

OBITUARIES

Gordon L. Wolfgram Jr.

Astoria

June 22, 1929 — Nov. 27, 2019

The loss of a man loved by so many. Gordon “Gordy” Wolfgram Jr., who celebrated his 90th birthday in June with many friends and family, passed away from cardiovascular complications on Nov. 27, 2019, while at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland.



Gordon Wolfgram Jr.

He was born June 22, 1929, in Seattle, to Gordon and Margaret (Shea) Wolfgram. He grew up in Astoria from the age of 10, and graduated from Astoria High School in 1947. He was on the AHS basketball team, captain of the football team and student body president his senior year.

One of his favorite stories was about the years he worked “shagging” milk for Johnson Dairy, prior to obtaining a driver’s license. He then worked for Art’s Associated gas station and the cannery at Bumble Bee Seafoods during high school. He attended the University of Portland before joining Englund Marine & Industrial Supply in 1948.

He joined the Oregon National Guard, where he served for 20 years before retirement in June 1989.

When Englund Marine opened its Ilwaco, Washington, store, Gordy became the manager there for the next 18 years, commuting back and forth from Ilwaco to Astoria on the ferry. He truly enjoyed the camaraderie he had with the commercial fisherman, making many life-long friends. He eventually returned to the Astoria store, where he worked until his retirement in 1991, after 40-plus years.

In October 1951, Gordy married his high school sweetheart, Lois Simonsen. She passed away in 1996 at the age of 64. During their 45 years together, they enjoyed trips to the beach, Palm Springs, California, and Sunriver with friends, and to Portland, where their daughter, Lisa, resided with her two boys, Jay and Andrew Ross.

Being a grandfather was very special to him, and he enjoyed many years watching Jay compete in golf tournaments, from Oregon Golf Association junior

golf, starting at the age of 8, through his recent years at the Oregon Coast Invitational. He also enjoyed attending Andrew’s piano events whenever he was able, and was happy to be a part of their lives whenever he could.

Gordy loved golf and was a member of Astoria Golf & Country Club for over 45 years, serving on the board of directors, as well as being on the marshall committee for the Oregon Coast Invitational. He enjoyed the junior/seniors and the opportunity to play other courses in Oregon. He was still able to play nine holes until about a year ago, when it became too difficult physically.

In 1999, he married Carol Struloff, who survives in Warrenton. They enjoyed road trips, and going to the Oregon State Beavers games the last several years before illnesses slowed them both down. They continued to reside at their home in Fernhill, where Gordy could often be seen on the riding mower, always making sure the grass was cut!

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Lisa Ross; two grandsons, Jay and Andrew Ross of Beaverton; and three stepchildren, Vince (Jackie) Truax, Patty (Terry) Camarillo and Victor Truax.

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 18, 2020, at 1 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Astoria, followed by a military honors ceremony and reception at Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Our family would like to thank everyone at Astoria’s kidney dialysis center, Dr. Tom Kenefick, Dr. John Wiest and the numerous doctors and nurses at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center who touched Gordy’s life and made these last couple of months compassionate, and easier for all. He and his “stories” will be missed by many.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Astoria High School athletic fund at 503-325-3911 or by email at hrub@astoria.k12.or.us.

Buzzer-beater lifts Knappa girls over Rainier

The Astorian

The Knappa girls basketball team opened a new era Friday night at home, as the Lady Loggers handed Tracie Brockey a 28-26 win over Rainier in Brockey’s first game as the Knappa coach.

Madelynn Weaver scored at the buzzer to break a 26-26 tie, and capped Knappa’s season-opening win in the annual Tip-Off Classic.

“Getting the home win and having the crowd go nuts was such a confidence booster for these ladies,” Brockey said. “Both teams had good looks toward the end of the game, and I was just thankful we had the last possession.”

Knappa will be winning

most — if not all — of its games with a strong pressure defense, as the Loggers had 22 steals.

But it was the Columbians who ended up in foul trouble, with Rainier’s Kalli Budge missing action after picking up fouls in the first half.

“Their 6-foot center (Budge) struggled with foul trouble in the first half, and I think they missed her presence in the key,” Brockey said. “Missed free throws from both sides opened the door at the end to make it anyone’s game.”

Other than that, the Columbians were unable to handle Knappa’s pressure defense.

“The girls played tough

defense tonight, working their full court press, getting strong rebounds and making reads,” Brockey said of her team. “We had great play from players coming off the bench, especially Raven Corcoran and Bayle McCall. They each made some very high energy plays that tipped the scales in our favor.”

Weaver led the Loggers with 10 points, five steals and four assists, while Vicki Ramvick led Knappa with 12 rebounds. Sophia Carlson had five steals, Katelynn Weaver added four steals and three assists, and Hannah Dietrichs pulled down seven rebounds.

“They will continue to get stronger and smarter with the basketball as the season

progresses, but it was a good way to start,” Brockey said. “I expect a lot of growth from this team this year.”

Day two did not go as well for the Lady Loggers, who lost a 44-19 decision to Oregon Episcopal.

Ramvick had a team-high 15 rebounds.

“We still have a lot of learning to do, but are laying the foundation,” Brockey said. “OES has a disciplined, smart program, but we also beat ourselves in many ways. I am pleased with the engagement of both our bench and our JV players. When players aren’t in the game, they are finding other ways to contribute. We’re building and that rawness showed a bit.”

Comets: ‘We are losing ... very important football players’

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the line to allow junior Jett Nelson to kick a rare field goal on the subsequent play.

Naselle quarterback Ethan Lindstrom, who has sneaked though holes to gain yards or score all season, was stopped early in his runs on multiple occasions. His fellow senior, running back Fa’aoso Tutu’u, was also tackled when he sought to blast a hole through the middle. But on occasions

he tried to circle around into space, the Naselle state track medalist’s speed was evident. His lone touchdown was 52 yards, made sweeter because he eluded multiple tackle attempts — by King. He reached the end zone a second time after running 47 yards, again circling outside of the defense, but the play was called back for a penalty.

Afterward, Head Coach Jeff Eaton gathered his players at a corner of the field and told

them they had made history.

“This is the first time Naselle came to this game,” he said, displaying the WIAA second-place trophy to a gallery of 16 disappointed faces. “We had a 12-1 season. Not many people can do that.”

Playing a high-scoring team like Odessa, intent on retaining the title it won last year with many of the same players, was always going to be tough. “We knew that wasn’t our best game, but we

have got to give them a lot of credit,” he said.

He noted that Saturday was the last game for Lindstrom, Tutu’u and a third senior, Gabe Gilbert, whose fierce tackling helped spur Naselle’s semifinal win over the 2017 champions. “We are losing three very important football players,” he said. “All of you have great basketball and baseball seasons — then get in the weight room!”

PREP ROUNDUP

Knappa boys win two in Tip-Off Classic

Knappa scored an easy win on opening night, then had to rally for a boys basketball victory on day two of their annual Tip-Off Classic over the weekend.

The Loggers opened with a decisive 72-45 win over Rainier in a late game Friday, building a 53-35 lead on the Columbians through three quarters.

Eli Takalo pumped in 30 points for the Loggers, with Devin Hoover adding 17.

“We were able to use our pressure and length, and break it open a bit in the third quarter,” said Knappa coach Paul Isom. “The guys really came out with energy and looked good for the first game.”

On the second night, Oregon Episcopal held a 25-23 halftime lead, before the Knappa offense kicked into gear and outscored the Aardvarks 29-22 in the second half, leading to a 52-47 Logger win.

“The second game was sloppy,” Isom said. “We came out pretty lethargic, but we were able to gut out a win. Kanai (Phillip) stepped up and had eight points in the second half, and Eli hit some big free throws down the stretch.”

In both games, “we had some really nice contributions off the bench from Cameron Miethe and Logan Morrill,” Isom said. “They both brought some badly needed energy and intensity, especially in the OES game.”

Knappa hosts Clatskanie for a nonleague game

Tuesday, then opens Northwest League play Dec. 16 at Gaston.

In other games at the Tip-Off Classic, OES defeated Astoria in a low-scoring contest Friday, 36-29, and the Columbians bounced back Saturday with a 50-47 victory over the Fishermen.

Warrenton wrestlers all place at Estacada

Six Warrenton wrestlers combined to score 113.5 points Saturday as the Warriors took part in Estacada’s Ranger Classic tournament.

“We earned a ton of bonus points from falls, and it is

something we will continue to emphasize,” said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. “We put six wrestlers into the varsity tournament and all six placed.”

Included was a first-place finish for Aricin Rodriguez at 113 pounds, as Rodriguez defeated three wrestlers to win the first tournament of his high school career.

“Aricin was a whirlwind of energy,” Conant said. “He didn’t let up pressure for a minute.”

Sam Irwin added a title at 195 pounds, defeating a wrestler who had beaten Irwin three days earlier.

“Sam stuck to his game plan all day and put himself in a position to win the tournament, and he did,” Conant

said. “It was a phenomenal effort.”

Elsewhere, Armin Rodriguez finished third at 138 and Nic Pior placed third at 152.

“Both Armin and Nic had some state tournament quality battles today, and that will serve us well down the road,” Conant said.

Austin Atwood added a fifth-place showing at 120, and Josh Neihuser was 3-2 for sixth at 170.

In the junior varsity tournament, Warrenton’s Alejandra Lopez Nestor, Anna Schenbeck and Isabella Carr all won their girls brackets. Caleb Sprengeler, James Mickelson, Leo Thompson and Raul Molina each went 3-0 to win their respective brackets.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
50 42	52 47	53 44	51 37	48 37	49 38	50 38
Occasional rain	Rain in the afternoon	Periods of rain	Periods of rain	Cloudy	Showers possible	Rain

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 50/45

Normal high/low 49/37

Record high 63 in 1939

Record low 6 in 1972

Precipitation

Sunday 0.00"

Month to date 0.89"

Normal month to date 2.78"

Year to date 41.84"

Normal year to date 60.15"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: The Milky Way arches from the Northern Cross to W-shaped Cassiopeia high overhead, to near the face of Taurus.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:47 a.m.

Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.

Moonrise today 3:49 p.m.

Moonset today 5:58 a.m.



TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:02 a.m.	6.9	5:30 a.m.	2.9	
11:22 a.m.	8.8	6:32 p.m.	-0.1	
Cape Disappointment				
11:00 a.m.	8.6	4:44 a.m.	-2.9	
none		5:39 p.m.	-0.4	
Hammond				
11:10 a.m.	9.1	5:02 a.m.	3.0	
none		5:59 p.m.	-0.3	
Warrenton				
11:17 a.m.	9.2	5:14 a.m.	3.0	
none		6:16 p.m.	0.0	
Knappa				
12:39 a.m.	7.2	6:31 a.m.	2.5	
11:59 a.m.	9.1	7:33 p.m.	-0.1	
Depoe Bay				
10:14 a.m.	9.1	4:10 a.m.	3.3	
11:40 p.m.	7.2	5:10 p.m.	-0.2	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Astoria	69/42/r	54/38/p
Boston	61/32/r	36/25/sn
Chicago	27/14/c	24/16/pc
Dallas	47/30/r	54/33/s
Denver	42/26/s	44/24/pc
Honolulu	85/72/pc	85/72/pc
Houston	55/38/r	58/40/s
Los Angeles	66/49/s	68/50/s
Miami	85/74/pc	85/72/pc
New York City	62/34/r	37/25/sn
Phoenix	66/47/s	68/46/pc
San Francisco	56/49/c	59/50/pc
Wash., DC	62/37/r	45/28/sn

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

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Seattle	49/43	40/29/sf	Wenatchee	34/29	55/48/c
Tacoma	48/39	54/50/c	Moses Lake	39/31	51/47/c
Aberdeen	48/43	54/33/s	Yakima	40/28	52/49/r
Olympia	47/39	54/33/s	Kennewick	41/33	51/47/c
Longview	47/43	54/33/s	Walla Walla	38/31	52/49/r
Astoria	50/42	54/33/s	Hermiston	42/33	51/47/c
Portland	49/43	54/33/s	Pendleton	42/34	51/47/c
Salem	47/41	54/33/s	La Grande	42/31	51/47/c
Corvallis	46/39	54/33/s	John Day	44/32	52/49/r
Eugene	47/38	54/33/s	Burns	40/24	50/47/r
Bend	47/30	54/33/s	Ontario	42/28	50/47/r
Medford	48/35	54/33/s	Caldwell	42/29	50/47/r
Klamath Falls	42/28	54/33/s			