

# Parker, a beloved Portland publican who invented the totcho, has died

By MICHAEL RUSSELL  
The Oregonian

Jim Parker, a friendly, bearded fixture of Oregon's craft beer scene and creator of the ubiquitous bar snack the totcho, has died, friends and family announced Wednesday.

Parker, a former journalist who worked in the craft beer world in Oregon, Colorado and Washington state, suffered a stroke on Nov. 15. He died Tuesday surrounded by his brother, Mike, sister, Mindy, and son, Joel, according to an update on the GoFundMe page set up to help with his recovery. Donations to that fund will now go to pay off outstanding medical bills and other costs associated with his passing.

Parker moved to Oregon from Colorado in 1999, eventually partnering with Lompoc Brewing owner Jerry Fechter to open Oaks Bottom Public House. There, in the mid 2000s, Parker suggested an unorthodox appetizer — tater



Portland publican Jim Parker is credited with inventing totchos, aka nachos with a tater tot base.

tots, Oregon's homegrown deep fried potato byproduct, dressed with melted cheddar and jack cheese, black olives, sour cream, jalapeños and other nacho fixings.

Fechter and Oaks Bottom's cook were not immediately convinced

"They looked at me like I was growing a third ear. They said, 'that sounds like stoner food,'" Parker told The Oregonian for a 2015 story on the secret history of the totcho. "They were humoring me to put them

on the menu, but it ended up being one of our most ordered items."

From there, totchos went on to star on bar and brewpub menus across the nation.

After Oaks Bottom, Parker worked or helped open Concordia Ale House, the Horse Brass, the Green Dragon, plus several pubs in Colorado and Washington state. Most recently, Parker was helping friend David Lederfine rebrand his transient Awesome Ales as Asher David Brewing & Cellarworks.

## Forecast calls for 3 inches of snow

The Daily Astorian

Three inches of snow is possible this weekend on the North Coast.

The National Weather Service

issued a winter weather advisory from 7 p.m. tonight through 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Drivers should expect snow-covered roads and limited visibility.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP

TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
31	39 21	39 25	40 26	40 25
Mainly cloudy and cold with spotty showers	Mostly cloudy, showers around; chilly	Mostly cloudy; snow and ice at night	Mainly cloudy and chilly with rain	Cloudy and cold with a little snow

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday.

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 42°/27°

Normal high/low ..... 51°/37°

Record high ..... 66° in 1963

Record low ..... 20° in 2014

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.00"

Month to date ..... 1.12"

Normal month to date ..... 1.88"

Year to date ..... 6.05"

Normal year to date ..... 12.08"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunrise Saturday ..... 7:28 a.m.

Moonrise today ..... 9:31 a.m.

Moonset today ..... 9:28 p.m.

First

Feb 12

Full

Feb 19

Last

Feb 26

New

Mar 6

**REGIONAL WEATHER**

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

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REGIONAL CITIES						
City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.	W
Baker City	30	23	sn	35	18	sn
Bend	35	26	sf	32	8	sn
Brookings	50	36	sh	41	31	sh
Eugene	42	32	c	40	22	sn
Ilwaco	44	32	r	37	25	sh
Klamath Falls	36	24	sf	32	13	sn
Medford	44	33	sh	40	24	sn
Newberg	42	33	sh	36	19	sn
Newport	45	35	c	42	26	sh
North Bend	48	35	sh	42	30	sh
City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.	W
Olympia	37	25	sn	35	14	sn
Pendleton	26	22	sn	26	11	sn
Portland	40	29	sh	36	19	sn
Roseburg	44	35	sh	39	24	sn
Salem	43	33	c	40	21	sn
Seaside	43	32	r	38	22	c
Spokane	24	12	sn	15	4	sn
Springfield	43	35	c	40	22	sn
Vancouver	41	30	sh	35	19	sn
Yakima	25	19	sn	23	12	sn

**TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER**

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

## OBITUARIES

### Janice Marie Weaver Brownsmead July 9, 1948 — Feb. 4, 2019

Janice Marie Weaver, 70, of Brownsmead, went peacefully home to be with her Lord, surrounded by her family, on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019.

Janice was born July 9, 1948, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Nelson and Alta Bechtold Frey. Shortly after she was born, her family purchased a small farm, where Janice grew up farming with her parents and sisters.

Janice married the love of her life, Harold L. Weaver, of Lititz, Pennsylvania, on June 7, 1969. Together they left their home in Lancaster in 1975 to pioneer a Tillamook producing dairy farm in Brownsmead, Oregon.

Janice was a devoted wife, married for 49 years and 8 months. Janice was also a loving mother to her three sons, Ryan, Craig and Chad. She tirelessly worked to keep her home in order, meals cooked and vegetables growing while being active in her sons' lives. She was active in their church involvement, schools and extracurricular activities. She later adopted all three of her daughters-in-law.

Janice had a special relationship with each of her grandchildren; she was happiest when she was attending fairs, sporting events, school programs, dance recitals, or just watching them play — always with a glow in her eyes.

Janice was an active member of Knappa

Assembly of God, where over the years she volunteered in many areas of the church. She cared for people in the community by providing meals in times of need.

Janice did the farm bookkeeping; planted and sold Christmas trees; made Christmas wreaths; and sold her own crafts, dried flower arrangements and produce at farmers' markets. She also quilted, painted, gardenized and played piano. She enjoyed weekly phone calls with family in Pennsylvania, and was a faithful friend to many.

Janice survived cancer twice. She drew her strength from her Lord Jesus Christ, daily reading the Bible and praying for others.

Janice is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jean Ober; and honorary family member, Fritz "Nana" Perry.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; sons, Ryan (Devon), Craig (Andrea) and Chad (Bethany); grandchildren, Madelynn, Katelynn, Raelynn, Claire, Iris and Caleb; and sister, June Ebersole.

We invite you to attend a celebration of life at Knappa Assembly of God, on Feb. 16, 2019, at 3 p.m., with a potluck dinner directly following.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Coast Pregnancy Clinic, 279 Sixth St., Astoria, OR., 97103, in honor of Janice Weaver.



Janice Weaver

### Charlotte Anne (Fearey) Miller Lake Stevens, Washington July 27, 1949 — Dec. 27, 2018

Charlotte Anne (Fearey) Miller, 69, of Lake Stevens, Washington, passed away surrounded by family on Dec. 27, 2018, due to ongoing medical complications.

Charie, as she was known to her friends and family, was born on July 27, 1949, in Astoria, Oregon, to Edmund and Ann (Gebel) Fearey. She graduated as salutatorian from Astoria High School in 1967, and from Oregon State University in 1971. She met Barry Miller when they were both studying abroad in Italy; they married in 1973, and moved to the Lake Stevens area.

She began her career as a high school history teacher at Parkrose High School in Portland, Oregon, and later became a stay-at-home mom. She enjoyed volunteering, helping with her children's activities, and spending countless hours at their schools, including co-chairing the Lakeside School Auction. Among the many other organizations she later volunteered with were Swedish Hospital, and the Assistance League.

One of her favorite activities was spending a week at Seabeck Family Camp on the Hood Canal with her extended family, which they attended for the past 57 years. There, she met and made friends with hundreds of

people, many of whom remained among her closest friendships.

Her hobbies included traveling, spending time in the winter at her home in the Palm Springs area, and playing bridge. She was an excellent player with groups in both Lake Stevens and Seattle. She was also a member of several clubs, including the Sunset Club in Seattle and Everett Golf and Country Club.

Above all, she was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Barry Miller; her three children, Chris Miller (Robyn Murgio), Amanda

Miller and Katie Miller; her three grandchildren, Finn, Graham and Cora Miller; and her siblings, Ross (Jo Ann) Fearey and Lois Barnum.

She will be remembered for many wonderful qualities, especially her sarcastic sense of humor, her selflessness and her deep love of her family and friends. A celebration of her life will be held at Everett Golf & Country Club on March 16. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Seabeck Family, 6002 Diamond Lane, Ferndale, WA., 98248.



Charlotte Miller

## CORRECTIONS

**Wrong students** — Students from the Tongue Point Job Corps seamanship program work on the Salvage Chief on Mondays and Wednesdays. An A1 story on Wednesday incorrectly said the students were from the Marine and Environmental

Research and Training Station. **Meal total incorrect** — The check for a meal split four ways at Drina Daisy Bosnian restaurant came to \$32 a head. A page 12 story in Thursday's Coast Weekend incorrectly said it was \$44 a head.

## MEMORIAL

Sunday, Feb. 10

CARLSON, Carol J. — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. in the Paul Loftman Auditorium, Lower Columbia College, 1600 Maple St. in Longview, Washington. Carlson, 73, of Longview, formerly of Astoria, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, in Longview. Longview Memorial Park in Longview was in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**MONDAY**  
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101

**Business.**  
Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue

Main Station, 188 E. Sunset Blvd.  
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
Thursday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 6-9-8-5  
4 p.m.: 9-8-5-7  
7 p.m.: 8-0-6-4  
10 p.m.: 9-0-2-8

**Thursday's Lucky Lines:** 1-7-10-15-19-22-25-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$41,000

**Thursday's Keno:** 01-03-09-18-33-35-36-37-43-48-55-56-57-62-67-68-69-70-72-76  
**Thursday's Match 4:** 01-04-16-22

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