OBITUARIES

Ray Leon Shultz

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Feb. 25, 1948 — May 23, 2020

Ray Leon Shultz, 72, sadly passed away at home on May 23, 2020. He was a 19-year resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Ray was born to Edith Mae and Paul Shultz in Portland, Indiana, on Feb. 25, 1948. Raised on a farm, he learned valuable life lessons that he willingly shared a bit later with his son.

Ray Shultz

After graduating high school in Bryant, Indiana, Ray went on to complete his college years at Taylor University. There he received his bachelor's degree in education. While at Taylor, he enjoyed his time on the cross country/track teams. A bicycle trip coast to coast with the school's Wandering Wheels had always been a special memory.

Ray joined the Marine Corps in 1970, and really treasured his time as a helicopter pilot and instructor. While in flight school, he met his future wife, Wanda Gaines, and they married four months later in 1972. In 1977, they were blessed with their only child, Jason.

In 1979, he transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard and continued flying, living on the edge with the mission of search and rescue. His duty stations while in the service included Okinawa, Japan, Pensacola, Florida, Astoria, Oregon, Kodiak, Alaska, with retirement out of Savannah, Georgia, as a lieutenant commander in 1991.

Ray received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with Operational Distinguishing Service and two Gold Stars, the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device and the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, among others.

Retirement took Ray to Washougal, Washington for the next 10 years. During this time, he returned to flying, joining Life Flight in Portland, Oregon. He later moved to Bastrop, Texas, for a short period, then onto their present home in Las Cruces, where he spent seven years flying for Southwest Medivac.

Ray's true passion in life was traveling, and he visited over 30 countries. Many knew him to hop on a plane and travel halfway across the world, just for a good cup of coffee and a beautiful view. His adventures always had him returning home with many tales to share in his letters to his family and friends.

Ray is preceded in death by his mother, Edith Mae; his father, Paul Shultz; and stepmother, Barbara Shultz.

Ray is survived by his wife of 48 years, Wanda; his son, Army Lt. Col. Jason Shultz (Dallas); sisters, Darlene McKinney (John), Phyllis Bickel (Wayne) and Trudy Baidinger (Bill); brother, JD Shultz; grandchildren, Aspen and Cody; and several nieces and nephews.

To sign an online guestbook, visit www.LaPaz-Grahams.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Independence Fund, Wounded Warriors or a charity of your choice.

Steven Roy Moilanen

Clatskanie

July 30, 1952 — May 22, 2020

Steven Roy Moilanen, 67, aka "Moe" or "Mole," passed away peacefully at home in Clatskanie, Oregon, on May 22, 2020, after a battle with cancer.

He is survived by his sister, Sandra Moilanen, of Clatskanie; spirit daughter, Reyna Bianca Reid, of Rainier; dozens of cousins; and "little brother" Jeff Arbon of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Steven Moilanen

For those who knew Steve, you know he loved to laugh. He said he was born to Roy and Martha Moilanen in Astoria, Oregon, on July 30, 1952.

"Then I blinked and it was over!

"I grew up in Clatskanie, where I went to grade and high school, sometimes. I was in a three-man band when I realized I had some kind of talent for playing drums — well, that's what the screaming girls thought! My dad said, 'not bad, son!'

"I helped my dad with the Shell oil business delivering fuel to the locals. From there it was kinda busy helping and caring for people that needed it. It's all about helping your fellow man.

"I have heard I am a hell of a storyteller, and poem and songwriter.

"I have helped raise most of the children in Clatskanie. Children are new. They don't know the bad until us grown-ups mess them up.

"Once again, I didn't get things my way. That's been the story of my life. No buildings named after me. No monuments erected in my honor.

"But I did have a chance to know and love each and every friend, as well as my family. How much more blessed can one person be?

"If you wanna look for me in the evening sunset, or the earliest spring daffodils, you know I'll be there.

"One more piece of advice: Never change a hot light bulb naked in the dark. Not a good idea." — Moe

A celebration of life and old hippie party will be held July 4, 2020, at his sister Sandy Moilanen's property near Quincy, Oregon. For information, call her at 503-728-1252.

Clarence John Larsen

Eugene

Nov. 4, 1929 — April 22, 2020

Clarence John Larsen was born Nov. 4, 1929, in Astoria, Oregon, and died April 22, 2020, in Eugene, Oregon.

He was the son of Clarence and Lena Larsen. He grew up in Astoria, and attended school at Astor Elementary School and Astoria High School, graduating in 1947.

Clarence Larsen

He went to work for Fisher Bros., and in 1952 married Joy Lee Sherrod. They later divorced, and Clarence decided getting a college education was the thing to do. He went to Oregon State College in 1956 through 1958, then transferred to the University of Oregon to get a teaching degree.

Clarence graduated in 1960 with his degree, and started his teaching career in Scio, Oregon. During this time Clarence met Hazel Stowell, who taught at the same school, and they were married in June 1962.

In 1966, they moved to Eugene and taught school there. Clarence started teaching at Jefferson Junior High School, and was also the girls basketball team coach. He also helped coach other sports, and became a referee for football and basketball games at the junior and senior high school level.

In 1982, he started teaching at Churchill High School and continued to assist coaching team sports. He was an assistant wrestling coach, and this became his passion. He loved the one-on-one competition, and coaching kids to be confident in their abilities and what they can accomplish.

"Clancy" as he became known, coached wrestling teams even after his retirement from teaching. He was an assistant coach for various teams that had state champions, and was chosen to be one of the coaches for all-star teams that wrestled with teams in Hawaii and Japan. He was honored to receive a national award for his coaching achievements and contributions to the sport of wrestling.

During his retirement, Clancy lost a leg due to diabetes and his wife Hazel died from Alzheimer's disease. Through these losses Clancy continued as an assistant wrestling coach at Churchill High School when he was able to. He became known as Coach Larsen to the staff and team members.

In 2013, he married Deborah Schussler, whom he met through his coaching. Shortly after their marriage, Clancy lost his other leg, and that ended his coaching days. He spent the last few years in assisted living facilities before his passing.

Clancy is survived by his wife, Deborah, in Eugene, Oregon; his brother, Ronald Larsen, and his wife, Charlene, in Astoria; a nephew, Eric Larsen, and his wife, Megan, and children Libby and Hazel, in Timnath, Colorado.

Clancy spoke often about growing up in Astoria and his family and friends. He was away from Astoria a long time, but the town and people were always in his heart.

He will be missed by family, friends, colleagues and former students. You will be in our thoughts, "Coach Larsen."

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Former Duck, Olympian Grelle dies

By CHRIS HANSEN
The Register-Guard

Jim Grelle, a Gearhart resident and former Oregon track star and Olympian who helped lay the foundation for the Ducks' middle-distance legacy, died on Saturday at age 83.

Grelle, who was teammates with Phil Knight and coached by Bill Bowerman, was the NCAA mile champion as a senior in 1959 — and the runner-up in 1957 and 1958 — and finished eighth in the 1,500 at the 1960 Summer Games in Rome.

In 1962, during a race at the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, California, Grelle became the fourth American to run a sub-4 minute mile when he finished in 3:59.9. That also made him just the second runner with Oregon ties to break the four-minute barrier.

Grelle famously missed his chance to make the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo when 17-year-old high schooler Jim Ryun edged him by an inch at the Olympic trials for the third and final spot on the U.S. team.

Among Grelle's other notable accomplishments were winning a gold medal in the 1,500 at the 1963 Pan American Games, and earning the Pan Am silver medal in 1959.

Grelle, who was a state champion for Portland's Lincoln High, also set the American two-mile record in 1963 (8:25.2) and held the American mile record (3:55.4) for nine days in 1965 until it was broken by Ryun.

Harold Filan/AP Photo

Jim Grelle, of the Los Angeles Track Club, fights off a final bid by Archie San Romani, of the University of Oregon, at the Mt. San Antonio Relays in Walnut, California, on April 25, 1964.

Grelle was inducted into the Oregon Ducks Hall of Fame in 1994, the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Mt. SAC Relays Hall of Fame in 1991.

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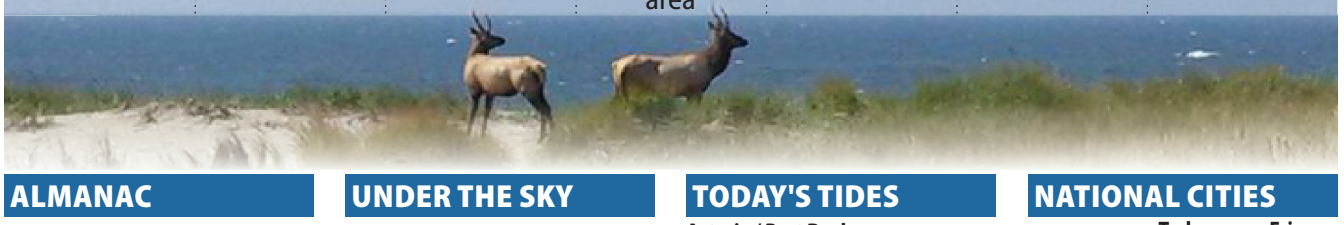
TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
68 55	69 57	66 57	65 52	67 52	69 54	70 55
Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Periods of rain	A shower in the area	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun



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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	64/49
Normal high/low	64/50
Record high	80 in 2004
Record low	40 in 1955

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.21"
Month to date	1.81"
Normal month to date	1.58"
Year to date	37.42"
Normal year to date	35.19"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Late spring and early summer are good times to look for Centaurus, the mythological half-man, half-horse.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	9:10 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:51 a.m.
Moonset today	6:49 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
June 20	June 28	July 4	July 12

TODAY'S TIDES

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
Astoria / Port Docks			
12:50 p.m.	6.1	6:38 a.m.	0.0
none		6:10 p.m.	2.8
Cape Disappointment			
12:30 p.m.	5.9	5:50 a.m.	0.2
11:43 p.m.	8.1	5:26 p.m.	3.0
Hammond			
12:40 p.m.	6.2	6:11 a.m.	0.0
11:53 p.m.	8.4	5:46 p.m.	2.9
Warrenton			
12:45 p.m.	6.5	6:22 a.m.	0.1
11:59 p.m.	8.5	5:54 p.m.	2.9
Knappa			
12:06 a.m.	8.1	7:39 a.m.	0.0
1:27 p.m.	6.4	7:11 p.m.	2.4
Depoe Bay			
11:50 a.m.	5.9	5:22 a.m.	0.0
10:55 p.m.	8.1	4:51 p.m.	3.0

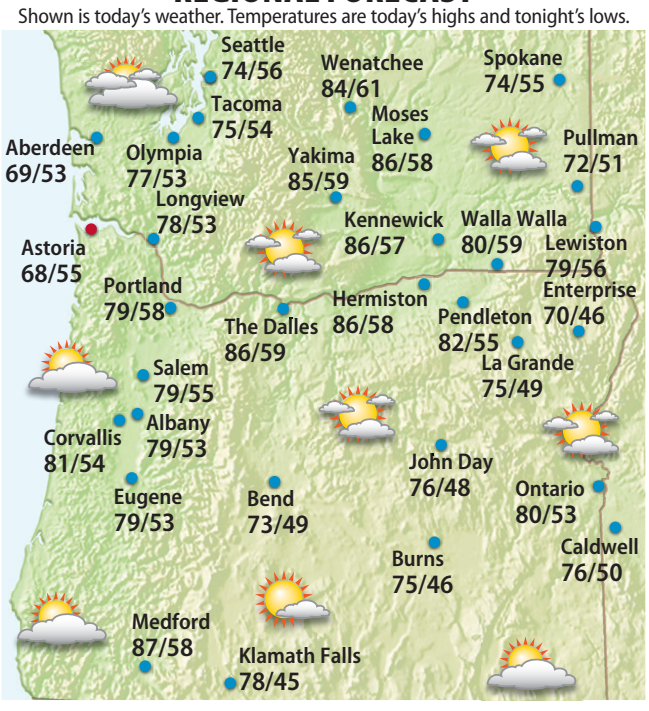
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	81/66/pc	84/69/pc
Boston	85/66/pc	85/65/pc
Chicago	90/68/s	93/70/s
Dallas	95/74/s	93/72/pc
Denver	74/50/t	68/50/t
Honolulu	87/76/pc	86/75/c
Houston	93/72/s	93/72/pc
Los Angeles	77/60/pc	76/60/pc
Miami	86/78/t	87/78/t
New York City	79/66/pc	82/68/pc
Phoenix	102/76/s	102/77/s
San Francisco	82/55/s	77/55/s
Wash., DC	80/68/t	81/70/t

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

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	75/44/pc	80/52/pc	North Bend	66/53/pc	67/55/pc
Brookings	73/55/s	71/55/pc	Roseburg	83/57/pc	86/59/pc
Ilwaco	65/56/pc	66/57/c	Seaside	67/54/pc	68/57/pc
Newberg	79/53/c	82/59/pc	Springfield	79/52/pc	83/55/pc
Newport	62/49/pc	63/53/pc	Vancouver	78/56/pc	81/61/pc