

OBITUARIES

Twilla Dawn McElmurry Hammond April 25, 1972 — April 29, 2021

Twilla Dawn McElmurry, age 49, of Hammond, passed away at her home on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

As a child, Twilla developed a passion for medicine and science that never dwindled. She graduated from Moses Lake High School with honors, and went on to receive her bachelor's degree in natural science, with an emphasis in human biology. She then completed her clinical laboratory science degree.

While in college, Twilla was so dedicated to the work that she and a partner suggested and developed a protocol on hair for forensic drug testing using the shaft vs. the follicle. This allows for alternative testing if follicle hair particles are not available. Twilla and her classmate were published, which led to an alternate protocol being used by forensic scientists when follicles are not available.

Twilla was an active member of the Astoria Church of Christ. She was the laboratory manager at Columbia Memorial Hospital for many years, and absolutely loved her career. She often volunteered and served the community with pride.

Over the years Twilla made a point to travel as much as possible. She went on several medical mission trips to Ecuador, as well as traveling to see the world and embrace the different cultures. She went to Africa, Asia and Europe, along with other little stops on her journey. She always made the best of every trip and layover, seeing as much as possible.

Twilla was a thrill-seeker, and made

sure her life was full of adventure. She was involved in martial arts. She went snorkeling in the Galapagos, bungee jumping and even skydiving.



Twilla McElmurry

Twilla loved listening to music and trivia nights. "Jeopardy" was her favorite show until the very end. She also knew how to relax. She and her mother, Linda, went on two Alaskan cruises together.

Twilla was an incredible woman, with friends and family spread all around. She was hilarious, honest, entertaining, generous, diligent and stubborn. She loved to have murder mystery dinners, and go to the

theater. She could make you blush and laugh until your stomach hurt, but in the same visit explain something complex with ease. She was truly a one of a kind person who made a big impact on this world, and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Boyd, as well as all of her grandparents, several uncles, aunts and cousins.

She is survived by her mother, Linda McElmurry; sister Tyha Murphy (Chad); sister Jennifer Campos (Alex); and numerous nieces, nephews, nibbling, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to donate to a charity of your choice in honor of Twilla.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuaries & Crematory have taken care of all of the arrangements.

Service information will come at a later date, and family and friends will be notified.

William (Rad) Hatch Cannon Beach 1933 — 2021

William "Rad" Hatch, 87, passed away peacefully at home on April 29, 2021. He was surrounded by close friends and his loving wife of 43 years.

Rad was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his large and loving family in Utah and the western states.

Rad was raised in Los Angeles by his mother, grandmother and aunt. He graduated from Las Vegas High School, and later served four years in the U.S. Navy.

While working as a grip for Universal Studios in Hollywood, Rad met and married Carol, the love of his life. They moved to Reno, Nevada, and lived there for many years.

After visiting friends in Cannon Beach, the happy couple decided to reside there permanently. They opened a home décor store, Cannon Beach West, which they owned and oper-

ated for 12 years, until retirement.

Rad and Carol loved traveling together, and spent the winter months with good friends in Palm Springs, California.



William Hatch

Rad appreciated a variety of music, art, abstract painting, reading and good entertainment. He enjoyed lively conversations, good meals and a Manhattan, surrounded by great friends.

He touched the lives of all who knew him with his positive attitude, relevant conversations, his dapper style and his benevolent smile. Rad was a devoted and loving husband to his sweetheart. His legacy of love and friendship is a comfort to both friends and family who miss him dearly.

Memorial donations may be made on Rad's behalf to the American Cancer Society. A celebration of his wonderful life will be held at a place and time to be determined.

John Eric Larson Naselle, Washington July 9, 1940 — March 23, 2021

John Eric Larson, born in Astoria on July 9, 1940, died of a heart attack on March 23, 2021, at his home in Naselle, Washington.

He graduated from Astoria High School in 1958 and from Clatsop Community College in 1979.

After high school he worked as a glazier, and in 1968 joined the Tongue Point Job Corps Center as a security officer. John taught first aid and CPR, and was the Job Corps National Staff Member of the Year in 1988.

In 2012, he was honored for his role in saving the life of a teacher who had a heart attack. John was in the Tongue Point Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years, and retired from the Jobs Corps after 45 years as their longest serving staff member.

After retirement, John moved to Naselle,

where he enjoyed taking care of his property, visiting with family and friends and having coffee with his buddies in Astoria.



John Larson

He also enjoyed taking cruises with his good friend, Starlette Gatens.

He was a longtime member of the Elks, an enthusiastic supporter of Ducks Unlimited and an avid coin collector.

John is survived by his sisters, Judy Aslakson, Joanna Larson and Janice Prichard, and her husband, Dennis; as well as three nieces, one nephew, two grandnieces and five grand-nephews.

There will be no funeral service, but an informal gathering in John's memory will be planned for a later time.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge on the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at hughesransom.com

Oregon wild horse herd faces cut under Forest Service plan

By MICHAEL KOHN
The Bulletin

A herd of more than 120 horses roaming free in the Ochoco National Forest will be cut in half as part of a management plan to control their numbers.

The 2021 Ochoco Wild Horse Management Plan will establish a management level of 47 to 57 horses that can reside in the national forest, according to a news release on Friday from the U.S. Forest Service.

The Big Summit herd is the only one in Oregon and Washington state to be managed solely by the U.S. Forest Service. Most of the other wild horse herds in the Pacific Northwest are managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The number of horses permitted in the herd takes into account forage availability in winter and the management of a lack of genetic variability in the horse herd. The decision also includes an emergency action plan that provides protocols for how the Forest Service will intervene on behalf of sick, injured or starving horses.

The herd is located about 25 to 30 miles east of Prineville and grazes on 27,000 acres of land located at 4,000 to 7,000 feet in elevation.

The management plan, which became effective on Friday, updates the original herd management plan drafted 46 years ago.

The horses are believed to have first appeared in the area in the 1920s, when it is believed that ranchers at that time turned loose quality animals from a good breeding stock to ensure a future supply of good horses.

"In general, wild horses and burros are descendants of animals released by or escaped from Spanish explorers, ranchers, miners or Native Americans," said Kassandra Kern, a spokesperson for the Ochoco National Forest.

While horse lovers are fond of seeing the animals roaming wild in the forest, the Forest Service says the herd is damaging riparian areas by chewing up forage along river banks.

"The horses will be managed through gathers beginning in the fall of 2021," Kern said. "It will likely take five years or more to gather down to the appropriate management level set out in this plan."

Kern said about 100 horses will need to be removed over that five-year period. The herd size today is between 120 to 150 horses.

"Gathering a little at a time allows us to gather valuable genetic information to work with wild horse genetics experts to ensure that we have adequate genetic variability in the herd," said Kern. "Additionally, when we bait the horses into the corrals, we typically only get smaller bands of 5-10 at a time. Gathering this way minimizes stress on the animals."

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To honor and congratulate the Class of 2021

The Astorian is creating a graduation publication for our local high schools that will publish on **Tuesday, June 1st**. This full-color publication will include biographies and pictures of each valedictorian and salutatorian, name and photo of each 2019 graduate and special congratulation ads from local businesses, family and friends.

Graduating high schools:
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WARRENTON Friday, June 11
ASTORIA Saturday, June 5
KNAPPA Saturday, June 12
SEASIDE Thursday, June 10

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
62 / 47 Periods of sun	62 / 47 Low clouds	60 / 47 Partly sunny	59 / 47 Mostly cloudy	60 / 46 A couple of showers	59 / 45 Showers possible	57 / 44 Showers possible

ALMANAC
Astoria through Sunday
Temperatures
High/low 58/49
Normal high/low 60/44
Record high 85 in 2019
Record low 34 in 2006
Precipitation
Sunday 0.01"
Month to date 0.39"
Normal month to date 1.10"
Year to date 34.57"
Normal year to date 31.14"

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Hercules climbs the eastern sky this evening.
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 5:48 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:37 p.m.
Moonrise today 5:57 a.m.
Moonset today 8:48 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)
1:25 a.m. 8.2 8:20 a.m. -0.3
2:28 p.m. 6.8 8:03 p.m. -0.3
Cape Disappointment
1:02 a.m. 8.1 7:27 a.m. -0.2
2:07 p.m. 6.7 7:17 p.m. 2.6
Hammond
1:11 a.m. 8.4 7:48 a.m. -0.4
2:17 p.m. 7.0 7:35 p.m. 2.4
Warrenton
1:20 a.m. 8.6 8:04 a.m. -0.2
2:23 p.m. 7.2 7:47 p.m. 2.5
Knappa
2:02 a.m. 8.5 9:21 a.m. -0.3
3:05 p.m. 7.1 9:04 p.m. 2.0
Depoe Bay
12:13 a.m. 8.2 6:58 a.m. -0.4
1:23 p.m. 6.7 6:44 p.m. 2.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	74/57/c	60/50/r
Boston	64/46/pc	63/48/pc
Chicago	55/39/s	61/41/pc
Dallas	65/55/r	65/54/c
Denver	44/32/sn	59/41/pc
Honolulu	85/73/pc	85/72/pc
Houston	84/68/t	76/61/t
Los Angeles	77/59/pc	78/61/pc
Miami	89/78/t	89/76/pc
New York City	62/45/pc	64/48/pc
Phoenix	95/70/s	99/72/s
San Francisco	74/51/s	71/51/pc
Wash., DC	67/46/pc	66/48/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 69/51	Wenatchee 75/53	Spokane 70/47
Aberdeen 63/46	Tacoma 70/46	Moses Lake 80/49
Olympia 71/47	Yakima 77/48	Pullman 68/45
Longview 74/46	Kennewick 81/47	Walla Walla 74/51
Astoria 62/47	Portland 75/51	Lewiston 76/49
Enterprise 66/40	The Dalles 80/51	Hermiston 81/47
Enterprise 66/40	Salem 76/49	Pendleton 76/48
Corvallis 76/46	Albany 77/45	La Grande 70/40
Eugene 76/47	Bend 74/44	John Day 71/43
Burns 71/38	Ontario 76/45	Caldwell 73/41
Medford 84/50	Klamath Falls 74/38	

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	70/37/s	78/40/pc	North Bend	61/47/pc	61/48/s
Brookings	68/50/s	66/49/pc	Roseburg	80/50/s	82/49/s
Ilwaco	60/49/c	60/50/c	Seaside	62/47/pc	63/47/c
Newberg	76/46/s	80/48/pc	Springfield	78/45/s	81/44/pc
Newport	58/44/pc	58/46/pc	Vancouver	76/49/s	79/50/pc