

OBITUARIES

Gerry Owens
Redmond
June 6, 1936 — Sept. 10, 2019

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, Gerry (Scarborough) Owens passed away at the age of 83, after a battle with Alzheimer’s.

Gerry was born June 6, 1936, in Seaside, Oregon, to James and Lucille Scarborough. She received her teaching degree from the Oregon College of Education in 1958. She married Ted Owens June 8, 1957, and raised two children, Judy and Richard.

She taught elementary school for over 25 years throughout Oregon, including Broadbent, Portland, Umatilla and Cottrell. She also taught reading recovery to children and adults. Additionally, she worked for a time with her father at Scarborough and Daughter, selling heavy machinery and equipment.

Gerry had a passion for people and travel. She never met a person she didn’t immediately call a friend. Her mother said she “collected friends as others collected trinkets.” It wasn’t uncommon for her to just drop in unannounced to visit friends, who all welcomed her.

She traveled throughout the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Canada, Mexico, Switzerland, the U.K., Scotland,

Vietnam and New Zealand. Besides living in Oregon most of her life, she also lived in Colorado and Texas.

Gerry also loved art, reading, playing cards and pets. She painted and sold “Owl Boards” for many years and shared her love of painting with her grandchildren by taking them to many art camps. She loved being in book clubs and playing bridge with her friends. Her best friend the last few years was her dog, “Jagger.”

Gerry was preceded in death by her mother, father and brother, Jeff.

She is survived by her children, Judy (Randy Farless) and Rich (Candi); her brothers, Jim (Katie) and Vernon (Pat) Scarborough; brother-in-law, Dennis; and grandchildren, Nicole, Matt, Cody and Savanna Owens and Jordan Farless; and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, at 1:30 p.m., at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending donations to Thelma’s Place in Redmond, Oregon, or the Alzheimer’s Association.



Gerry Owens

Linus H. Seger
McMinnville
Sept. 2, 1927 — Sept. 20, 2019

Linus H. Seger, 92, passed away on Friday, Sept. 20, in McMinnville, Oregon.

A rosary Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, with an 11 a.m. Mass service to follow at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Astoria. Friends and family are welcome. A reception follows at St. Mary’s.

Linus was born Sept. 2, 1927, in Dubois, Indiana, to Frank and Margaret (Schmitt) Seger. Linus was preceded in death by his brothers, Francis, Alvin, Charles, Bernard, Cletus, Claude and James, and his sister, Florentine Mathias. He is also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon (Jackson) Morgan, wife, Deloris (Riehl) Seger, and wife, June (Lockwood) Seger.

Linus is survived by three daughters, four sons and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Linus lived a life of service, and was always willing to serve others and his church, St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Linus owned and operated an adult foster home in Astoria, Oregon, for 15-plus years. He was very proud of his adult foster home and the service he provided to the residents and their families.

Linus will be remembered for his service to others, his love of the Catholic Church and his Bible, his love of some good fried chicken, being an all-star noodle ball partner at Life Care Center of McMinnville, and his constant flirting with the ladies.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea scholarship fund account.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at hughes-ransom.com



Linus Seger

Delwin B. Mikkeltorg
Guinda, California
Sept. 12, 1955 — July 27, 2019

Delwin B. Mikkeltorg passed away on July 27 while at his home in Guinda, California. He was born on Sept. 12, 1955, in Burlington, Washington. The family would like to invite all who knew him to a gathering of remembrance.

Put on your jeans and best T-shirt and meet with us on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Palmer Creek



Delwin Mikkeltorg

Community Center, 606 Fourth St., Dayton, Oregon. We will start at 2 p.m.

Coffee and cake will be served while swapping “Delwin stories,” and maybe renewing old friendships. We know not everyone who knew Delwin is on Facebook, including Delwin himself, so please spread the word to those you know.



National Park Service

A female condor in Zion National Park in Utah.

States sue feds over
Endangered Species Act

Oregon among the states

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Seventeen states sued the Trump administration Wednesday to block rules weakening the Endangered Species Act, saying the changes would make it tougher to protect wildlife even in the midst of a global extinction crisis.

The lawsuit, in federal court in San Francisco, follows a similar challenge filed last month by several environmental groups, including the Humane Society and the Sierra Club.

The new rules begin taking effect Thursday. They for the first time allow officials to consider how much it would cost to save a species. They also remove blanket protections for animals newly listed as threatened and make it easier for creatures to be removed from the protected list.

“It’s a death by a thousand cuts for the Endangered Species Act,” said Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, announcing the lawsuit in a Seattle news conference.

The law, signed by President Richard Nixon in 1973, has been credited with helping prevent the extinction of more than 220 species, including bald eagles, grizzly bears and humpback whales. It requires the government to list species that are endangered or threatened. The law also protects about 1,600 plant and animal species, designates habitat protections for them, and assesses whether federal activities will hurt them.

Critics have long complained that environmentalists have weaponized the law to

block economic activity such as logging and mining, infringing on property rights. The Trump administration and congressional Republicans have said the new rules will improve the law’s enforcement.

The revisions “fit squarely within the president’s mandate of easing the regulatory burden on the American public, without sacrificing our species’ protection and recovery goals,” U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said when the changes were announced last month.

Scientists say that globally about 1 million species are at risk of extinction, mainly because of habitat destruction by humans, overfishing and climate change.

The states challenging Trump’s rules are California, Massachusetts, Maryland, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. The District of Columbia and New York City were also named as plaintiffs.

They argue that the rules changes contradict the goals of the Endangered Species Act and that the administration failed to provide a reasoned basis for the changes or analyze their environmental impacts as required by federal law.

The lawsuit cites challenges faced by creatures that include piping plovers in Rhode Island, orca whales in Washington state and desert tortoises in the Mojave Desert in Nevada.

“We are running out of time,” said Michael Ross, vice chairman of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe in Washington. “These changes aren’t in the right direction.”

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
66 51	62 46	63 43	60 42	61 42	62 44	61 46
A p.m. shower or two	A stray morning shower	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Increasing clouds

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	68/53
Normal high/low	67/48
Record high	85 in 1991
Record low	36 in 1970

Precipitation

Tuesday	Trace
Month to date	5.70"
Normal month to date	1.57"
Year to date	31.36"
Normal year to date	39.67"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Draco, the dragon, slithers around the Little Dipper.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:06 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:05 a.m.
Moonset today	6:32 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 13	Oct 21

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:26 p.m.	7.3	6:10 a.m.	-0.8	
none		6:20 p.m.	1.2	
Cape Disappointment	12:01 p.m.	6.9	5:16 a.m.	-1.0
11:46 p.m.	7.9	5:31 p.m.	1.2	
Hammond	12:13 p.m.	7.5	5:38 a.m.	-1.0
11:58 p.m.	8.5	5:52 p.m.	1.2	
Warrenton	12:21 p.m.	7.7	5:54 a.m.	-0.7
none		6:04 p.m.	1.3	
Knappa	1:03 p.m.	7.5	7:11 a.m.	-0.7
none		7:21 p.m.	1.0	
Depoe Bay	11:16 a.m.	7.6	4:46 a.m.	-0.8
10:59 p.m.	8.6	5:00 p.m.	1.7	

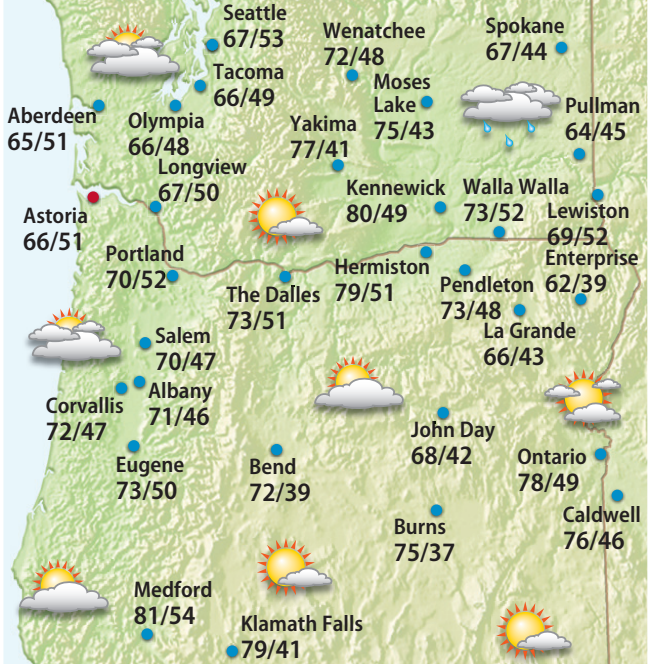
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	93/72/s	94/73/pc
Boston	81/58/s	74/59/s
Chicago	70/59/s	72/57/r
Dallas	96/75/s	93/74/pc
Denver	89/49/pc	69/47/pc
Honolulu	84/76/sh	85/76/pc
Houston	91/73/s	90/74/pc
Los Angeles	80/66/pc	77/67/pc
Miami	90/75/pc	88/78/pc
New York City	82/60/s	76/63/s
Phoenix	84/68/t	87/73/pc
San Francisco	79/62/s	72/55/pc
Wash., DC	87/61/s	83/67/pc
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today’s weather. Temperatures are today’s highs and tonight’s lows.



City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	71/39/pc	67/33/pc	North Bend	68/53/pc	65/51/c
Brookings	72/53/pc	68/50/s	Roseburg	76/53/pc	68/48/pc
Ilwaco	64/54/sh	62/45/c	Seaside	65/53/sh	61/45/sh
Newberg	70/46/pc	63/43/c	Springfield	72/49/pc	66/45/pc
Newport	65/51/c	62/49/sh	Vancouver	69/49/pc	62/44/c