

SPORTS



Seaside softball coach Jessica Garrigues will step away from her head coaching duties in 2021 before returning in 2022.

Seaside High seeks interim softball coach

The Seaside softball team is looking for its seventh head coach since 2015. Jessica Garrigues, who coached the 2019 season, will remain on the coaching staff, but will step away from her head coaching duties for one year while on parental leave. The announcement will be made official at Tuesday’s Seaside School District Board of Directors virtual meeting. Garrigues posted on the Seaside softball Facebook page, “Since I will be on parental leave during our season and my district contract does not allow for school district employees to coach while on leave, I am forced to step out of my head coach role for the year.” Garrigues will still be listed as a volunteer coach on the Seaside roster. “I will be there several times a week once I recover from childbirth and settle into a routine with ‘Baby G,’” she said. “Please know that my needing to technically ‘step down’ does not reflect my commitment to Seaside softball and all that we have built over the last several years.” Garrigues and the Gulls won the last time they set foot on the field, a 5-4 victory over Warrenton to close out the 2019 season. Seaside finished 5-19 overall, 1-11 in the Cowapa League. The Gulls were 8-13 (3-12 in league) in 2018. Garrigues was named the Seaside coach in April 2019, taking over for Darren Ideue, who took over for Korie Blacker, who replaced co-coaches Jon Hotchkiss and Bill Westerholm, after Jen Glasson stepped down after the 2015 season. Assuming there is a 2021 season, the next Seaside coach will be an interim coach. “I will be stepping back into the head coach role next season (2022), and we have a plan in place for this season,” Garrigues said. “We have lots to accomplish this season and in the future, and we have plans in place to make that happen ... not simply promises and hopes. Stay on the lookout for our continued growth.” In other news, Isaias Jantes will be named coach for the Seaside football freshman team.

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OBITUARIES

George Edward Balko
Fort Myers, Florida
Dec. 31, 1942 — Dec. 10, 2020



George Edward Balko, 77, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away on Dec. 10, 2020, at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers with family by his side.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1942, in Lorain, Ohio, to Joseph and Pauline Balko.

George graduated from Lorain St. Mary’s High School, and went on to further education at Kent State University, where he was a member of their football team.

George served his country for seven years during the Vietnam War as a lieutenant and a naval aviator with the U.S. Navy. Upon his honorable discharge, he flew as a pilot for Northwest Orient Airlines.

He owned and operated a restaurant and marina in Warrenton; worked as a welder/fabricator in Lorain; and as an independent building contractor in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and in Fort Myers, where he retired in 2004.

George will be remembered as a talented fisherman and boater who loved traveling and going on cruises. George was an avid

Ohio State University Buckeyes and Cleveland Browns fan.

George is survived by his children, Jennifer Balko Rodgers, of Warrenton, Michelle (Corey) Osburn, of Astoria, and Steven (Tomoko) Balko, of Chula Vista, California; grandchildren, Ben and Bradley Rodgers, Allie Evans, Rahlie Osburn and Emily, Erica, Kiley and Tyler Balko; five great-grandchildren; brother, Dan Balko; and companion, Darlene



George Balko

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Pauline Balko.

A Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Rev. Father Timothy O’Connor, was held Jan. 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, and interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

E. Marie Haas
Astoria

Jan. 16, 1930 — Jan. 6, 2021

Elizabeth Marie Haas, 90, of Astoria, died Jan. 6, 2021, in Longview, Washington, due to complications from COVID-19.

Marie was born Jan. 16, 1930, in a farmhouse during a snowstorm in Randolph, Nebraska, to Jens and Thelma (Skow) Klit.

Marie spent her life going by her middle name, as her father, who immigrated from Sejerslev, Denmark, had trouble pronouncing “Elizabeth.”

Marie was raised and educated on the family farm in Humboldt County, Iowa, where her duties included feeding the chickens and fetching the water. She fondly remembered the family’s Sunday chicken dinners.

It was in Humboldt that she met, and then married, Robert Bernard Haas on Aug. 25, 1948. For Robert to find work, they moved to Astoria in the spring of 1957. Marie worked for Bumble Bee Seafoods as a line supervisor or, as they were called then, “Blue Bonnets.”

She enjoyed genealogy research, studying her Danish heritage and helping many locals find their roots. Marie was known for making beautiful and elaborate wedding cakes in her tiny kitchen. She loved crafts of all kinds, sewing and painting being some of her favorites.

After the passing of her husband, Robert, on May 10, 2011, she continued their custom of eating lunch almost every day at the Labor Temple Cafe in Astoria, until the coronavirus pandemic hit in March of this past year.

Marie is survived by her four lovely

daughters, Judy Hauer (husband Bob), Elaine Parker (husband Dan) and Melinda Warila (husband Ted), all of Astoria, and Rose

Dickinson, of Longview, Washington; and nine gifted grandchildren, Michael Hauer (wife Sarah), of Renton, Washington, Marcus Hauer (partner Sarah), of Port Orchard, Washington, Tim Dickinson (wife Alison), of Mount Vernon, Washington, Matthew Johnson, of Portland, Tricia Almassi (husband Jonathan), David Johnson, Donna Johansen, Tara Jones and Ryan Johnson, all of Astoria.

She is also survived by 14 fun-loving great-grandchildren, Annika and Rachel Hauer, Clark Hauer, Kian and Ava Almassi, Joel and Bridget Dickinson, Chase Johnson, Jay Johnson, Brittney Johnson, Chelsia and Rayven Albee and Aubrey-Ann and Arabella Jones; two adorable great-great-grandchildren, Aspen Booth and Karsyn Myers; two younger brothers, Earl Klit, of Frostproof, Florida, and Gerald Klit (wife Jan), of Gladstone, Michigan; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and a host of dear friends, all of whom she loved dearly.

Private interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Astoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association or your local hospice program.

Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at caldwellsmortuary.com



E. Marie Haas

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
52 40	49 40	47 36	47 33	48 35	45 33	48 35
Some sun	Mostly cloudy	A couple of showers	Partly sunny; chilly	Mostly cloudy	A p.m. shower possible	Rain possible

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	52/37
Normal high/low	50/38
Record high	64 in 2018
Record low	16 in 1930
Precipitation	
Sunday	0.14"
Month to date	12.76"
Normal month to date	5.88"
Year to date	12.76"
Normal year to date	5.88"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: The Big Dipper is low in the northeast after sunset.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:02 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:20 a.m.
Moonset today	none

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 20	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:37 a.m.	7.7	11:57 a.m.	2.7	
5:36 p.m.	6.3	11:40 p.m.	2.0	
Cape Disappointment				
5:16 a.m.	7.6	11:17 a.m.	2.9	
5:04 p.m.	6.2	11:03 p.m.	2.2	
Hammond				
5:24 a.m.	8.0	11:34 a.m.	2.9	
5:20 p.m.	6.5	11:18 p.m.	2.2	
Warrenton				
5:32 a.m.	8.1	11:41 a.m.	2.8	
5:31 p.m.	6.7	11:24 p.m.	2.1	
Knappa				
6:14 a.m.	8.0	12:04 a.m.	1.1	
6:13 p.m.	6.6	12:58 p.m.	2.3	
Depoe Bay				
4:33 a.m.	7.9	10:45 a.m.	3.2	
4:21 p.m.	6.4	10:28 p.m.	2.3	

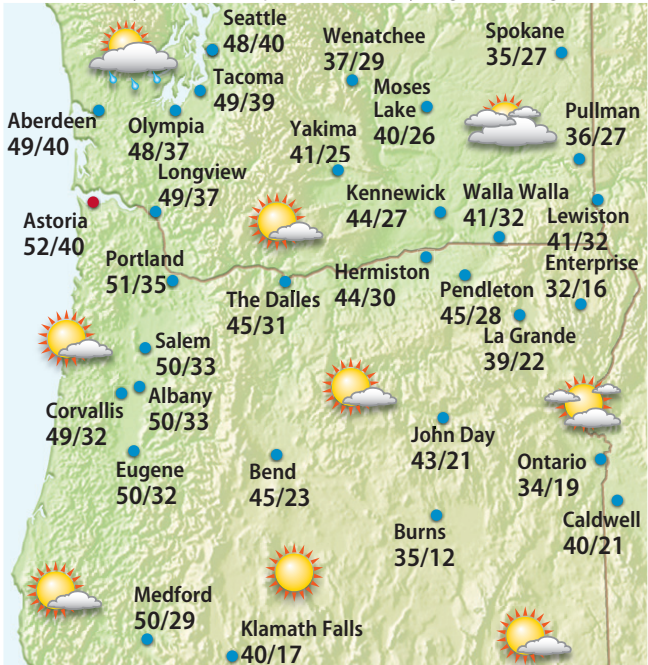
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	59/43/s	55/41/pc
Boston	40/30/pc	36/19/pc
Chicago	25/16/pc	32/30/pc
Dallas	53/44/r	52/49/c
Denver	35/22/pc	53/26/pc
Honolulu	77/69/sh	81/71/t
Houston	72/57/c	70/63/c
Los Angeles	68/50/pc	75/53/pc
Miami	73/60/s	75/59/pc
New York City	43/29/pc	37/28/pc
Phoenix	68/55/c	72/55/c
San Francisco	66/46/s	62/45/s
Wash., DC	49/33/pc	43/30/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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REGIONAL FORECAST

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



City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	34/16/s	32/19/pc	North Bend	56/39/s	52/41/pc
Brookings	58/40/s	54/40/pc	Roseburg	50/33/s	52/38/c
Ilwaco	51/40/pc	48/38/c	Seaside	54/40/s	50/40/c
Newberg	50/33/s	48/37/pc	Springfield	51/31/s	50/36/pc
Newport	55/41/s	51/41/pc	Vancouver	50/35/s	49/37/c