

OBITUARIES

William ‘Bill’ C. Coffey
Warrenton
May 17, 1934 — April 10, 2020

William “Bill” C. Coffey, of Warrenton, Oregon, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. He died at his home. His final days were spent surrounded by loved ones.

Bill was born in Astoria, Ore-gon, on May 17, 1934, to Till-man Taylor “Bill” Coffey and Gladys Amanda Mooers.

He married Darlene “Dolly” D. Nyberg, also of Astoria, on Jan. 20, 1962. They lived and raised their family in the area.

Bill was an Alaskan fisher-man from the age of 16 with his father and brothers. He spent years in con-struction, and in 1975 he began his own home building business, and retired in 2004.

He was involved in ministry for many years at both Lewis and Clark Bible Church and Warrenton First Baptist Church.

He enjoyed reading, traveling, camping, fishing and playing cards.

Bill was a man who cared about all peo-ple, but had a special love for children, wel-coming them into his heart and his home. He was affectionately known as “PooBah” to his grandchildren, and “PeeBow” to his great-grandchildren. He was Uncle Bill to numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dolly; his children and their spouses, Jeri



William Coffey

(Gordon) Johnson, Jack (Kathy) Coffey, both of Astoria, and Cheralyn (JR) Hage-man of Roundup, Montana. His grandchil-dren are Jared, Jesse and Jacob Helligso, Jenae and Bella Poe, Tim Johnson and Tera Jackson, Samuel and Hannah Coffey, Jeremiah Scott and Taylor Hageman. He was pre-ceded in death in 2016 by a grand-son, Justin LaMarche.

His great-grandchildren include Tanner, Kendall and Emma Jack-son, Cody and Ryder Johnson, JJ Helligso, Steven and Justin Jr. LaMarche and Columbia and Playa Scott. He is also survived by his

brother, David Coffey, a lifetime Astoria resident and longshoreman. Bill was pre-ceded in death by his parents and seven siblings.

He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and many people he touched with his caring way, his infectious laugh and wonderful sense of humor.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 20, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary. A private graveside service for immediate family will follow at 2 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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SPORTS



Pat O'Brien

Astoria’s Hailey O’Brien makes it official after signing a letter of intent to play basketball next season at Linn-Benton Community College.

O’Brien signs with Linn-Benton

The Astorian

COLLEGE ATHLETES, 2020-21

Astoria

Brooklynn Hankwitz, Linn-Benton bas-ketball
Julia Norris, Clackamas softball
Hailey O’Brien, Linn-Benton basketball
Dylan Rush, Linn-Benton baseball

Warrenton

Devin Jackson, Clackamas baseball
Austin Little, Linn-Benton baseball
Jake Morrow, Linn-Benton baseball
Kenzie Ramsey, Lower Columbia basket-ball

Knappa

Kanai Phillip, Western Oregon football
Eli Takalo, Mt. Hood baseball
Mason Westerholm, Mt. Hood basketball

Naselle

Ethan Lindstrom, Linn-Benton baseball

Clatskanie

Dawson Evenson, Linn-Benton baseball

Tillamook

Lexie Crabtree, Clark basketball

Valley Catholic

James Baglai, Centralia baseball

Linn-Benton Community College has officially landed another athlete from Clat-sop County.

The latest Roadrunner from the North Coast is Astoria’s Hailey O’Brien, who signed her letter of intent over the week-end, and will join Astoria teammate Brook-lynn Hankwitz on Linn-Benton’s women’s basketball team next season.

Hankwitz signed her letter a week ago.

The Linn-Benton women’s basket-ball team is coached by Jerod Gibson, and assisted by Robin Andrea II, who attended Naselle and Astoria high schools.

That makes seven athletes from the lower Columbia region who will play sports next school year at Linn-Benton, located in Albany.

The list now includes Hankwitz and O’Brien (basketball), and Dylan Rush (baseball), from Astoria; Warrenton’s Austin Little and Jake Morrow (baseball); Naselle’s Ethan Lindstrom (baseball), and Clatskanie’s Dawson Evenson (baseball).

Also signing over the weekend was Knappa senior Mason Westerholm, who will play basketball at Mount Hood Com-munity College.

Earlier, Knappa’s Kanai Phillip announced he would play football at West-ern Oregon University, and Eli Takalo will play baseball at Mount Hood.

Dozens die from virus
in state’s care homes

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — The coronavirus has had a devastating impact on nine long-term care facilities in Oregon, killing at least 24 peo-ple among 171 who have tested positive.

The fatalities represent almost half the total number of people in Oregon known to have died of COVID-19, according to data from state officials released late Saturday. In one facility alone, Healthcare at Foster Creek in Portland, 10 people have died from the virus.

“COVID-19 already has had a signif-icant impact on Oregonians in long-term care facilities,” said Fariborz Pakseresht, director of the state Department of Human Services. “We are saddened by the trage-dies that have occurred, and our thoughts are with all the residents, staff and families who have been affected.”

In response, the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority have launched a multi-agency support team that will collaborate with local public health authorities to assess needs and to support facilities with rising numbers of residents and staff impacted by the virus.

Care facilities already receiving assis-tance include Healthcare at Foster Creek and Laurelhurst Village, another nursing facility in Portland. Laurelhurst Village is contracting with the state to use one of its standalone buildings as a 47-bed emer-gency health care center for COVID-19 patients.

“We are committed to working in part-nership with the OHA and DHS to pro-vide specialized care for people afflicted with COVID-19,” said Laurelhurst Village Director Troy Perry.

In Oregon, at least 26 long-term care facilities – nursing, assisted living, residen-tial care facilities and adult foster homes – have reported that either a resident or staff member or both have COVID-19. There are more than 2,200 long-term care facilities in Oregon.

Nine long-term care facilities have five or more COVID-19 cases. Most are in the



Dave Killen/The Oregonian

Healthcare at Foster Creek in Portland has seen 10 deaths from the coronavirus.

Portland area, with others in Corvallis, Keizer, Lebanon, Sublimity and Newberg.

The Joint Information Center indicated there were 25 deaths among long-term care facilities, but one of them may be a mis-count, putting the actual total at 24. Author-ities were not immediately able to resolve the discrepancy.

Meanwhile, testing capacity is ramp-ing up. Legacy Health, which has hospi-tals and clinics in Oregon and Washington state, now has the ability to run more than 650 tests per day, Gov. Kate Brown noted on Twitter. Legacy says on its website that results from tests are available in about 15 minutes.

The virus causes mild to moderate sym-ptoms in most patients, and the vast majority recover. But it is highly contagious and can be spread by those who appear healthy and can cause severe illness and death in some patients, particularly the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

“Expanding Oregon’s testing capa-bilities is a key part of the fight against COVID-19,” Brown tweeted.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
56 45	58 43	65 43	61 45	54 42	57 43	59 43
Rain and drizzle	Partly sunny	Sunny and mild	Rather cloudy	Mainly cloudy	Showers possible	Showers possible

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	62/33
Normal high/low	56/41
Record high	77 in 2008
Record low	30 in 1968

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	0.33"
Normal month to date	2.34"
Year to date	30.42"
Normal year to date	27.43"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Tuesday before sunrise low east, waning gibbous moon within 2 degrees of Jupiter.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:02 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:54 a.m.
Moonset today	11:37 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 14	Apr 22	Apr 30	May 7

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:21 a.m.	7.6	12:37 a.m.	3.3	
8:26 p.m.	6.3	1:50 p.m.	0.5	
Cape Disappointment	6:01 a.m.	7.6	1:00 p.m.	0.4
8:20 p.m.	6.2	none		
Hammond	6:11 a.m.	7.6	12:11 a.m.	3.5
8:22 p.m.	6.3	1:17 p.m.	0.2	
Warrenton	6:16 a.m.	8.0	12:21 a.m.	3.4
8:21 p.m.	6.7	1:34 p.m.	0.6	
Knappa	6:58 a.m.	7.8	1:38 a.m.	2.9
9:03 p.m.	6.6	2:51 p.m.	0.4	
Depoe Bay	5:16 a.m.	7.6	12:33 p.m.	0.2
7:35 p.m.	6.3	none		

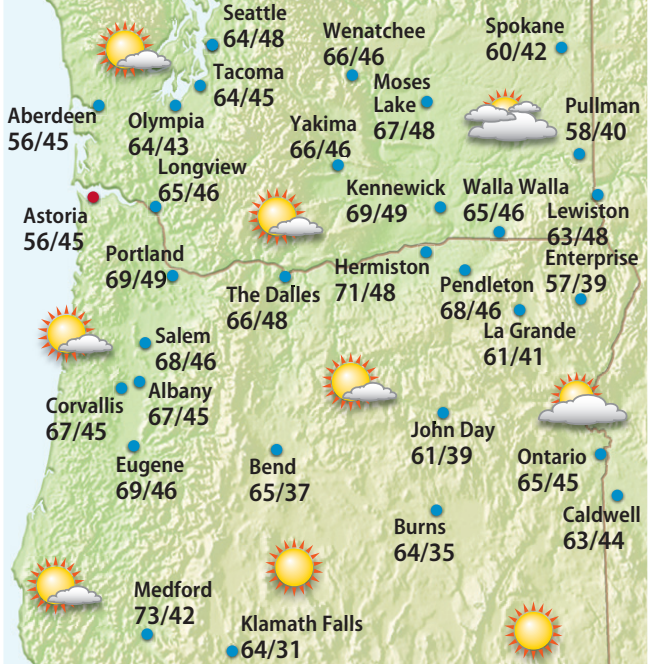
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/46/pc	66/46/s
Boston	57/39/pc	48/34/pc
Chicago	45/28/pc	42/30/pc
Dallas	55/39/c	61/45/s
Denver	42/24/pc	49/21/sf
Honolulu	82/72/pc	83/71/pc
Houston	72/49/s	70/50/pc
Los Angeles	75/53/pc	80/55/s
Miami	91/80/s	92/78/pc
New York City	58/40/s	50/38/r
Phoenix	80/56/s	84/58/s
San Francisco	71/50/s	69/51/pc
Wash., DC	60/41/s	53/40/r
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	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	63/38/s	59/28/pc	North Bend	57/47/s	56/45/c
Brookings	65/46/s	61/48/pc	Roseburg	71/46/s	67/44/c
Ilwaco	54/47/c	56/46/pc	Seaside	55/46/r	58/44/pc
Newberg	68/46/s	64/45/pc	Springfield	70/46/s	64/41/c
Newport	55/46/s	54/44/c	Vancouver	68/48/s	65/45/pc