

OBITUARIES

Ethel Louise Wilson
Astoria
June 26, 1922 — Nov. 11, 2020

Ethel Louise Wilson, a lifelong resident of Astoria, Oregon, died Nov. 11, 2020, at the age of 98.

She was born on June 26, 1922, to Carl Albin and Inga Caroline (Sommersteth) Soderstrom. She graduated from Astoria High School in 1940.

Ethel married William Fleming “Flem” Wilson, also of Astoria, in Yuma, Arizona, on Oct. 11, 1942, while he was serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. Married for 60 years, they raised three children and owned and operated the Coffee An’ restaurant in downtown Astoria for over 30 years.

Ethel enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and her many years as an Anchor Club member. She took pleasure in watching her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren’s sporting events, both in Astoria and around the state.

Ethel loved exploring local garage sales, as well as hosting them at her house, was a life-long member of Bethany Lutheran Church and appreciated a glass of chardonnay with ice.

Proud of her Scandinavian heritage, she never missed an Astoria Midsummer Scandi-



Ethel Wilson

navian Festival since its inception. In her later years, she took up exercising at the swimming pool with her friends, and had lunch together afterwards.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, William Fleming Wilson, on Oct. 18, 2002, and a son, Steven Carl Albin Wilson, on July 15, 2016.

She is survived by a son, William Wilson, of Portland; daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Steve Roman, of Astoria; and daughter-in-law, Diane Wilson, of Wilsonville.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and numerous relatives around the country and in Norway. She was fortunate to meet three great-grandchildren who were born during the last few months of her life.

A private observance will be held at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Bethany Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., Astoria, OR., 97103; Clatsop County Historical Society, 714 Exchange St., Astoria, OR., 97103; or Lower Columbia Hospice, Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation, 2111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR., 97103.

Sharette Odegard
Milnor, North Dakota
Aug. 11, 1941 — Dec. 24, 2020

Sharette Odegard, 79, of Milnor, North Dakota, formerly of Seaside, passed away Dec. 24, 2020, at Parkside Lutheran Home in Lisbon, North Dakota.

Sharette Arnell Halsan, eldest daughter of Sigfried and Cozette (Osborn) Halsan, was born Aug. 11, 1941, in Portland. After graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1959, Sharette was accepted into nursing school.

Her plans changed when she met and married Milton Odegard on Aug. 28, 1959, and later became a mother of three. They made their home in Seaside for over 20-plus years before moving to Milnor, and residing there for over 20 years. Milton Odegard passed away in 2012.

Sharette moved into Parkside Lutheran Home in Lisbon in August 2019.

Sharette was a breast cancer survivor since the age of 22. She enjoyed genealogy, reading and was an excellent cook. Most of all, she enjoyed her role as grandmother. Sharette was present at every graduation and wedding, traveling back to Oregon to attend many of the ceremonies.

Sharette is survived by her three children, Collette Maltman (Jeffrey), of Seaside; Milton “Arly” Odegard Jr. (Tracie), of Milnor, North



Sharette Odegard

Dakota, and Eric Odegard, of Minnesota; grandchildren, Lacey Ridinger (Ryan), Curtis Maltman (Jacqueline) and Sydney Halsen (Jeremy), all living in Oregon, and Hunter Odegard, Bailey Odegard and Dalton Odegard, all of North Dakota.

Also surviving are great-grandchildren, Hayden and Hadley Halsen, Kinley Ridinger, Waylon Odegard and Charlie Heinz; sister-in-law, Joyce Murack (Don); and brothers-in-law, Orvis Odegard (Marion) and Clifford Mattila. Many nieces and nephews survive her as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sig and Cozy Halsan; her husband, Milton Odegard Sr.; and her younger sister, Karla Mattila.

Memorials in Sharette’s memory can be made to Homeward Animal Shelter in Fargo, North Dakota — Sharette adopted her last companion “Banjo” from this shelter, and was heartbroken when she had to give him up — or to the American Cancer Society.

A memorial service will be held in North Dakota at a later date when family can safely attend.

Memories may be shared and viewed at dahlstromfuneralhome.com

Trump signs virus relief bill

By LISA MASCARO, JILL COLVIN and ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shelving his objections, President Donald Trump has signed a \$2 trillion-plus COVID-19 and annual federal spending package providing relief for millions of Americans, even as Congress returned to confront the White House on remaining priorities in a rare end-of-session showdown.

Trump appears to have accomplished little, if anything, from the days of drama over his refusal to accept the sweeping bipartisan deal. While the president’s demands for larger \$2,000 pandemic relief checks seem destined to fail, his push served up a political opportunity for Democrats, who support the larger stipends and are forcing Trump’s Republican allies into a tough spot.

On Monday, the Democratic-led House voted to boost the \$600 payments to \$2,000, sending a new bill to the Senate. There, Republicans have the majority but oppose more spending and are likely to defeat the effort.

The House chaplain opened in prayer for the lawmakers.

“They return to the Capitol with a huge

weight lifted from their shoulders, for which a nation is grateful,” said Rev. Patrick Conroy.

The showdown offers more symbol than substance, and it’s not expected to alter the massive package that Trump reluctantly signed into law late Sunday in Florida, where he is spending the holidays. The \$900 billion in COVID-19 aid and \$1.4 trillion to fund government agencies will deliver long-sought cash to businesses and individuals and avert a federal government shutdown that otherwise would have started Tuesday, in the midst of the public health crisis.

Aside from the direct \$600 checks to most Americans, the COVID-19 portion of the bill revives a weekly pandemic jobless benefit boost — this time \$300, through March 14 — as well as a popular Paycheck Protection Program of grants to businesses to keep workers on payrolls. It extends eviction protections, adding a new rental assistance fund.

The COVID-19 package draws and expands on an earlier effort from Washington, the largest of its kind. It offers billions of dollars for vaccine purchases and distribution, for virus contact tracing, public health departments, schools, universities, farmers, food pantry programs and other institutions and groups facing hardship in the pandemic.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
47 42	49 44	50 44	52 48	53 43	49 42	50 42
Mostly cloudy	Breezy with rain	Rain	Rain	Rain possible; windy	Rain possible	Cloudy, rain possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	50/36
Normal high/low	48/37
Record high	58 in 1980
Record low	23 in 1985

Precipitation

Sunday	0.26"
Month to date	7.23"
Normal month to date	8.66"
Year to date	63.58"
Normal year to date	66.28"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Regulus of Leo, the Lion, emerges into the eastern night sky after 8:54 p.m.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:38 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:17 p.m.
Moonset today	7:46 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 29	Jan 6	Jan 12	Jan 20

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:12 a.m.	7.3	6:28 a.m.	3.8	
12:04 p.m.	8.9	7:27 p.m.	-0.4	

Cape Disappointment

12:50 a.m.	7.1	5:37 a.m.	-0.4
11:44 a.m.	9.0	6:31 p.m.	-0.4

Hammond

1:00 a.m.	7.2	5:57 a.m.	3.8
11:53 a.m.	9.2	6:51 p.m.	-0.6

Warrenton

1:07 a.m.	7.7	6:12 a.m.	3.9
11:59 a.m.	9.3	7:11 p.m.	-0.3

Knappa

1:49 a.m.	7.5	7:29 a.m.	3.3
12:41 p.m.	9.1	8:28 p.m.	-0.3

Depoe Bay

12:08 a.m.	7.2	5:04 a.m.	4.2
10:56 a.m.	9.2	6:03 p.m.	-0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	59/41/pc	52/47/c
Boston	36/24/s	39/32/s
Chicago	32/30/pc	41/24/r
Dallas	63/57/c	59/32/r
Denver	34/13/sn	36/19/pc
Honolulu	83/72/pc	83/72/pc
Houston	72/65/pc	77/50/t
Los Angeles	61/43/s	63/47/s
Miami	76/70/c	78/72/pc
New York City	37/26/s	39/35/s
Phoenix	59/40/pc	62/39/s
San Francisco	58/41/s	56/48/pc
Wash., DC	43/27/s	43/38/s

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

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

Seattle 43/39
Tacoma 43/34
Olympia 42/36
Longview 43/38
Portland 42/36
Astoria 47/42
Corvallis 41/33
Eugene 43/33
Medford 43/29
Klamath Falls 38/19

Wenatchee 29/25
Moses Lake 32/26
Yakima 32/27
Kennewick 34/26
Hermiston 31/25
The Dalles 35/30
Bend 45/25
John Day 38/22
Burns 39/13

Spokane 28/24
Pullman 30/25
Walla Walla 32/26
Lewiston 36/29
Enterprise 37/27
Pendleton 33/24
La Grande 37/27
Ontario 35/19
Caldwell 34/17

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	37/20/pc	35/26/c	North Bend	50/40/c	51/44/r
Brookings	52/40/c	50/44/r	Roseburg	42/32/c	48/42/r
Ilwaco	46/43/c	49/42/r	Seaside	46/41/c	48/42/r
Newberg	41/35/c	46/42/r	Springfield	42/32/c	48/42/r
Newport	48/41/c	49/44/r	Vancouver	41/34/c	45/41/r