

OBITUARIES

Janet 'Jan' Kay (Simonsen) Ferguson

Warrenton

May 5, 1952 — Jan. 22, 2022

Janet "Jan" Kay (Simonsen) Ferguson died peacefully at her home on Jan. 22, 2022, after a short battle with cancer.

Jan was born in Astoria, and entered the world on May 5, 1952. She was the second child of Howard and Colleen Simonsen.

She grew up in Hammond, and spent most of her life in the Warrenton and Hammond area. She was a graduate of Warrenton High School, Class of 1969. She gave birth in Astoria to her son, Jonathon W. Brown, in October 1972. She met her husband, Terry Ferguson, in 1980. In 1984, she ventured to California and Arizona for several years, pursuing Terry's construction work, but they soon found themselves returning to the area she called home.

Jan's family has lived in Clatsop County for many generations. She always loved the area, even the wind and rain.

Jan and Terry had many adventures. They traveled often, and it was rare that they weren't off on some adventure over the weekend in their RV.

At home, she had many hobbies. She was a talented artist with her drawings, quilting, beautiful cross stitching, baking and cooking. Her family is going to miss her cinnamon rolls, cranberry sauce, cheesecakes, macaroni and potato salads and the dinner rolls that she brought to each holiday meal.

Many of her favorite activities included animals: dogs, cats, horses, birds and even raccoons. She was always looking to help when an animal was in need. For many years, Jan and Terry cared for several horses that were rescued from an abusive owner.

She was mom to many Old English sheepdogs. Over the last few years she could be found traveling the West Coast and attending dog shows with her three Old English sheepdogs from the SnowDowne line. Two of her dogs became grand champions, and one pup barely missed going to the Westminster Kennel

Club dog show.

She had many memorable jobs throughout her life that always provided her with a plethora of stories to share with others. Her tales of bartending, dog grooming, book-keeping and brownie baking were always entertaining.

Her favorite job, and the one she enjoyed the most, was working for Clatsop County Education Service District. She always looked forward to helping the students and getting ready for the Clatsop County Fair.

Jan could make friends wherever she went; her smile and friendliness were what attracted others to her. She openly shared her help and knowledge with anyone about a multitude of topics, including baking ideas and advice, travel, crafts and anything animal-related.

She was on the park committee that established the Warrenton dog park. She was always excited to experience a new local shop or restaurant.

Jan was preceded in death by her father, Howard Simonsen (2004) and her mother, Colleen Simonsen (2017). Her brother Robert "Robbie" Simonsen (1994) was lost while skippering a crab boat in the Gulf of Alaska.

She will be forever missed by her husband, Terry Ferguson, of Warrenton; her son and his wife, Jonathon and Laura Brown, of Astoria; and her pups, "Dozer," "Winnie" and "Piper." She is also survived by her brother, Mark Simonsen, of Hammond, and nieces, nephews and many cousins.

The family would like to thank the CMH-OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative and Columbia Memorial Hospital staff for the care that they provided.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gateway Masonic Lodge, 66 S.W. Fourth St. in Warrenton.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Clatsop County Animal Shelter, 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton, OR., 97146.



Janet Ferguson

Robert R. MacDonald

Silver Peak, Nevada

1947 — 2022

Robert MacDonald, of Silver Peak, Nevada, passed away in the evening of on Feb. 18, 2022. He was traveling from Tonopah, Nevada, to his home in Silver Peak, with his friend, Jesse Mazur, when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Rob's life work was varied, as he worked as an engineer in the Alaska (Akutan) and Northwest coast commercial fishing industry for many years. One of his most prolific captains said, "he was the best man on a fishing vessel I ever had!"

Also, he and his brothers worked in the Nevada mining industry, and he was a mechanical wizard. There wasn't an antique automobile, or part or engine he couldn't identify, expound about or work on!

He was a master storyteller and loved listening to the blues.

He is survived by many who loved him and will miss him very much. His family members are: a son, R. Gideon MacDonald, and his wife, Heather, of Nevada; a son and a daughter, Matthew and Emily Ayn MacDonald, of Washington; brothers, Bruce MacDonald, and his wife, Kristine, of Washington, Douglas MacDonald, of Washington, and Brodie MacDonald, of Oregon; sisters, Mary MacDonald Garner, of Oregon, and Janie MacDonald, of Arizona; granddaughter, Kendra Perry, of Oregon; niece, Tara Hano, and her husband, Jeff, and their children, Ravyn and Cameron, of Oregon; and nephew, Joel

Finch, and his wife, Alyssa, and their children, Leontine and Albin, of Washington.

Rob was a unique, "one of a kind" person who had many long-time friends throughout his life.

Gunter's Funeral Home in Hawthorne, Nevada, is charged with the arrangements, and the MacDonald family will be planning "a celebration of a special life" on the coast of Washington this summer.

Rob was a friend to all animals; please consider a donation in his name to: the Tonopah Animal Shelter, 20 Goldfinch Lane, Tonopah, NV., 89049; or the South Pacific County Humane Society, P.O. Box 101, 330 Second St. N.E., Long Beach, WA., 98631.

Wildfires getting worse globally with governments unprepared, report says

By MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A warming planet and changes to land use patterns mean more wildfires will scorch large parts of the globe in coming decades, causing spikes in unhealthy smoke pollution and other problems that governments are ill prepared to confront, according to a United Nations report released Wednesday.

The Western U.S., northern Siberia, central India and eastern Australia already are seeing more blazes, and the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires globally could increase by a third by 2050 and more than 50% by the turn of the century, according to the report from the United Nations Environment Program.

Areas once considered safe from major fires won't be immune, including the Arctic, which the report said was "very likely to experience a significant increase in burning."

Tropical forests in Indonesia and the southern Amazon of South America also are likely to see increased wildfires, the report concluded.

"Uncontrollable and devas-

tating wildfires are becoming an expected part of the seasonal calendars in many parts of the world," said Andrew Sullivan, with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in Australia, one of the report's authors.

The report describes a worsening cycle: Climate change brings more drought and higher temperatures that make it easy for fires to start and spread, and in turn those blazes release more climate-changing carbon into the atmosphere as they burn through forests and peatland.

Some areas including parts of Africa are seeing decreasing wildfires, in part because more land is being devoted to agriculture, said report co-author Glynis Humphrey from the University of Cape Town.

But U.N. researchers said many nations continue to spend too much time and money fighting fires and not enough trying to prevent them. Land use changes can make the fires worse, such as logging that leaves behind debris that can easily burn and forests that are intentionally ignited to clear land for farming, the report said.

Poor communities are often hit hardest by fires, which can degrade

water quality, destroy crops and reduce land available to grow food.

"It impacts people's jobs and the economic situation that people are in," Humphrey said. "It's integral that fire be in the same category of disaster management as floods and droughts. It's absolutely essential."

In the United States, officials recently unveiled a \$50 billion effort to reduce fire risks over the next decade by more aggressively thinning forests around "hot spots" where nature and neighborhoods collide. Only some of that work has funding so far — about \$3 billion over five years under the recently passed federal infrastructure bill, according to officials in President Joe Biden's administration.

Critics of the administration's plan say it continues to put too much emphasis on fighting some fires that can be useful to clear out underbrush when the flames remain relatively small and don't threaten houses.

The U.N. researchers also called for more awareness of the dangers from wildfire smoke inhalation, which can affect tens of millions of people annually as plumes from major wildfires drift thousands of miles across international borders.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
45 30 Periods of sun; chilly	51 35 Partly sunny	52 39 Rain in the afternoon	51 41 Rain	52 42 Cloudy, showers around	52 42 Chance of a shower	50 38 Showers possible

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Fri.
Seattle	43/27	42/22
Tacoma	42/22	42/22
Wenatchee	32/18	32/18
Spokane	29/13	29/13
Aberdeen	46/26	46/26
Olympia	44/21	44/21
Longview	45/22	45/22
Yakima	38/15	38/15
Moses Lake	31/16	31/16
Pullman	26/12	26/12
Kennewick	35/16	35/16
Walla Walla	29/17	29/17
Lewiston	32/16	32/16
Enterprise	23/0	23/0
Pendleton	30/13	30/13
La Grande	27/5	27/5
John Day	29/7	29/7
Ontario	37/14	37/14
Burns	33/7	33/7
Caldwell	38/14	38/14
Medford	48/16	48/16
Klamath Falls	42/9	42/9

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 41/29
Normal high/low 51/37
Record high 67 in 1908
Record low 27 in 2018

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
Month to date 1.71"
Normal month to date 5.68"
Year to date 15.19"
Normal year to date 16.27"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Last quarter moon (2:33 p.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:54 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:31 a.m.
Moonset today 11:06 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 23	Mar 2	Mar 10	Mar 17

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:13 a.m.	8.5	12:00 a.m.	3.3
8:27 p.m.	5.7	1:56 p.m.	0.9

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:56 a.m.	8.3	1:05 p.m.	0.8
8:16 p.m.	5.6	none	none

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:08 a.m.	8.5	1:26 p.m.	0.5
8:18 p.m.	5.8	none	none

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:08 a.m.	8.9	1:40 p.m.	1.0
8:22 p.m.	6.1	none	none

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:50 a.m.	8.8	1:01 a.m.	2.8
9:04 p.m.	6.0	2:57 p.m.	0.8

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:08 a.m.	8.5	12:38 p.m.	0.6
7:27 p.m.	5.7	11:53 p.m.	4.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	77/62/c	67/43/r
Boston	35/27/p	33/18/sn
Chicago	28/24/sn	29/16/c
Dallas	38/25/i	42/33/sh
Denver	20/5/c	27/12/p
Honolulu	83/69/s	82/69/pc
Houston	67/46/r	53/47/c
Los Angeles	60/39/s	66/41/s
Miami	82/71/pc	82/70/s
New York City	37/32/c	38/22/r
Phoenix	59/41/s	66/44/s
San Francisco	56/41/pc	61/42/s
Wash., DC	39/36/i	57/31/r

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