

OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth Jane Hansen Seaside May 2, 1922 – July 12, 2021

Elizabeth Jane Hansen, “Bettie” to all who knew her, passed away on July 12, 2021, at the age of 99, at Clatsop Care Health and Rehabilitation Center in Astoria.

She was born in Butte, Montana, on May 2, 1922, to Lloyd and Helen Weir. Bettie grew up in Kalispell, Montana, and after she graduated she moved to Illinois and Washington, D.C., where she worked for the civil service.

She married Bob Lee in 1944 and had two children, Audrey Lee, of Portland, and Robert Lee II, of Gearhart. Bettie worked in the shipyards, and after the war moved to Astoria, where her husband was stationed.

When they divorced, she moved to Seaside. She married Clifford Hansen and had two children with him, Helen Hansen, of Gearhart, and Michael Kasala, of McHenry, Illinois. She had nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her par-

ents; sister, Geraldine “Jerry” Arthur Roth; brother, Lloyd Weir Jr.; and grandson, Robbie Lee.



Elizabeth Hansen



Linda Hernandez

Bettie was an avid bowler, going to the nationals 46 times. Bettie had an average of over 200, and bowled several 300 games. When she threw her ball, it would not even hit the alley until half way down, and the pins would fly, it was so powerful. Bettie also liked to knit, crochet, sew and quilt, plus teaching others to bowl.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and PEO. In her later years, she enjoyed doing genealogy for several families.

The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful help and care given by Clatsop Care and Lower Columbia Hospice of Astoria.

Those wishing to honor her life can make a donation in her name to Lower Columbia Hospice, 2111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR., 97103, or Clatsop Care Health District, 646 16th St., Astoria, OR., 97103.

### Linda Marie Hernandez Astoria June 27, 1968 — June 23, 2021

Linda Marie Hernandez sadly passed away June 23, 2021, in Salem. She was 52.

Linda was Born in Winnemucca, Nevada, to Gigi and John Hartley on June 27, 1968. She spent most of her younger years living in Gold Beach, and later moved to Astoria, where she started a family and had three children, Heather, Chris and Michael.

Linda had a love for dolphins and had hoped to one day swim with them. She enjoyed doing puzzles, crocheting and spending time with her family.

Linda is survived by two of her children, Heather Tremain, of Hammond, and Michael Tremain, of Astoria; three grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Gigi and Harry Thompson, of Astoria; sisters, Carol Dickson, of Grand Junction, Colorado, and

Theresa White, of Susanville, California; brothers, John Hartley Jr., of Florida, Richard Bastiaen Jr., of Astoria, and Michael Bastiaen, of Astoria; along with many nieces and nephews.

Linda resides in death with her son, Christopher Tremain, her father, John Hartley Sr., and stepfather, Richard Bastiaen Sr.

A celebration of life will be held on July 25 at 1 p.m. at Cullaby Lake in the north shelter. It is a potluck, but please don't feel obligated to bring anything but memories.

Linda was an amazing woman who was loved by many, and will be dearly missed, and lives on forever through memories. She was taken from this world too soon. But all who knew her will tell you that she was kind-hearted and had a beautiful soul.

### Samuel Thomas Whisler Warrenton April 16, 1995 — July 9, 2021

It is with great sorrow we announce that Astoria police officer Samuel Thomas Whisler passed away at the young age of 26 on July 9, 2021, of natural causes, in his home in Warrenton.

Samuel was a beloved husband, father, brother and son. He will be irrevocably missed by many, including the love of his life, wife, Christin Whisler, as well as the light of his world, daughter, Penelope Whisler, and bonus son, Maverick Rankin; parents, Mark and Lisa Whisler; grandmother, Shirley Whisler; siblings, Aimee Walker (husband John Walker), Josh Whitmore, Amanda Laird (husband Alan Jorgensen) and Justin Laird, and Korissa Whisler, Patrick Whisler (wife Chloe Whisler) and Sarah Whisler (partner Jorge Haiek).

He will also be greatly missed by his nieces, Olivia Laird, Ava Walker, Mila Whitmore and Charlotte Jorgensen; and nephews, Finley Jorgensen, Deontay Pharaoh, Ayden Whisler, Owen Whisler and Louis Haiek. His loving godparents, Jimmy and Piper O'Brien, will also deeply miss him.

Sammy was the youngest of eight children born on April 16, 1995, to Mark and Lisa Whisler in Astoria. He was raised and grew up in the Seaside community, going through Seaside and Gearhart elementary schools, Broadway Middle School and graduating from Seaside High School in 2013.

As a toddler, Sam loved being like his father, Sgt. Mark Whisler, by wielding a holster and his butter knife “sword” everywhere he went. He enjoyed watching old western films and wanted to be just like John Wayne.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed learning how to survive out in the wilderness. From a very young age he knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps of serving

and protecting his community.

At 13 years old, Sam spent his free time volunteering with search and rescue, and continued doing so for over eight years. In high school, Sam began volunteering with the Gearhart Fire Department with his best friend, Zac Sweet.

In 2013, he was sworn in as an enforcement cadet at the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy. Later, he joined the Seaside Fire Department, and served as a lifeguard on Seaside beaches. Finally, in January 2020, Sam's lifelong dream came true when he joined the Astoria Police Department as a police officer.

In Sam's eyes, his life was complete. He had manifested the life he dreamed of. Sam would talk to his mother and father, who moved to Bend in 2015, every day over the phone. He recently had told his mother in one of their conversations, “I love my life! I love my wife, I love my kids and I love my job.”

Sam is preceded in death by grandparents Marlene Winchester, David Whisler and Thomas McDonald.

Sam will be tremendously missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held July 21 at 12 p.m. at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center for family, friends and law enforcement.

A livestream will be provided for those who cannot attend. For the livestream link, please go to [astoria.or.us/Officer\\_Sam\\_Whisler.aspx](http://astoria.or.us/Officer_Sam_Whisler.aspx). This website will be updated regularly with information in regard to the service, livestream, different ways to donate and fundraisers going on. Please check the website often.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Visit [caldwells-mortuary.com](http://caldwells-mortuary.com) to share memories and to sign the guest book.



Samuel Whisler

## Wildfires threaten parched Native American lands

By NATHAN HOWARD and SARA CLINE  
Associated Press

BLY — Fierce wildfires in the Pacific Northwest are threatening Native American lands where tribes already are struggling to conserve water and preserve traditional hunting grounds amid a historic drought in the U.S. West.

Blazes in Oregon and Washington state were among some 60 large, active wildfires that have destroyed homes and burned through about 1,562 square miles in a dozen mostly Western states, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

It comes as extremely dry conditions and heat waves tied to climate change have swept the region, making wildfires harder to fight. Climate change has made the American West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

In north-central Washington state, hundreds of people in the town of Nespelem on Colville tribal land were ordered to leave because of “imminent and life-threatening” danger as the largest of five wildfires caused by dozens of lightning strikes Monday night tore through grass, sagebrush and timber.

Seven homes burned, but four were vacant, and the entire town evacuated safely before

the fire arrived, said Andrew Joseph Jr., chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, which includes more than 9,000 descendants of a dozen tribes.

Monte Piatote and his wife grabbed their pets and managed to flee but watched flames burn the home where he had lived since he was a child.

“I told my wife, I told her, ‘Watch.’ Then boom, there it was,” Piatote told news station KREM-TV in Spokane, Washington.

The tribes declared a state of emergency Tuesday and said the reservation was closed to the public and to industrial activity. The declaration said weather forecasts called for possible triple-digit temperatures and 25-mph winds Wednesday into Thursday that could drive the flames.

In Oregon, the lightning-sparked Bootleg fire that has destroyed at least 20 homes was raging through lands north of the California border Wednesday. At least 2,000 homes were threatened by flames.

Mark Enty, a spokesman for the Northwest Incident Management Team 10 working to contain the fire, said that since he arrived in the area last week, the blaze had doubled in size each day.

“That’s sort of like having a new fire every day,” Enty said.

After less extreme growth, the fire early Wednesday spanned nearly 332 square miles, an area larger than New York City.



### 2021 SPIRIT OF CARING WINNER

## Congratulations Dr. Richardson!

“[Dr. Anisa Richardson] let me sit and cry in her office. I knew she needed to move on to other duties, but she just let me sit and get everything out. I have never felt so heard and so understood; it was the start to my recovery. At our next appointment, she taught my daughter all about healthy poop. I have laughed and I have cried in her office. We love her.”

[columbiamemorial.org/2021-spirit-of-care-award-winners](http://columbiamemorial.org/2021-spirit-of-care-award-winners)

### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
64 56	65 53	66 53	67 51	68 54	67 55	66 54
Low clouds may break	A shower in the p.m.	Mostly sunny	Partial sunshine	Mostly sunny	Some sun	Mostly sunny

### ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 62/55  
 Normal high/low ..... 67/53  
 Record high ..... 88 in 1935  
 Record low ..... 44 in 1954

**Precipitation**

Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.13"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.55"  
 Year to date ..... 37.40"  
 Normal year to date ..... 36.46"

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### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Albireo of Cygnus is a beautiful double star, perfect viewing for small telescopes.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today ..... 5:39 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 9:04 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 11:43 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... none

First Full Last New  
 July 17 July 23 July 31 Aug 8

### TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	5:05 a.m.	7.1	11:48 a.m.	-0.2
	6:18 p.m.	7.2	none	
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	4:43 a.m.	6.8	11:06 a.m.	-0.1
	6:03 p.m.	7.1	11:47 p.m.	2.2
<b>Hammond</b>	4:55 a.m.	7.4	11:24 a.m.	-0.2
	6:11 p.m.	7.5	none	
<b>Warrenton</b>	5:00 a.m.	7.5	11:32 a.m.	-0.1
	6:13 p.m.	7.6	none	
<b>Knappa</b>	5:42 a.m.	7.4	12:32 a.m.	1.8
	6:55 p.m.	7.5	12:49 p.m.	-0.2
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	3:53 a.m.	6.9	10:33 a.m.	-0.3
	5:17 p.m.	7.2	11:16 p.m.	2.2

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/72/t	88/72/t
Boston	85/72/pc	89/73/t
Chicago	81/68/t	73/64/sh
Dallas	93/77/pc	93/77/pc
Denver	85/62/t	91/63/t
Honolulu	87/76/s	88/75/s
Houston	90/75/t	88/76/t
Los Angeles	83/66/pc	80/66/pc
Miami	89/78/t	88/78/t
New York City	89/75/pc	90/76/t
Phoenix	105/86/t	106/88/t
San Francisco	66/56/pc	67/58/pc
Wash., DC	92/78/pc	94/77/t
<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	72/54		Wenatchee	92/65	
Tacoma	73/54		Moses Lake	95/61	
Olympia	73/52		Yakima	94/60	
Longview	71/57		Kennewick	96/63	
Astoria	64/56		Walla Walla	93/64	
Portland	77/57		Lewiston	96/64	
Salem	81/56		Enterprise	90/51	
Corvallis	79/53		Albany	80/55	
Eugene	83/53		La Grande	91/55	
Bend	90/53		John Day	92/54	
Hermiston	95/64		Burns	93/51	
The Dalles	85/64		Ontario	102/69	
Medford	91/58		Caldwell	98/64	
Klamath Falls	89/47				