

OBITUARIES

Maija-Liisa Carlson

Astoria

Nov. 12, 1940 — Feb. 18, 2018

Maija-Liisa Carlson — wife, mother, grandmother and friend — departed on her final journey Feb. 18, 2018.

Maija was born in Oulu, Finland, Nov. 12, 1940, to Aarne and Tyyne Karjalainen, during World War II. As a child, Maija remembered having to hide in bomb shelters, and other effects of the war.

She was the oldest of four children. At a young age, the family moved to Turku, Finland, where Maija received her education, and she considered it her hometown. She began a lifelong love of books at an early age. Her love of reading would continue through her lifetime, and she passed this passion onto her children and grandchildren.

After she finished her education in Finland, Maija decided she wanted to improve her English skills. She spent a short time in England, and then decided to adventure to the U.S. In 1963, relatives (the Koven family) in Naselle, Washington, provided the connection.

She attended and graduated from Clatsop Community College, and received the President's Award. Maija lived with the college president's family (Richard and Alice Boss), where she helped with the children in exchange for room and board. Maija met her future husband, Andrew Carlson, during this time.

Due to the sudden death of her father, she returned to Finland to be with her family. Maija and Andy continued to correspond and, in 1965, they were married in the Turku Cathedral in Finland. They returned to Astoria to begin their life together. Two daughters, Katrina and Saara, completed the family. Maija and the girls traveled to Finland during summers when possible, and her mother came to visit in opposite summers.

Maija went to work for the Astoria School District in 1978. She worked at Central School, Astor Elementary, and spent most of her employment at the Astoria Middle School, working in the library. She retired in 2002.

Maija believed education was very important, and was constantly learning new things. She had a keen ear for languages. In addition to Finnish and English, she spoke several other languages, including Spanish and Swedish, and could manage in Russian, German and French.

She also loved to travel and learn about different cultures. She traveled to many countries, including Russia, Egypt, India, China, Turkey, Peru, Chile and Poland, to name a few. She had just returned from a trip to Italy, Spain and Tunisia in December 2017.

Maija enjoyed retirement. She spent many hours working in her berry garden and landscaping her yard. She was very talented, and had an artistic side. She created beautiful cross-stitch pieces. Though she would never say so, she was an excellent baker and cook. She made some of the best authentic Finnish prune tarts and other treats. Her holiday meals and decorations were exceptional.

Three lights of Maija's life were her grandsons, Aleks, Leo and Stian. She was always there to help with whatever they needed. Family was the most important part of her life, and she was the foundation of ours.

Maija is survived by her husband, Andy; daughters, Katrina (John) Ivanoff and Saara (Greg) Matthews; and grandsons, Aleks, Leo and Stian Matthews, all of Astoria; brothers, Mikko Karjalainen and Seppo Karjalainen and their families, of Turku, Finland; and cousins, Pirkko Arje and Kirsti Sandell of Finland.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Samuli.

Maija was dearly loved, and her sudden illness and passing is a great shock and sadness to all. She was our heart.

Per Maija's request, there will be no service.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Lower Columbia Hospice, Clatsop County Animal Shelter, Clatsop County Historical Society, or the charity of your choice.



Maija-Liisa Carlson



Sonja Marie Yanagawa

Kirkland, Washington

Aug. 17, 1946 — Feb. 24, 2018

Sonja Yanagawa, formerly of Astoria, passed away on Feb. 24, 2018 after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by her family and the staff of Evergreen Health Hospice Care in Kirkland, Washington.

Sonja Marie Larsen was the oldest child born to Sydney and Evelyn Larsen on Aug. 17, 1946, in Astoria, Oregon. Raised in Astoria, Sonja attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and was a proud member of the 1964 graduating high school class from Star of the Sea.

After graduation, Sonja met and married Hiram K. Cho, and resided in Honolulu, Hawaii. They had two sons and later divorced, but Sonja remained in Hawaii, loving the island people and traditions.

Later, she met Richard Yanagawa. They married on Dec. 10, 1979, and had a daughter together. Sonja returned to Astoria with Richard in 1981, where they raised their family.

Sonja worked for many years at Clatsop Care Center, and loved her job and work family very much. She remained there until her retirement in 2007, when she and Richard moved to the Seattle area to help care for their grandson.

Sonja loved being a grandmother and get-

ting to spend time with her family. She loved to read in her spare time, and was always learning about people, culture, history and beliefs. She loved getting to visit with family and friends.

She returned to the coast several times each year to visit the beach, clam dig and spend time with loved ones.

Sonja was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Inez Wall. Her brother, Frank K. Larsen (Linda), survives, living in Canby. Sonja is also survived by her husband, Richard; two sons, Hiram K. Cho (Melissa) of Astoria, and Stewart Makai (Erica) of Eugene; a daughter, Lorraine Yanagawa (Aaron) of Kirkland; and her grandson, Ethan. She

will be missed by numerous nieces and nephews, friends and co-workers, and by her best friend, Margaret Smith and family, including grandsons Dakota and Asher Severson of Astoria, whom she considered her own.

A celebration of Sonja's life will be held later this spring.

Memorial contributions can be made to any hospice organization, in honor of the amazing men and women who helped care for Sonja in her final days.



Sonja Yanagawa

Debra Ann (Kirts) Wolf

Astoria

Aug. 2, 1955 — Dec. 13, 2017

Debra Ann (Kirts) Wolf, 62, of Astoria, Oregon, passed away on Dec. 13 from surgical complications.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1955 in Hoopeston, Illinois, to Thomas and Sally Kirts.

She married her friend and soulmate, Richard, in May 2004.

Debby grew up in the small farming community of Hoopeston, and moved to Astoria in 2003. She so very much loved Astoria, and the home she so lovingly created and nurtured.

Debby is survived by her husband; three brothers, Michael Kirts of Hoopeston, Illinois, Barney Kirts of Noblesville, Indiana, and James (Susie) Kirts of Hoopeston, Illinois; a nephew, Aaron (Juri) Kirts of Bloomington, Illinois; a niece, Ashley (Mike) Kirts-Arnett of Carmel, Indiana; a great-niece, Olivia; and two great-nephews, James and Noah.

Debby worked as a registered nurse for 32 years in such fields as medical-surgery, pulmonology, gastrointestinal lab, and as a director of nursing. She loved the profession, and was a tireless and compassionate caregiver.

Her love of animals was a cornerstone of

her life, and she backed it up by volunteering at the local shelter, donating time and money, and adopting three shelter dogs, Captain Jack, Larry and Frankie. Any sign of an animal in distress would make her work harder to prevent it. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals" — Gandhi

She also loved to garden, paint, and was an excellent cook. She liked cooking food styles from all over the world. Debby really enjoyed traveling, which included trips to Germany, England, Ireland, Australia and multiple cruises, one of which went through the Panama Canal.

She explored her heredity, discovering her family tree was German and

Irish.

There will be a private family ceremony in Illinois in the spring.

On Sunday, March 11, at the Astoria Brewing Co., 144 11th St., from 1 to 3 p.m., we will raise a glass in her memory.

Any donations can be made to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, or Clatsop Animal Assistance, in her memory.



Debra Wolf

DEATHS

March 2, 2018

STUTZMAN, Nancy Joanne, 91, of Astoria, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 28, 2018

McDANIEL, Dennis Joseph, 58, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Price to hold 'salonical'

The Daily Astorian

Astoria City Councilor Cindy Price will hold a "salonical" from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Waldorf Conference Room at City Hall.

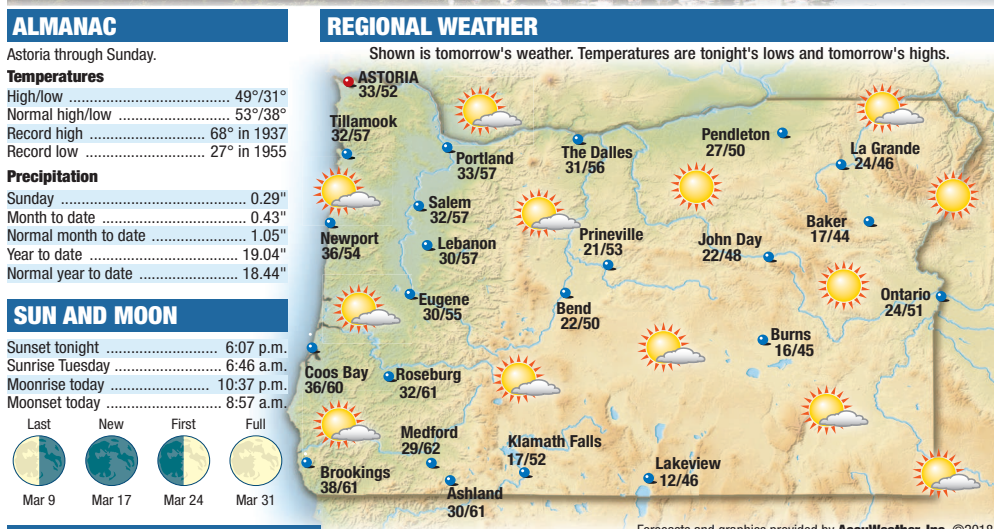
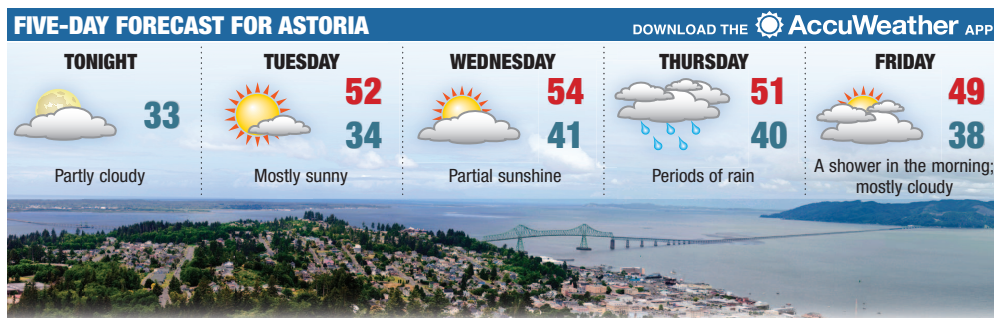
Residents are welcome to exchange ideas and information, ask questions and express concerns about ongoing and proposed city projects.

Mayor LaMear to hold meet-and-greet

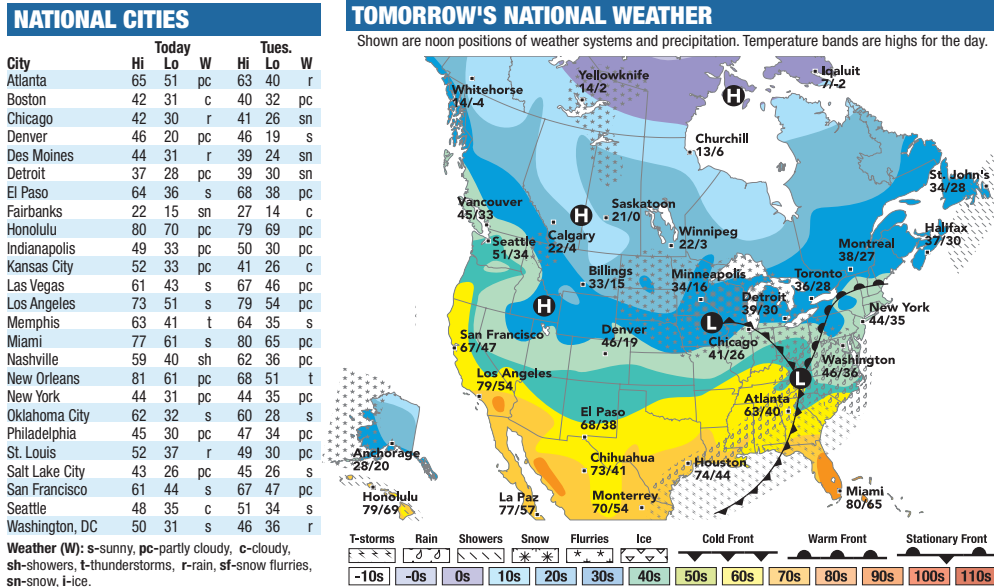
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Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear will hold her monthly "Meet the Mayor" event at noon Wednesday at City Hall.

Residents are invited to discuss city policy.



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Tapiola Park Easter egg hunt back on

The Daily Astorian

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Tapiola Park is returning this year.

Local service organizations have stepped up to host the community event that was slated to be cut by an Astoria Parks and Recreation Department struggling with a tight budget.

The service clubs, including

the Rotary Club of Astoria and Astoria Elks #180, as well as other volunteers agreed to sponsor the event, Angela Cosby, parks and recreation director, told her advisory board at a meeting in February.

The free family event was among a number of programs that have been or were slated to be eliminated this year because of budget constraints. Since

budget talks last spring and summer, some programs have returned thanks to community support and donations. Others remain in limbo.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31, starting at noon. The egg hunt, split into age groups, begins at 1 p.m. and features 3,000 dyed eggs, special prizes, balloon animals, face painting and games.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY
Clatsop Care Center Health District Board, noon, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St.
Port of Astoria Airport Advisory Committee, 4 p.m., 1110 S.E. Flightline Drive, Warrenton.
Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m., special meeting, Knappa High School library, 41535 Old

U.S. Highway 30.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY
Seaside Community Center Commission, 10:30 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.

Clatsop County Fair Board, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop County Fair & Expo, 92937 Walluski Loop.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-2-4-3
4 p.m.: 0-7-7-9
7 p.m.: 3-3-9-0
10 p.m.: 7-7-3-2
Sunday's Lucky Lines: 02-08-10-16-18-22-25-29
 Estimated jackpot: \$14,000
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-2-8-9
4 p.m.: 2-5-6-8
7 p.m.: 0-7-6-2
10 p.m.: 1-3-9-5
Saturday's Lucky Lines: 01-06-09-13-20-23-25-32
 Estimated jackpot: \$12,000
Saturday's Megabucks: 8-9-11-33-42-45
 Estimated jackpot: \$8.7 million

Saturday's Powerball: 13-17-25-36-40, Powerball: 5
 Estimated jackpot: \$348 million
Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-3-9-4
4 p.m.: 9-9-6-2
7 p.m.: 0-3-3-7
10 p.m.: 4-7-3-7
Friday's Lucky Lines: 01-08-09-14-17-23-28-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$11,000
Friday's Mega Millions: 24-28-42-60-64, Mega Ball: 8
 Estimated jackpot: \$265 million

Sunday's Match 4: 03-04-14-23
Saturday's Daily Game: 8-1-3
Saturday's Hit 5: 02-05-08-17-30
 Estimated jackpot: \$270,000
Saturday's Keno: 01-04-06-07-08-12-27-28-29-30-32-43-48-56-58-66-67-69-74-75
Saturday's Lotto: 20-22-30-35-40-47
 Estimated jackpot: \$2.4 million
Saturday's Match 4: 01-07-08-23
Friday's Daily Game: 0-1-2
Friday's Keno: 01-05-06-18-20-27-29-30-40-44-46-53-56-58-60-64-68-69-70-76
Friday's Match 4: 08-16-17-19

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