

OBITUARIES

Betty Irene Bronson Emmett, Idaho Nov. 9, 1934 — Jan. 4, 2022

Betty Irene Bronson (née Hayes), 87, of Emmett, Idaho, formerly of Union, passed away on Jan. 4, 2022. A funeral service was held at the Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Jan. 10.

She was born in Vinita, Oklahoma, to Alvie Martin Hayes and Jessie Mae Hayes (née Dow). Due to the Dust Bowl, her family moved several times before settling in Oregon, where Betty graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1952.

That same year, she married Kenneth Howard McDonald, and together they had three children, John Lawrence, Kevin Martin and Kara DeeDawn McDonald.

On May 11, 1963, Betty married William (Bill) Everett Bronson, and gained two more children, Toni Lee Bronson and Robert M. Bronson, and had two more sons, Erin William Bronson and Andrew Joseph Bronson.

Together, Betty and Bill raised their children in Warrenton, then moved to Union, where they lived for 27 years, until Bill's death in 2013. They were happily married for 50 years. In 2021, Betty moved to Emmett to be nearer to her son, Erin, and his family.

During her life, Betty worked as a waitress and bookkeeper, participated as a member of the Union City Council, and vol-

unteered as a cook for the senior meals program.

A lifetime lover of the arts, Betty was an excellent painter, who enjoyed crafting, gardening and dancing. She spent many years as an active participant in Scandinavian dancing while on the Oregon Coast.

Additionally, as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Betty served two missions: one in the Philippines, and one in the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, assisting in the work of eternal families. She held numerous other

volunteer positions with the church as well, but her favorite was teaching the children's lessons.

She was a strong, determined and active woman who is survived by her seven children, 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her brother, Devoyd Hayes, and sister, Oma Jean Swartwood (née Hayes). Betty will be dearly missed, but always remembered.

The family would like to thank the wonderful help and care given by hospice of Saint Alphonsus Home Health and Hospice.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Union Ward or donate.churchofjesuschrist.org

Online condolences may be made to the family at lovelandfuneralchapel.com



Betty Bronson

Dennis Leroy Thomason II Astoria June 18, 1967 — Nov. 30, 2021

Dennis Leroy Thomason II was 54 years old when he passed away at home on Nov. 30, 2021, from pulmonary heart disease. It was peaceful, and he had family around him.

Dennis was born on June 18, 1967, in Astoria, to Nora Beelar Morkert and the late Dennis Thomason. He spent most of his life in Astoria, except for the 10 adventurous years he lived in Sitka, Alaska, with his family, graduating from high school there in 1986.

As a young man in Alaska, he developed the quest for catching the next big king salmon. Also, while living in Sitka, and around the age of 12, he became involved in trap shooting.

With this new talent, he was able to travel all over the state of Alaska to compete. He won many championships, and all of this led to his being invited to compete at the National Rifle Association Olympic Training Camp in

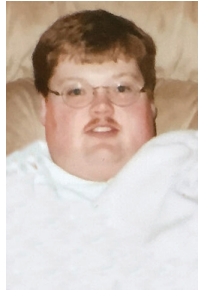
Colorado Springs, Colorado. He joined them twice, in 1984 and 1985.

Coming back to Astoria in 1986, Dennis spent 25 years working in the fishing industry, until ill health forced him to leave.

During this time, he was able to express his creativity in the form of pottery, excelling at that, as well. Dennis was lucky enough to have Richard Rowland as a friend and mentor.

Dennis is survived by his mother and stepfather, Nora and Bob Morkert; his sister, Angela Thomason Dietrich, and her husband, Jason; and his beloved cat, "Gunner." He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held on Feb. 12 at the Olney Grange from 1 to 4 p.m., and the family welcomes all who knew and loved Dennis to join them for a potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



Dennis Thomason II

Denise Marie Allen Svensen July 10, 1954 — Dec. 18, 2021

Denise Marie Allen, age 67, of Svensen, passed away on Dec. 18, 2021, in Svensen.

She was born July 10, 1954, on her dad's 30th birthday in Minot, North Dakota. Her parents were Robert and Doris Huddleston, and the family moved to Salem shortly after her birth.

Denise was the second of four children, and grew up in Salem, graduating from North Salem High School in 1972, and then from Oregon State University, with a degree in education, in 1976.

She moved to Astoria and started teaching preschool in the late 1970s. Denise married Steve Allen in 1981, and built a home in Svensen. She raised three children, and had a large farm with many animals, including goats, geese, ducks, chickens, rabbits, sheep, cattle and cats.

Denise was very active with bird watching, gardening, mushroom picking, beachcombing, camping, yoga and spending time with family.

She retired from teaching after 40-plus years.

Denise is survived by her three sons, Daniel (Nikole) Allen, of New Haven, Connecticut, Michael Allen, of Astoria, and Stephen Allen, of Svensen; two brothers, Robert (Jana) Huddleston, of Salem, and Scott (Noel) Huddleston, of Knappa; three grandsons, Lucas, Jonah and Simon; three nephews; and a niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Richard Huddleston.

A memorial service will be announced in the future. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her name to the Camp Kiwanilong Summer Youth Program.



Denise Allen

Kaare M. Nielsen Beaverton 1923 — 2022

Kaare M. Nielsen passed away Jan. 3, 2022, at the age of 98. Born in Norway in 1923, he came to the U.S. through Canada in 1953.

He drove a Sno-Cat for Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood — earning an award for most miles driven in a Sno-Cat — where he met and married Alice Oja of Brownsmead. They had five children. He became a U.S. citizen in 1965.

He owned and operated Nielsen Trucking for decades, and loved nothing better than messing around with trucks.

He played his accordion at many Scandinavian festivals in Astoria and Portland,

and regularly played dances at Norse Hall as a band member of The Midnight Sons, and later as The Kaare Nielsen Trio.

He is survived by his five children, Katrina Nielsen, of Portland, Kristine Aguilar, of Beaverton, Rebecca Nielsen, of Seattle, Laura Nielsen, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Nick Nielsen, of Portland; his sister, Maalfrid Yontz, of Hillsboro; his first wife, and the mother of his children, Alice Oja-Nielsen, of Brownsmead; his wife, Joyce Strom, of Beaverton; and nieces and nephews both in Oregon and in Norway.

Services were held on Saturday at Finley-Sunset Hills Mortuary in Portland.



Kaare Nielsen

SPORTS

Marshfield boys defeat Seaside in 4A showdown

Two of the top three ranked teams in the latest 4A boys basketball coaches poll met at a neutral site Wednesday night, and No. 3-ranked Marshfield got the best of No. 2-ranked Seaside, 60-50. The contest was held at Toledo.

The two teams could meet again at another neutral site, such as March 12 in Forest Grove with a state championship on the line.

The Pirates scored the win Wednesday, rallying from an 11-point deficit in the first half.

The Gulls were on fire from the 3-point line early on, hitting five of their first eight 3-pointers. Led by Carson Kawasoe's three treys, Seaside was 6-for-13 from the arc in the first half, better than the Pirates were from the free throw line (4-of-12).

Yet Marshfield still found itself trailing just 26-24 at halftime.

The Gulls could not maintain their pace in the second half, as Seaside made just two of their 12 3-point attempts, while Marshfield opened the third quarter with a quick 13-4 run.

A bank shot by Dominic Montiel gave the Pirates a 37-30 advantage, a 3-pointer from Montiel made it 40-31, and Montiel highlighted the quarter by inboundng the ball off the back of a Seaside defender, scoring, drawing a foul and completing a three-point play for a 43-36 lead after three

quarters. A 3-pointer by Seaside's Ever Sibony had the Gulls within 49-44 with just over three minutes left, but the Pirates finally started sinking their free throws, where they finished 18-for-31, to Seaside's 5-for-8.

Sibony led the Gulls with 24 points, 17 in the second half. Kawasoe had 11 before fouling out. Montiel and Pierce Davidson each had 20 points for the Pirates.

Pirates top Lady Gulls, 38-14

After narrowly defeating Seaside 28-26 in Astoria's Vince Dulcich Memorial Tournament just two weeks earlier, the Marshfield girls basketball team cruised past the Lady Gulls on a neutral court Wednesday night in Toledo, 38-14.

The Pirates scored the first nine points of the game before Seaside battled back to within 11-5 early in the second quarter.

Marshfield ended the first half with a running jump shot from Kate Miles, and Charlie Dea was fouled on a 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the half, and made all three free throws for an 18-7 advantage.

The second half belonged to the Pirates, who outscored the Gulls 20-7 over the final 16 minutes.

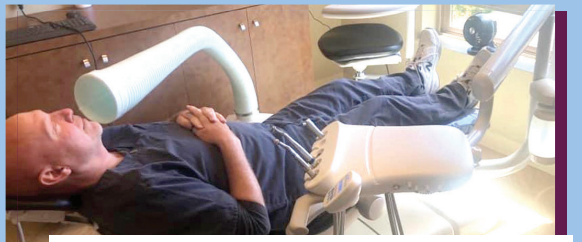
Marshfield had seven players in the scoring column, but none in double figures. Miles led with nine points. Lilli Taylor had a team-high seven for Seaside.

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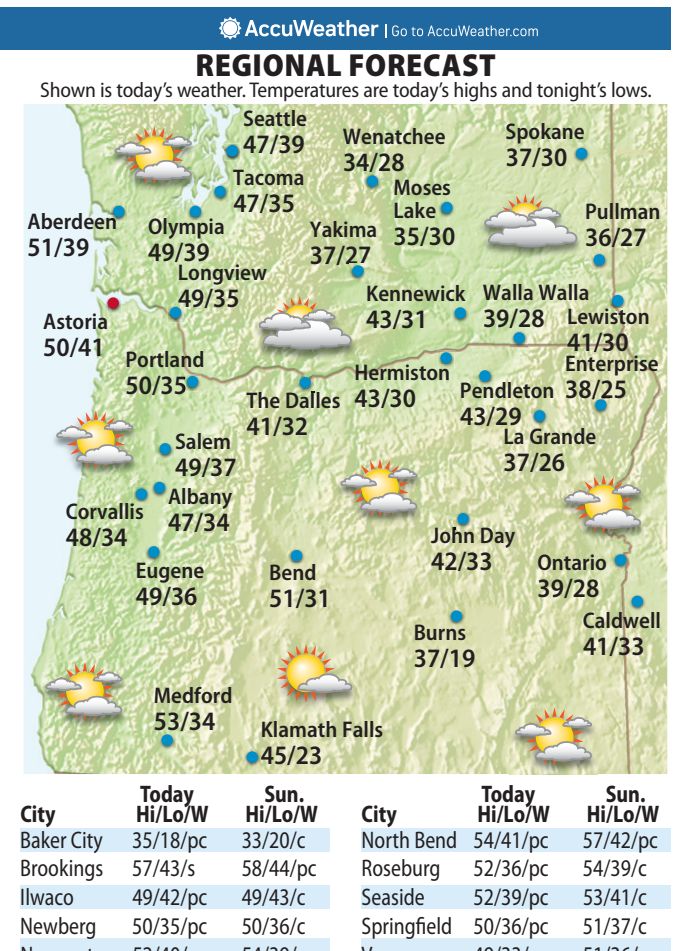
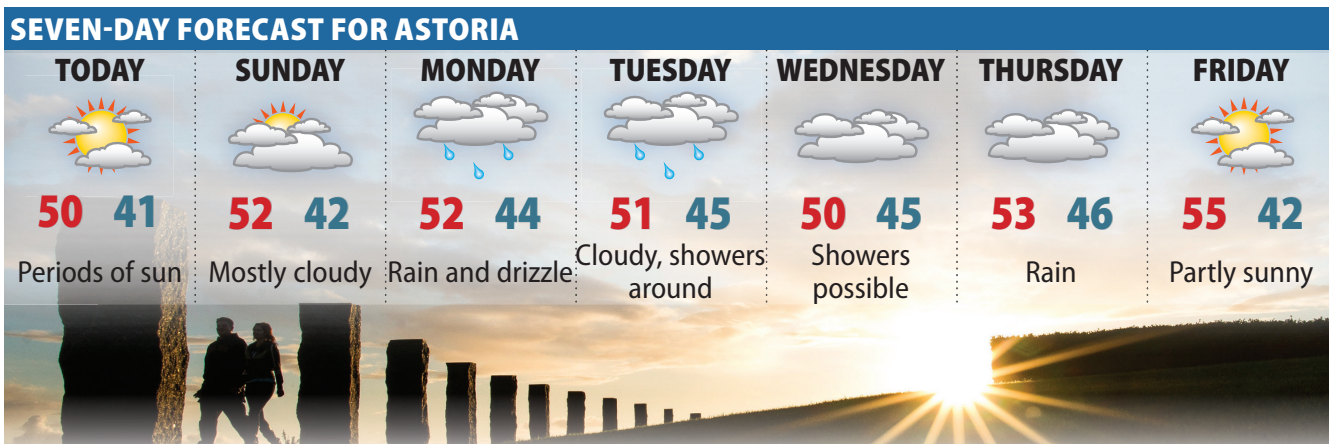
I saw the highest standard of health safety practices in effect during my hygienist appointment today—much higher precautions than I'd seen in a local hospital when having tests last month. The new sanitation equipment and attention to patient safety at Klemp Family Dentistry is in keeping with a dental 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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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

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| High/low | 53/46 |
| Normal high/low | 49/38 |
| Record high | 59 in 1941 |
| Record low | 17 in 1950 |

Precipitation

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| Thursday | 0.81" |
| Month to date | 12.38" |
| Normal month to date | 4.64" |
| Year to date | 12.38" |
| Normal year to date | 4.64" |

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, rises in the SE in the early evening and climbs across the south during the night.
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

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| Sunrise today | 7:54 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 4:56 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 2:46 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 6:33 a.m. |

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| Full | Last | New | First |
| Jan 17 | Jan 25 | Jan 31 | Feb 8 |

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

| Time | High (ft.) | Time | Low (ft.) |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 12:06 a.m. | 6.9 | 5:13 a.m. | 4.1 |
| 10:59 a.m. | 8.6 | 6:25 p.m. | 4.0 |

Cape Disappointment

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| 12:05 a.m. | 6.6 | 4:34 a.m. | 4.5 |
| 10:40 a.m. | 8.6 | 5:38 p.m. | 0.2 |

Hammond

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| 12:43 a.m. | 6.8 | 4:50 a.m. | 4.2 |
| 10:47 a.m. | 8.7 | 5:54 p.m. | -0.1 |

Warrenton

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| 12:01 a.m. | 7.3 | 4:57 a.m. | 4.2 |
| 10:54 a.m. | 8.9 | 6:09 p.m. | 0.1 |

Knappa

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| 12:43 a.m. | 7.1 | 6:14 a.m. | 3.5 |
| 11:36 a.m. | 8.8 | 7:26 p.m. | 0.0 |

Depoe Bay

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| 9:54 a.m. | 8.8 | 4:02 a.m. | 4.7 |
| 11:57 p.m. | 7.0 | 5:09 p.m. | 0.1 |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Atlanta | 52/36/c | 40/30/sn |
| Boston | 14/9/s | 29/22/s |
| Chicago | 25/14/c | 30/23/s |
| Dallas | 40/28/pc | 50/34/s |
| Denver | 44/28/s | 51/28/pc |
| Honolulu | 80/66/pc | 80/67/pc |
| Houston | 53/34/c | 54/34/s |
| Los Angeles | 71/54/c | 76/51/pc |
| Miami | 73/63/s | 77/59/t |
| New York City | 20/13/pc | 29/26/pc |
| Phoenix | 71/47/c | 72/46/s |
| San Francisco | 60/45/pc | 58/44/s |
| Wash., DC | 32/18/pc | 32/31/sn |

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