

OBITUARIES

Ruth Louise Shaner
Seaside
Dec. 8, 1926 — Dec. 13, 2019

Ruth Louise Shaner, 93, passed away peacefully Dec. 13 in Seaside, Oregon. Ruth was born Dec. 8, 1926, to Stella and John S. Yancey, in Wichita Falls, Texas, where she spent her childhood.

At age 16, she was recruited by the U.S. Army Air Corps, graduating early to attend the War College in Syracuse, New York. Afterwards she was stationed in Orlando, Florida, where she worked alongside the crew developing the first radar technology used in World War II.

While in the Air Corps, she met her husband, Wesley Shaner, whom she married following the war, moving with him to Astoria, Oregon, in 1945.

Ruth began her long career in accounting working for Ed Luoma, CPA, for 50-plus years as a public accountant. She was an expert in accounting law (“Oh, we can write that off ...”) and worked with many fishermen, logging companies, and businesses in the area.

She was a friend and mentor to many aspiring accountants and future business leaders, and pushed everyone to be the best in their careers. She retired (reluctantly!) at age 78, and moved to her beloved home in Elsie, where she remained until passing.

Ruth was an avid fisherman, and loved traveling to explore new waters with family and friends. She also loved to entertain, and

threw magnificent parties, most notably the annual Maplewood raft race.

A huge supporter of the arts and museums, she sat on the boards of the Clatsop County Historical Society, Friends of the Astoria Column and was also a member of the Astoria Regatta Association. She also shared many stories of her and husband Wes’ participation in the restoration of Fort Clatsop.

Ruth is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Cochran of Long Beach, Washington, and Carla Perry of Warrenton, Oregon; her foster daughter, Mary Saggau of Minneapolis, Minnesota; her nephew, Guy Yancey, niece Ann (Tony) Syrett, nephew Brian Yancey, niece Gina Ross and nephew Craig Yancey, all of Portland, Oregon; grandchildren Penni (Forest) Kleber of Portland, Oregon, Melissa (Matt) Betts of Warrenton, Oregon, Tarin Cochran of Elsie, Oregon, Stacy Yancey of Long Beach, Washington, and Ronnie Cathcart of Astoria, Oregon; and great-grandchildren Nathan Kleber, Issac and Elijah Betts, Weston and Chloe Canessa and Kaison Mollenhour.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Wes; brothers John and Carl Yancey; granddaughter Kaytlynn Kleber; and niece Donna Yancey and nephew Shane Yancey.

A celebration of life will be held Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at Camp 18 in Elsie, Oregon.



Ruth Shaner

Shirley Kay Olson
Seaside
Aug. 29, 1942 — Dec. 27, 2019

Shirley Kay Olson was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, on Aug. 29, 1942, and passed away at her home in Seaside, Oregon, on Dec. 27, 2019, after a year’s battle with cancer.

She was an avid reader and loved the ocean. Her life focused around her family and lifelong friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her father, Virgil Wells; mother, Frances Mae Hall; and sister, Myrna Mae Gonzales.



Shirley Olson

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Lorraine and John Layton; nieces Terra Elias, Larryl Shaffer and Stormie Mathews; niece-in-law Jennifer Shaffer; her nephew, Justin Shaffer; along with several great-nieces and nephews and their children.

Per her wishes, no service will be held. Shirley wished to spend eternity among the seas, so her ashes will be spread at the sandy beach in Seaside, Oregon.

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Washington state workers to access paid family leave

By RACHEL LA CORTE
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Employees in Washington state can soon start applying for time off under the state’s paid family leave law.

Kate Ginn, a 33-year-old project manager for a non-profit in Tacoma, is among those ready to submit her paperwork on Thursday ahead of the birth of her first child in late January. While Thursday is the first day eligible employees can apply for the program, benefits will be retroactive to Jan. 1, when the benefit portion of the new law technically takes effect.

Ginn, whose husband is in graduate school full time, said that the new benefit was instrumental in their planning on when to start their family.

“It’s been a lot less stressful as we prepare for that time, knowing I can take the full three months off and not have to rush back to work,” she said.

Eligible workers receive 12 weeks paid time off for the birth or adoption of a child or for serious medical condition of the worker or the worker’s family member, or 16 weeks for a combination of both. An additional two weeks may be used if there is a serious health condition with a pregnancy. The time does not need to be taken consecutively, but a minimum of eight hours at a time must be used if the benefit is claimed.

State officials say that the goal is to process all applications within two weeks. Once the application is approved employees can start filing weekly claims right away and get paid, and any payments employees are eligible for from their leave start date will be paid retroactively.

For the past year, employees and employers have paid into the program that was approved by the Legislature in 2017. Premiums of 0.4% of workers’ wages fund the program, with 63% paid by employees and 37% paid by employers.

According to the Employment Security Department, an employee making \$50,000 a year pays about \$2.44 a week, while their employer pay about \$1.41 a week, for a weekly benefit of about \$731.

Self-employed individuals who elect coverage pay only the employee share of the premiums, and employers with fewer



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Kate and Quantas Ginn at their home in Tacoma, Washington, in the bedroom they are preparing ahead of the upcoming birth of their baby in late January.

than 50 employees are exempt from paying the employer share. Companies that already offer such programs can apply for a waiver, as long as the benefit the company offers is at least equivalent to the state program.

Weekly benefits under the new law are calculated based on a percentage of the employee’s wages and the state’s weekly average wage — which is now \$1,255 — though the weekly amount paid out would be capped at \$1,000 a week. Workers who earn less than the state average will get 90% of their income. Employees must work at least 820 hours before qualifying for the benefit, and those hours can be from one job or combined from multiple jobs. People

who are between jobs can still take the benefit, as long as they worked the qualifying hours.

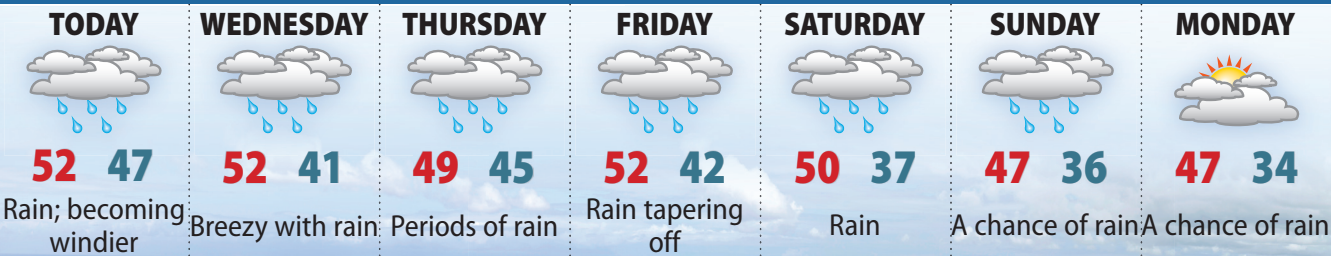
The U.S. is the only industrialized country that does not federally mandate paid parental leave, but some large companies offer such benefits, and Washington is among nine states and the District of Columbia to have approved laws that give employees paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, to care for sick relatives or to deal with their own medical conditions. The states’ programs vary in both time off and each state has its own formula for determining the amount of benefits employees can receive.

And under a measure passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump in December, the federal government’s 2.1 million employees will be eligible for parental leave starting in October 2020.

Kristen Rowe-Finkbeiner, executive director of MomsRising, a national organization that advocates for economic security, said that such policies appeal to voters regardless of political affiliation because at some point, most people need to take time to deal with positive or negative events that occur in their lives.

“It’s addressing a struggle so many people have faced,” she said. “And the momentum for change is growing.”

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	47/43
Normal high/low	48/37
Record high	60 in 1920
Record low	16 in 1990

Precipitation

Sunday	0.24"
Month to date	9.41"
Normal month to date	9.28"
Year to date	50.36"
Normal year to date	66.65"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: The Winter Circle - Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky followed by Capella, Rigel, Procyon, Betelgeuse, Aldebaran and Pollux.
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:39 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:30 a.m.
Moonset today	10:25 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 2	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:58 a.m.	7.5	10:40 a.m.	3.4	
3:51 p.m.	7.3	10:55 p.m.	1.0	
Cape Disappointment				
4:37 a.m.	7.1	9:57 a.m.	3.5	
3:42 p.m.	7.0	10:17 p.m.	0.8	
Hammond				
4:46 a.m.	7.7	10:16 a.m.	3.7	
3:58 p.m.	7.6	10:32 p.m.	1.0	
Warrenton				
4:53 a.m.	7.9	10:24 a.m.	3.5	
3:46 p.m.	7.7	10:39 p.m.	1.1	
Knappa				
5:35 a.m.	7.8	11:41 a.m.	2.9	
4:28 p.m.	7.6	11:56 p.m.	0.9	
Depoe Bay				
3:54 a.m.	7.6	9:24 a.m.	4.0	
2:56 p.m.	7.5	9:46 p.m.	0.9	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low	Wed. Hi/Low
Atlanta	55/37/s	55/41/pc
Boston	47/34/r	43/33/pc
Chicago	32/21/c	40/33/s
Dallas	56/38/s	54/45/pc
Denver	42/24/s	48/26/pc
Honolulu	84/70/s	82/68/s
Houston	62/43/pc	59/52/r
Los Angeles	68/46/s	66/46/s
Miami	82/66/t	79/68/s
New York City	49/34/pc	43/32/pc
Phoenix	64/40/pc	62/41/pc
San Francisco	59/46/s	60/49/pc
Wash., DC	54/37/pc	49/32/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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