OBITUARIES

Walter G. "Spike" Weber Jr. passed from this world peacefully at home on April 7 at the age of 81. His wife, three children, brother and close friends were honored to be by his side, surrounding him with love the last week of

Born in Yakima, Washington, to Phyllis Jane and Walter G. Weber Sr. on July 2, 1939, Walt was raised in Kelso, Washington, with his younger brother, John.

Many stories have been shared about the two Weber boys exploring the rivers, sloughs and fields of Cowlitz County. Those early childhood days fostered Walt's deep devotion to the outdoors.

Despite a birth injury to his hip that was undetected until walking age, and thanks to his devoted mother, Phyllis - who went as far as "camping out" in the lobby of Seattle's Children's Orthopedic Hospital until only the best surgeon would see him-Walt overcame many surgeries and physical challenges to become a great athlete and avid outdoorsman.

After graduating from Kelso High School in 1957, Walt attended the University of Washington, graduating with an accounting degree in 1961. It was at his graduation party at the UW where Walt met his "Sheri," his future

Sharon Marie Wells immediately caught Walt's very discerning eye. He bravely walked up to her, introduced himself and politely offered her his beer. Sharon smiled at him, then politely asked him to get her a cold one. They married one year later.

Employed as a certified public accountant at Peat, Marwick & Mitchell in Portland in the early 1960s, Walt soon decided a desk job was not for him. With support from his loving wife, they moved to Corvallis so Walt could attend Oregon State University, where he achieved an additional degree in marine biology.

As they started their family, Walt began his dream job as a North Coast fish and game biologist for the Ore-

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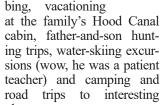
Walter G. 'Spike' Weber Jr. Chinook, Washington July 2, 1939 — April 7, 2021

Walter Weber

gon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Webers then moved to Seaside, into a outside of hunting and fish-

house steps from the ocean.

Walt immersed himself in his work, family and community. Ever the entertainer, he led his family on great outdoor adventures: salmon fishing, clam digging, crab-



places. A proud father, he was a big supporter of the Seaside Kids program, and coached his son's Little League teams. He rarely, if ever, missed extracurricular kids' activities.

When Sheri began her running career in the late 1970s, Walt supportively rode his bike alongside her in his "Sheri's Coach" sweatshirt, and he often brought wildflowers to her from the forests he worked in.

In his community, Walt was the go-to guy when an abandoned seal pup, motherless fawn or other at-risk creature was discovered.

A generous teacher, he always had resources at the ready for anyone interested in learning about the wildlife habitats of the world. In fact, his kids recall him regularly reading the National Geographic to them as their bedtime story!

The Seaside School District honored Walt for his contributions to educational programs, which helped students better understand the Oregon Coast's local resources and management.

As an early advocate of recycling, he taught his family the difference one person could make, however small, by doing their part.

As a lifelong learner, Walt had a plethora of interests

> ing. His endeavors included scuba diving, water and snow skiing, Toastmasters, fly-tying, master gardening, winemaking, water color painting, cooking, wildlife art and excursions to Alaska and Eastern Oregon for fishing and hunting

with his son and good friends. Once the children were grown, Walt left his post on the Oregon Coast in 1988. He and Sheri relocated to the high desert of Bend, where he took on a dual position with the Deschutes National Forest in partnership with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

As a satisfying coda to his career, he was promoted to district fish and game biologist, Northern Coast Region, which brought Walt and Sheri back to the beautiful coast, settling in the quaint town of Chinook, Washington, on the Long Beach Peninsula. He retired in 1997.

Walt's passionate commitment to and leadership in countless Northwest organizations that work to protect and restore wildlife habitats will be dearly missed. His advocacy for the rights of area hunters and fishermen was tireless.

Walt co-founded the North Coast Chapter of Ducks Unlimited in the 1980s, was a founding member of Rainland Flycasters Club and, in retirement, was the major driving force in the continuance of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's essential Salmonberry River winter steelhead spawning surveys.

Walt had the wisdom and foresight to continue the collection of this data, which was intrinsic in preserving the future health and spawning habitat of one of the last truly wild steelhead runs in

a free-flowing river on the northern Oregon Coast.

Other organizations that he tirelessly donated his time, energy and resources to include the Native Fish Society, Necanicum Watershed Council, Oregon Trout, American Fisheries Society and Trout Unlimited.

Walt's immense circle of friends speaks to the value he placed on relationships. Rarely did he miss a Kelso High School reunion. He treasured new friendships just as much as those that were steadfast and decadeslong. He never failed to ask his kids about those dearest to them, as well.

Those closest to him will miss his crab cocktails, oysters on the half shell and his smoked duck and salmon hors d'oeuvres. Those lucky enough will also remember sipping a bourbon with him now and again.

Walt is survived and missed by his wife, Sharon; his three children, Lance Weber, Lisa (Paddy) Ryan and Tammy (Dan) Elwess; seven grandchildren, Sharon (Richard) Bracey, Bradley Weber, Jane, Maggie and Patrick Ryan, Meredith (Samuel) Marksberry and Shane Elwess; great-granddaughters, Kendra and Kaylynn; brother, John (Bev) Weber; and many much-loved cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

In his memory, please take a long hike in the wilderness and thank him for his contributions toward saving it for future generations.

If you would like to honor him, please feel free to do so by making a contribution in his name to the North Coast Chapter of Ducks Unlimited using this link: bit.ly/ NCDucks. The money collected will go toward DU youth programs.

A celebration to honor his well-lived life is planned to take place this summer.

Lorian Marie 'Lori' McSwain Warrenton

Jan. 29, 1942 — April 2, 2021

"Lori" Marie McSwain, 79, of Warrenton, passed away April 2, 2021.

Lori was born Jan. 29, 1942 in Flint, Michigan, to Leonard and Marguerite Sanford. After the death of her mother, her family relocated to Charlevoix, Michigan, in 1946, where she was raised with the help of her grandmother.

the Lori was **Lorian McSwain** youngest of five chil-

dren. Raymond "Ray," Robert "Bob" and Lucille (Allard) all preceded her in death. Richard Sanford survives in Michigan. Lori graduated in Charlev-

oix. In 1961, she married Jim Lewicki. The two had three sons, and were later divorced. In 1978, she married Steve

McSwain in Astoria. They had one son. Steve preceded her in death in April 2000. In addition to her brother,

Lori is survived by four sons, Tim (Julie), Tom (Michelle) Trevor (Danielle) and Lewicki, all residing in North Carolina and South Carolina, and Adrian (Melissa) McSwain of Astoria. Lori is

also survived by eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and

> nephews. Lori worked in many careers becombefore ing a school bus driver in Astoria, where she

was known and

remembered fondly. After retirement, she

enjoyed sewing, sharing stories and photos of her grandchildren and traveling to see her grandchildren. She was a constant fixture at sporting and 4-H events in support of her granddaughter, Baylee.

Interment will be private. A celebration of life will be announced by her family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Clatsop County 4-H Club.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at hughesran-

County reports 10 new virus cases

The Astorian

Clatsop County has reported 10 new coronavirus cases over the past few days.

On Friday, the county reported six cases.

The cases include two males and a female between 10 and 19, a man and a woman in their 30s and a man in his 60s living in the southern part of the county.

All six were recovering at home.

On Thursday, the county reported four cases.

The cases involve a woman in her 40s and two men and a woman in their 50s living in the southern part of

All four were recovering at home.

The county has recorded 912 cases since the start of the pandemic. According to the county, 22 were hospitalized and eight have died.

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I saw the highest standard of health safety practices in effect during my hygienist appointment today-much higher precautions than I'd seen in a local hospital when having tests last month. The new sanitation equipment and attention to patient safety at Klemp Family Dentistry is in keeping with a dental practice I consider cutting edge with respect to all my dental needs. It's wonderful having a world class dental practice here at the coast, one where I can have procedures performed for which I used to have to travel to a specialist in Portland. I have been a patient of several local dentists in the past, but none had the skill and, more importantly, the attention to patient comfort that Dr Klemp provides.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA TODAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY** 53 42 **55** 43 42 46 **59 45** Cloudy with a Cloudy, rain Showers Periods of rain A shower Mostly cloudy Rain possible shower possible possible

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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures High/low

High/low	55/49
Normal high/low	57/42
Record high	75 in 2005
Record low	32 in 1960
Precipitation	

Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.34"
Normal month to date	4.04"
Year to date 3	3.15"
Normal year to date 2	28.88"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The tiny constellation, Leo Minor, is beneath Ursa Major, directly below the bowl of the Big Dipper.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON Sunrise today 6:13 a.m.

Sunset to	onight	8	3:15 p.m.
Moonrise	e today	5	5:21 p.m.
Moonset today 5:27 a.m.			
Full	Last	New	First
Apr 26	May 3	May 11	May 19

TODAY'S TIDES Astoria / Port Docks

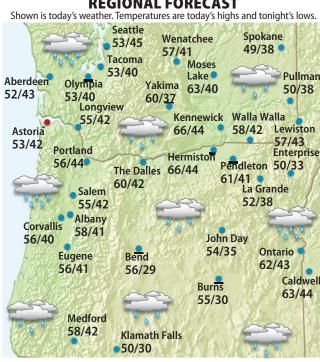
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NATIONAL CITIES

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ıtlanta	71/54/t	72/52/s	
oston	70/51/s	55/47/r	
hicago	57/39/r	51/40/pc	
allas	77/54/pc	83/64/s	
enver)	65/43/pc	75/48/pc	
lonolulu	85/72/pc	85/71/pc	
louston	84/59/pc	84/61/s	
os Angeles	68/54/pc	65/55/pc	
1iami	87/77/t	90/72/s	
lew York City	69/51/pc	64/45/r	
hoenix	91/65/s	92/62/pc	
an Francisco	61/52/c	59/49/r	
Vash., DC	66/52/r	68/47/pc	
Veather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,			

r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	52/34/sh	52/30/c	North Bend	53/43/r	52/41/r
Brookings	49/44/r	49/43/r	Roseburg	59/42/r	57/40/r
Ilwaco	54/43/r	56/44/c	Seaside	54/43/r	56/42/r
Newberg	56/42/r	59/40/r	Springfield	58/40/r	59/42/r
Newport	50/42/r	51/41/r	Vancouver	57/42/r	60/41/r