feb 22 Mar 1 Mar 9 Mar 17

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Astoria: 44/49 | Portland: 44/52 | The Dalles: 43/55 | Pendleton: 41/54 | La Grande: 37/48 |
| Salem: 44/53 | Prineville: 32/55 | John Day: 36/51 | Baker: 31/48 | |
| Newport: 44/50 | Lebanon: 44/52 | Bend: 35/53 | Burns: 25/49 | Ontario: 31/52 |
| Eugene: 42/51 | Roseburg: 42/55 | Klamath Falls: 27/53 | Lakeview: 25/51 | |
| Coos Bay: 45/52 | Medford: 36/55 | Brookings: 43/53 | Ashland: 36/55 | |

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Taurus, the Bull, charging down to the left towards Orion.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

| Time | High | Low |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| 2:32 a.m. | 8.3 ft. | 2.1 ft. |
| 2:07 p.m. | 8.8 ft. | 0.0 ft. |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today | Sat. |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta | 73 54 c | 70 49 sh |
| Boston | 50 24 sh | 34 30 pc |
| Chicago | 33 15 pc | 37 19 sn |
| Denver | 44 23 s | 52 32 s |
| Des Moines | 27 21 s | 41 25 sn |
| Detroit | 33 18 pc | 35 27 pc |
| El Paso | 61 48 r | 66 50 pc |
| Fairbanks | 18 2 pc | 20 2 pc |
| Honolulu | 81 67 pc | 81 69 pc |
| Indianapolis | 37 25 pc | 41 28 sn |
| Kansas City | 38 26 s | 52 31 s |
| Las Vegas | 64 44 s | 68 46 s |
| Los Angeles | 76 53 s | 77 53 s |
| Memphis | 56 41 r | 47 39 r |
| Miami | 84 67 pc | 85 70 s |
| Nashville | 63 40 r | 46 37 r |
| New Orleans | 81 62 pc | 79 61 c |
| New York | 58 26 sh | 38 32 pc |
| Oklahoma City | 48 34 c | 59 36 pc |
| Philadelphia | 57 28 sh | 40 32 sn |
| St. Louis | 40 26 pc | 45 29 c |
| Salt Lake City | 47 34 s | 57 44 pc |
| San Francisco | 65 46 s | 63 51 s |
| Seattle | 48 42 r | 48 35 r |
| Washington, DC | 62 32 sh | 42 33 sn |

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

Legend:
 T-tornado, R-rain, S-showers, F-flurries, I-ice, C-cold front, W-warm front, S-stationary front

MEMORIAL

Tuesday, Feb. 20
 McKEOWN, William
 — Funeral at 11 a.m., Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave. Private burial will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Astoria. An online quest book is available caldwellsmortuary.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.
Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Thursday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 1-8-3-7
 4 p.m.: 0-8-5-5
 7 p.m.: 0-7-6-8
 10 p.m.: 0-5-2-4

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 04-08-10-13-19-23-28-29
 Estimated jackpot: \$30,000

WASHINGTON
Thursday's Daily Game: 8-6-8
Thursday's Keno: 05-06-16-23-25-27-28-32-41-42-43-46-60-67-68-69-70-75-79-80
Thursday's Match 4: 10-14-20-24

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