

**OBITUARIES**

**Jim VonSeggern**  
Nehalem

**Dec. 30, 1937 — March 24, 2021**



On March 24, 2021, James “Jim” VonSeggern was called home. As he stated, “God has my room ready.”

Jim was born on Dec. 30, 1937, to Gale and Gertrude (Trudy) VonSeggern in Neligh, Nebraska, and moved with his family to Astoria in 1944. He attended Star of the Sea School and graduated in 1956.

In May 1960, Jim married Claudia Bruder at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and they celebrated 60 years together in 2020.

After serving nine years in the U.S. Army, Jim returned to Oregon and took a job with the Department of Fish and Wildlife at the hatcheries. He worked at Siletz, Sandy, Marion Forks and lastly, the Nehalem hatchery, where he retired after 30 years.

He settled into retirement in Nehalem in 1995,

where he enjoyed the time with his family until his death.

Jim enjoyed all things outdoors, but especially loved hunting, fishing and camping. He also enjoyed the occasional reunion with his Star of the Sea buddies, to go over old times.

Jim’s greatest love was his family. Spending time with his sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was very important. He loved to be called “Grandpa” and “Pops.”

Left to carry on his legacy are his wife, Claudia; his sons, Scott and Tim; adopted son, Gerry Breedlong; his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Elmerna and Lorna.

There will be a celebration of Jim’s life at a later date.



Jim VonSeggern

**Lee Evert Knutinen**

Astoria

**July 21, 1939 — April 5, 2021**



Lee Evert Knutinen was taken from his fishing and hunting grounds on April 5, 2021.

He was born to Ralph and Aune (Asphorus) Knutinen on July 21, 1939. Lee grew up in Svensen, and graduated from Knappa High School. He enlisted, and was in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1956 to 1960.

He married Muriel Jensen and had three sons, Ralph, Kenny and Kevin, who survive him.

Lee was a Wonder Bread supervisor until his retirement. He also worked at the Astoria Plywood Mill in earlier years.

On May 14, 1999, he married Bonnie (Whitney) Jones. He was looking forward to a trip to Jackpot, Nevada, in May.

He enjoyed going to Eastern Oregon hunting for many years. He dearly loved his eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He leaves behind his wife, Bonnie; two sisters, Janet Angell and Carolyn Ferrell; and also a stepson, Terry Jones.

He had many, many friends whom he cherished and gave them “words of wisdom.”

Gone, but never forgotten.

A celebration of life will be held later this summer.



Lee Knutinen

**Sharon Louise Browne**

Astoria

**Oct. 22, 1947 — March 28, 2021**

Sharon Louise Browne, 73, passed away peacefully at her home on March 28, 2021. She suffered from dementia before passing, surrounded by family.

Sharon was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Mike and Lois Kleinschmidt. She moved to Encinitas, California, at the age of 5. Sharon attended San Dieguito High School in Encinitas, and she had a great love of horses.

Sharon was also a quarter-mile hot rod driver, and received her license with the first group of seven women drivers to ever be issued a National Hot Rod Association license. Sharon was also a singer and a percussionist in the band Springwind.

Sharon raised three children who loved sports and

music. Sharon was also scorekeeper for her children’s softball and baseball games.

She is survived by her husband, Errol Browne; daughter, Terri Dowling; daughter, Cherish Beach; and son, Justin Beach. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Julie Moore, Trevyn Campbell and Charil Beach; and three great-grandchildren, Keira, Carson and Roman Moore.

Sharon loved to laugh with friends and family, and was always the life of the party. She will be greatly missed.

Her funeral service was held at Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary Chapel in Astoria.

She was put to rest at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton on April 1, 2021.



Sharon Browne

**SPORTS**

**Tigers no-hit Warrenton**

The Astorian

Three Clatskanie pitchers teamed up to throw a no-hitter Tuesday afternoon in a 19-1 win over Warrenton in a Coastal Range League softball game.

The Tigers scored 11 runs in the first inning, and finished with 11 hits off two Warrenton pitchers.

The first four players in the Tiger lineup — Olivia Sprague, Alexis Smith, Shelby Blodgett and Kylie Thomas — combined for seven hits, 10 RBIs and 11 runs scored.

The two teams meet for a doubleheader Friday at Warrenton.

Valiants committed four errors and the Fishermen had doubles from Tenley Matteucci, Molly Matthews and Kelsey Fausett for a quick 4-0 lead.

Astoria pulled away with two runs in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Matteucci led the 10-hit attack for the Lady Fish, going 4-for-4 with three doubles and two runs scored. Fausett and Madison Both added two hits apiece, while Emma Biederman tossed a complete game, scattering four hits with 12 strikeouts and four walks.

**Loggers cut down Pirates**

In Northwest League softball action Tuesday, Knappa defeated Neah-Kah-Nie 15-5, as the Lady Loggers close in on first place in the team standings.

Knappa plays a doubleheader Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie.

**Astoria 9, Valiants 3**

In a shortened league season, Astoria moved back into league title contention in the Cowapa League softball race, with a 9-3 win Monday at Valley Catholic.

Both teams set the tone in the top half of the first inning, as the

**Gulls win third straight**

Seaside pulled into a first place tie with Banks in the Cowapa League softball standings, holding off Tillamook 6-5 in a single game Monday at Tillamook.

The Lady Gulls scored four runs in the second on their way to a 6-1 lead after three innings. Tillamook rallied with two runs in the fifth and two runs with two outs in the seventh, before Gracie Rhodes retired the final batter.

Kandice Flaigg, Emma Taylor and Rhodes were all 2-for-3 at the plate, while Flaigg scored twice and Rhodes had a double for Seaside, now 3-0 in league play.

**Kunde top golfer in The Dalles invite**

The Astorian

Seaside senior Curtis Kunde successfully defended his individual title from the 2019 The Dalles Invitational. The two-time defending team champions from Seaside, however, did not, finishing fourth in the team standings in Monday’s tournament.

For the second straight invite at The Dalles, Kunde was the only player to break 80 at The Dalles Country Club. After a bogey on the first hole and falling a stroke behind, Kunde birdied the second, and two holes later took a two-stroke lead and never looked back.

Seaside is without one of its best golfers, junior Carson Kawasoe, who suffered a broken collarbone in Seaside’s final football game vs. Astoria. Kawasoe is expected to be out of action



Jim Poetsch

**Seaside’s Curtis Kunde was the top individual finisher, again, at The Dalles Invitational.**

six weeks, with a slim chance of returning for golf.

Seaside junior Everest Sibony also finished in the top 10 with a 99. Juniors Conner Langmo and Owen Higdon shot 122 and 127, while freshman Carter Perrigo carded a 120 in his first varsity action.

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**SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA**

| TODAY        | FRIDAY       | SATURDAY          | SUNDAY                 | MONDAY           | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY     |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|              |              |                   |                        |                  |                  |               |
| <b>56 44</b> | <b>57 45</b> | <b>53 42</b>      | <b>54 41</b>           | <b>55 43</b>     | <b>58 45</b>     | <b>58 45</b>  |
| Low clouds   | Cloudy       | Rain tapering off | Cloudy, showers around | Showers possible | Showers possible | Rain possible |

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Tuesday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 63/45  
Normal high/low ..... 57/41  
Record high ..... 77 in 1906  
Record low ..... 32 in 2007

**Precipitation**

Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.34"  
Normal month to date ..... 3.72"  
Year to date ..... 33.15"  
Normal year to date ..... 28.56"

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**UNDER THE SKY**

**Tonight’s Sky:** Use handle of Big Dipper to “Arc to Arcturus” of Bootes.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today ..... 6:17 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 8:12 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 2:45 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 4:36 a.m.



**TODAY’S TIDES**

| Astoria / Port Docks       | Time | High (ft.) | Time | Low (ft.) |
|----------------------------|------|------------|------|-----------|
| 9:39 a.m.                  | 6.8  | 4:06 a.m.  | 3.2  |           |
| 11:11 p.m.                 | 6.9  | 4:43 p.m.  | 0.5  |           |
| <b>Cape Disappointment</b> |      |            |      |           |
| 9:22 a.m.                  | 6.7  | 3:32 a.m.  | 3.6  |           |
| 10:51 p.m.                 | 6.9  | 3:57 p.m.  | 0.6  |           |
| <b>Hammond</b>             |      |            |      |           |
| 9:36 a.m.                  | 7.0  | 3:49 a.m.  | 3.4  |           |
| 11:03 p.m.                 | 7.2  | 4:17 p.m.  | 0.4  |           |
| <b>Warrenton</b>           |      |            |      |           |
| 9:34 a.m.                  | 7.2  | 3:50 a.m.  | 3.3  |           |
| 11:06 p.m.                 | 7.3  | 4:27 p.m.  | 0.6  |           |
| <b>Knappa</b>              |      |            |      |           |
| 10:16 a.m.                 | 7.1  | 5:07 a.m.  | 2.8  |           |
| 11:48 p.m.                 | 7.2  | 5:44 p.m.  | 0.4  |           |
| <b>Depoe Bay</b>           |      |            |      |           |
| 8:34 a.m.                  | 6.7  | 2:56 a.m.  | 3.4  |           |
| 10:06 p.m.                 | 6.8  | 3:24 p.m.  | 0.3  |           |

**NATIONAL CITIES**

| City  | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Atlanta   | 65/47/s       | 70/56/c      |
| Boston  | 50/38/pc      | 60/46/s      |
| Chicago   | 56/42/s       | 57/46/pc     |
| Dallas  | 69/59/c       | 75/58/r      |
| Denver  | 51/34/sh      | 58/35/pc     |
| Honolulu  | 84/73/pc      | 85/71/pc     |
| Houston   | 72/65/c       | 78/69/r      |
| Los Angeles   | 64/55/c       | 66/53/pc     |
| Miami   | 84/74/sh      | 82/75/pc     |
| New York City   | 52/41/pc      | 64/48/s      |
| Phoenix   | 81/61/s       | 84/63/s      |
| San Francisco   | 63/50/pc      | 63/51/pc     |
| Wash., DC   | 55/41/pc      | 65/44/s      |
| <b>Weather (W):</b> 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.

| City          | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W | City        | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Seattle       | 62/47         | 70/56/c      | Wenatchee   | 69/44         |              |
| Tacoma        | 62/42         | 60/46/s      | Moses Lake  | 74/39         |              |
| Aberdeen      | 57/44         |              | Yakima      | 71/38         |              |
| Olympia       | 63/42         |              | Kennewick   | 75/45         |              |
| Longview      | 64/45         |              | Walla Walla | 68/44         |              |
| Astoria       | 56/44         |              | Lewiston    | 69/46         |              |
| Portland      | 66/47         |              | Enterprise  | 61/35         |              |
| The Dalles    | 67/43         |              | Pendleton   | 67/41         |              |
| Salem         | 65/42         |              | La Grande   | 64/36         |              |
| Corvallis     | 65/41         |              | John Day    | 66/33         |              |
| Eugene        | 67/41         |              | Burns       | 67/25         |              |
| Bend          | 66/32         |              | Ontario     | 73/42         |              |
| Medford       | 74/41         |              | Caldwell    | 72/41         |              |
| Klamath Falls | 65/26         |              |             |               |              |
| Baker City    | 64/32/c       | 63/40/pc     | North Bend  | 55/41/pc      | 55/44/c      |
| Brookings     | 58/44/pc      | 55/46/c      | Roseburg    | 70/40/s       | 72/46/pc     |
| Ilwaco        | 56/45/c       | 56/44/c      | Seaside     | 57/43/c       | 59/43/c      |
| Newberg       | 65/42/s       | 68/44/c      | Springfield | 68/42/s       | 72/44/pc     |
| Newport       | 54/42/pc      | 54/42/pc     | Vancouver   | 65/45/pc      | 68/46/c      |