

**OBITUARIES**

**William B. Cox**  
**Grays River, Washington**  
**May 31, 1942 — April 11, 2021**

William B. Cox was born May 31, 1942, to Pearl and Everett Cox in Tulare, California.

He graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1960. He was wed to Diane M. (Welty) Cox in 1965. Diane passed away in June 2015.

He had two children, Paula and Joseph, who survive him. WB's brother, EJ Cox, and EJ's wife, Joan, reside in Tehachapi, California. His cousin, Jeanne Anika, resides in Covina, California. He has six grandchildren, Cali, Joseph, Cody, Robert, Elizabeth and Gracie, and one great-grandchild.

William served proudly in the U.S. Navy as an aviation electronics technician. He enlisted in 1960 and served through



William Cox



1964. He was part of the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron VAW-13, also known as the Zappers. He received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam). He retired from Century Link in 2004. He lived with his wife, Diane, in Astoria, until 2015. WB spent his remaining days in Grays River, Washington.

He continued to buy and sell collectibles, swap stories and meet with friends.

William will join his wife, Diane, and rest in peace at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

**Kathleen Marie Flabetich**  
**Vancouver, Washington**  
**June 4, 1925 — Aug. 26, 2020**

Kathleen Marie Flabetich, longtime Astoria resident, passed away peacefully on Aug. 26, 2020, in Vancouver, Washington, at the age of 95.

Kathleen was born June 4, 1925, in Portland. Kathleen met and married Anthony (Tony) Flabetich in 1948, in Portland. They moved to Astoria in 1950, and grew their family of five children.

Kathleen was a member of the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church and school. She spent many years as an active parishioner in Astoria and at the St. Francis de Sales Mission in Hammond.

At Star of the Sea School, she spent 24 years as one of the two cafeteria chefs, preparing homemade-style hot lunches for students.

After retirement from her cafeteria duties,

she became a member of the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, volunteering in the hospital and gift shop and raising money that provided for needed medical equipment.

In 2008, she moved to Vancouver, Washington, to be closer to family.

She is survived by her children, Steve Flabetich, Kathy Hector (John), Dennis Flabetich (Toni), Joann McRae (Doug) and Lori North (John); nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony (Tony) Flabetich, in 1983.

Memorial gifts can be made in Kathleen's name to the St. Francis de Sales Mission Building Fund through St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., Astoria, OR., 97103.



Kathleen Flabetich

**FedEx shooting leaves eight dead**

By CASEY SMITH  
 Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Police scoured a FedEx facility in Indianapolis and interviewed scores of witnesses Friday in search of a motive for the latest mass shooting to rock the U.S., as family members of the eight victims spent agonizing hours waiting for word on their loved ones.

The shooter was identified as Brandon Scott Hole, 19, of Indianapolis. Deputy Police Chief Craig McCartt told a news conference. Investigators searched a home in Indianapolis associated with Hole and seized evidence, including desktop computers and other electronic media, McCartt said. Hole is a former employee of FedEx, company spokesperson Bonny Harrison said.

Paul Keenan, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Indianapolis field office, said that agents questioned Hole last year after his mother called police to say that her son might commit "suicide by cop."

Police Chief Randal Taylor noted that a "significant" number of employees at the facility where the shooting took place Thursday night are members of the Sikh community. The Sikh Coalition, which identifies itself as the largest Sikh civil rights organization in the U.S., said in a statement that it expected authorities to "conduct a full investigation — including the possibility of bias as a factor."

Deputy Chief Craig McCartt of the Indianapolis police said the gunman started randomly shooting at people in the parking lot and then went into the building and continued firing. He said the gunman apparently died by suicide shortly before police entered the building. McCartt said that law enforcement officers seized a gun from Hole last year.

"There was no confrontation with anyone that was there," he said. "There was no disturbance, there was no argument. He just appeared to randomly start shooting."

McCartt said four people were killed outside the building and another four inside. Several people were also wounded, including five taken to the hospital. McCartt said the slayings took place in a matter of minutes.

Officials with the coroner's office began the process of identifying victims Friday afternoon, a process they said would take several hours.

Family members gathered at a nearby hotel to await word on loved ones — and some employees were bused there for tearful reunions. The agonizing waiting was exacerbated by the fact that most employees aren't allowed to carry cellphones inside the FedEx building, making contact with them difficult.

FedEx Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Frederick Smith called the shooting a "senseless act of violence."

It was the latest in a recent string of mass shootings across the U.S. Last month, eight people were fatally shot at massage businesses across the Atlanta area, and 10 died in gunfire at a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado.

It was at least the third mass shooting this year in Indianapolis alone. Five people, including a pregnant woman, were shot and killed in January, and a man was accused of killing three adults and a child before abducting his daughter during an argument at a home in March.

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett said the community must guard against resignation and "the assumption that this is simply how it must be and we might as well get used to it."

President Joe Biden said he had been briefed on the shooting and called gun violence "an epidemic" in the U.S.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

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**REFINANCE**

**SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA**

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
77 / 46	65 / 44	64 / 45	60 / 45	55 / 43	57 / 44	58 / 44
Sunny and very warm	Sunny and cooler	Partly sunny and nice	Chance of a shower	A shower possible	Showers possible	A shower possible

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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	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	83/50	72/48/pc	Wenatchee	77/49	
Aberdeen	79/46		Moses Lake	84/41	
Olympia	83/42		Yakima	78/44	
Tacoma	83/42		Kennewick	83/38	
Longview	87/42		Walla Walla	73/48	
Astoria	77/46		Lewiston	74/44	
Portland	86/49		Enterprise	65/35	
Salem	84/46		Pendleton	74/41	
Corvallis	84/48		La Grande	69/36	
Eugene	86/46		John Day	70/39	
Bend	73/39		Burns	67/28	
Medford	88/47		Ontario	71/37	
Klamath Falls	68/31		Caldwell	68/34	

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 72/35  
 Normal high/low ..... 56/41  
 Record high ..... 81 in 1947  
 Record low ..... 30 in 1967

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.34"  
 Normal month to date ..... 2.87"  
 Year to date ..... 33.15"  
 Normal year to date ..... 27.71"

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**UNDER THE SKY**

**Tonight's Sky:** After sunset, Hercules climbs the eastern sky this evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today ..... 6:25 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 8:06 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 1:01 a.m.

First Full Last New  
 Apr 19 Apr 26 May 3 May 11

**TODAY'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	4:17 a.m.	7.9	11:34 a.m.	0.5
	6:21 p.m.	5.9	11:20 p.m.	3.6
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	4:05 a.m.	7.5	10:55 a.m.	0.5
	5:50 p.m.	5.8	10:29 p.m.	4.0
<b>Hammond</b>	4:12 a.m.	7.8	11:11 a.m.	0.2
	6:05 p.m.	6.0	10:53 p.m.	3.7
<b>Warrenton</b>	4:12 a.m.	8.4	11:18 a.m.	0.6
	6:16 p.m.	6.3	11:04 p.m.	3.7
<b>Knappa</b>	4:54 a.m.	8.2	12:35 p.m.	0.4
	6:58 p.m.	6.3	none	
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	3:16 a.m.	7.6	10:25 a.m.	0.4
	5:13 p.m.	6.0	10:03 p.m.	4.0

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	65/51/c	72/48/pc
Boston	49/41/c	54/44/c
Chicago	53/38/c	58/42/c
Dallas	64/46/pc	68/45/pc
Denver	43/25/sf	55/27/s
Honolulu	81/69/pc	83/69/pc
Houston	66/52/sh	69/49/pc
Los Angeles	74/60/s	88/63/s
Miami	93/72/s	94/74/s
New York City	58/46/pc	62/47/pc
Phoenix	85/61/s	84/60/s
San Francisco	67/51/s	72/52/s
Wash., DC	63/48/pc	64/48/pc

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