

OBITUARIES

Gale Ruth Hemmen
Independence
Sept. 22, 1953 — Sept. 27, 2021

Gale Ruth Hemmen passed away peacefully, at home in Independence, on Sept. 27, 2021, from a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1953, to Gale Dean Abrams and Betty Lou Knights in Salem. Gale graduated from Central High School in Independence in 1971, and attended Oregon State University. She was accepted into membership of Phi Beta Kappa.

Following graduation, she worked for the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. In 1978, she married Vichien Visavatanaph (aka Wiesawanawanapong), and the couple moved overseas to Thailand. In 1980, Gale returned to Oregon, where she and Vichien divorced.

In 1982, Gale accepted a position as historian for Fort Stevens State Park, and returned to her maiden name of Abrams. Gale served her entire 28-year career with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department at Fort Stevens.

Gale played a key role in helping see through a variety of long-standing projects, including construction of the Fort Stevens Civil War earth works, Native American long house representation and museum building renovation and exhibit construction.



Gale Hemmen

In addition, she helped coordinate a variety of well-known and popular special events, including the Fort Stevens Civil War Living History Program, annual Civil War Reenactment and World War II Military Days.

In 1991, Gale married Dennis John Hemmen, and resided in Sunset Lake and Hammond. In retirement, Gale and Dennis returned to Independence.

Gale was very active within the Astoria and Warrenton community, serving as various officers and providing project leadership activities for both the Astoria Kiwanis and Phi Beta Kappa. She was also a grand marshal for the Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade.

Gale often expressed her caring for others as a dedicated sender of cards to many on their birthdays, anniversaries and in recovery from illness. Gale will always be remembered as the utmost thoughtful person, who treated everyone with kindness.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis Hemmen, of Independence, and her brother, Joel (Charmaine) Abrams, of Corvallis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gale and Betty, and younger brother, Randy.

A memorial was held earlier. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Friends of Old Fort Stevens.

Tracey Dee Clooten
Bay City
Aug. 12, 1961 — March 24, 2022

Tracey Dee Clooten-Mathre had a rough start at life. As one of nine siblings, mayonnaise sandwiches were a lunch staple, and fighting your sister for a spot in bed was a chore. She always knew that she wanted more.

After she graduated from Seaside High School, she decided to follow in her sister's footsteps, and attended Astoria Beauty College. She was running a very successful hair salon given the name Dynamics, due to her dynamic personality.

Her salon was not only a place for women to change their look, it was also a place to change their lives. She was always the sympathetic ear they needed that day.

She knew the importance of helping her community by holding free Easter egg hunts every year, where she made sure every kid went home with a prize. She and her mailman husband used to fulfill letters to Santa in low-income areas, and heaven forbid if someone forgot your birthday — she would have a full celebration for you in 15 minutes. She always put others first.

She was the brightest light in every room, and she always made you feel special. She endured 14 neck surgeries, and multiple car accidents, yet always kept a positive attitude. Throughout all of her pain and discomfort, she still held onto her 33 years of sobriety, and found the time to sponsor countless

women and help lead them to recovery.

She was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin lymphoma, and was responding to treatments, until she had some respiratory issues and passed peacefully, with everyone she loved by her side.

Tracey is survived by her mother, Shirley Sullivan, of Gaston; son, Philip Lindquist and his wife, Rachel Lindquist, and their son, Lincoln Lindquist, of Astoria; daughter, Shanah Lindquist, of Los Angeles; brother, David Clooten and his wife, Abby Clooten, and their very special little girl, Sophia, of Bay City; brother, Richard Clooten and his wife, Vlada Clooten, of Bay City; brother, Barth Clooten and his wife, Debbie Clooten, of Portland; sister, Shena Clooten Rose and her husband, Harvey Rose, of Hillsboro; sister, Paula Clooten, of Forest Grove; sister, Darnell Bernhardt Adgers, of Hillsboro; sister, Shelly Painter, of Hamlet; sister, Sherrie Clooten Rebitzke, of Hillsboro; sister, Donna Knuth Jones, of Hillsboro; and sister, Bunnie Jo Clooten, of North Dakota.

Not to mention all of the nieces, nephews and neighborhood kids, Ana, Niko, Risha, Donald, Adam, Rillie, Natalie, Stefanie, Cammy, Corri, Daniel, Desiree, Mike, DJ, Lisa, Heather, Caleb, Alex, Skylar, Lulu, Tori, Evan, Spencer, Blaine, Christine, Cameron, Hailie, Rainie, Mason, Heather, Ryan, Amanda, Amy, Amber, Wyatt, Evelyn and Dalton.



Tracey Clooten-Mathre

Jacqueline Lea Letsinger
Astoria
May 8, 1938 — Nov. 14, 2021

Jacqueline Lea Letsinger, 83, passed away in Portland.

Jacqueline was born May 8, 1938, in Kelso, Washington, to Bill and Marion (Gauthier) Williams. Jackie was born on Mother's Day, much to her parents' delight.

Jackie graduated from R.A. Long High School in Longview, Washington.

In 1957, she married Edward Selven; she was a very loving mother to their three children Kellie, Rob and Terry. They later divorced.

On Nov. 24, 1979, she married Robert Letsinger.

Jackie worked as a bookkeeper for New England Fish Co., Barbey Packing Co., Sea Coast Nursery and Landscaping, the Otter Trawl Commission and Red Lion before retiring.

Jackie was a master gardener, and loved working in her yard. Her knowledge of plants and flowers was one of her passions.

She loved the house that they built in 1982. Jackie enjoyed decorating their house, especially wallpapering.

Jackie is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Bob; her companion dog, Sadie; children, Kellie (Bob) Bakane and Terry (Leslie) Selven, of Astoria, and Rob (Jani) Selven, of Eugene; and stepchildren, Marilyn (Scott) Smith, of Astoria, and Bob (Karen) Letsinger, of Grants Pass.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michelle (Jonathan) DeVos, of Warrenton; Amy Selven, of Ontario, California; Kaari Selven and Krissy Selven, of Napa, California; and Michael Selven, of Portland; great-grandchildren, Megan McCall, of Aurora, Colorado, and Mason and Colton DeVos, of Warrenton; and niece, Debbie (Bruce) Campbell, of Kelso.

The family would like to thank Angie, her caregiver, for her love, care and comfort that she provided for our mom and family.

Jackie was preceded in death by her son, Michael James Selven; father, Bill Williams; mother, Marion Loudon; stepfather, Bob Loudon; and her sister, Judy Walker.

Private family services will be held at a later date.



Jacqueline Letsinger

SPORTS

Miethe home runs pace Warrior softball

Playing its second game in two days, Warrenton rallied from a 3-0 deficit after two innings Thursday for an eventual 8-4 win over Willamina in a Coastal Range League softball game at Warrenton.



Avyree Miethe

The Bulldogs put up three runs in the top of first inning, before Warrenton loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the third. Willamina pitcher Laney DeLoe managed to get Avyree Miethe to fly out for the first out, but Warrenton's Kaylie Poe doubled to right to score two runs. Lena Wakefield scored moments later on an error to tie the game.

Currently, the favorite for league Player of the Year is Miethe, who bounced back with an inside-the-park home run in the sixth inning, her fourth home run in three games, and third in two days.

She has already surpassed the school record for home runs in a season (previously three, held by Stacey Moore).

Warrenton put the game away with four runs in the fourth, tacking on one in the sixth.

Miethe was the winning pitcher, allowing eight hits with 11 strikeouts and one walk. DeLoe gave up 11 hits, with 11 strikeouts and one walk.

With 10 freshmen on the roster, Willamina dropped to 2-8 overall, while Warrenton improved to 1-1 in league, 5-5 overall.

Rainier 6, Warriors 3

A day earlier, Miethe was a one-player wrecking crew, but the Rainier Columbians managed to post a 6-3 win over the Warriors in a league opener Wednesday at Rainier.

Warrenton out-hit the Columbians nine to five, while Miethe belted two solo home runs, the first Warrior ever to hit two home runs in the same game.

In the top of the sixth, with one out and no runners on base, Rainier pitcher Daysha Holmes intentionally walked Miethe in her final at-bat of the day.

The Columbians' Jamie Knox got the win in the circle, despite giving up nine hits. Miethe scattered five hits with seven strikeouts and four walks. Lena Wakefield had three of Warrenton's nine hits.

Astoria softball wins ninth in a row, 8-4

In the Cowapa League softball game of the day, fifth-ranked Astoria scored an 8-4 win Thursday at Banks.

Quickly becoming the team to beat in 4A softball, Astoria won its ninth straight game after opening the season with two losses.

The Lady Fish — who defeated Tillamook 12-1 earlier in the week — have more than twice as many wins as any team in the Cowapa, with a 9-2 overall record.

Astoria led 3-2 after one inning, then pulled away with four runs in the second inning, on its way to a 13-hit day.

Offensively, freshman Nayomi Holmstedt was 4-for-5 with a double, while Tenley Matteucci was 3-for-3 with a triple and drove in four runs. Freshman pitcher Maddie Wilkin scattered five hits with 12 strikeouts and two walks.

Knappa softball tops Vernonia, 6-1

Having lost two games the previous two days, the Knappa softball

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
Baseball — Warrenton at Ilwaco at Warrenton, 5 p.m.
Track — Lower Columbia Invitational, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY
Softball — Portland Christian at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

team was desperately seeking a win Thursday, and got it with a 6-1 victory over Vernonia.

Coming off a 3-2 loss Wednesday to Neah-Kah-Nie, seventh-ranked Knappa rapped out six hits and took advantage of three Vernonia errors in Thursday's win.

Knappa scored two runs in the first and three in the third. Patricia Lebo and Avery Burks were each 2-for-3 at the plate with two runs batted in, while Burke had a double and Lebo a triple.

Warrior baseball cruises past Willamina, 20-1

The Warrenton baseball team bounced back from a loss at Rainier a day before with a five-inning, 20-1 win Thursday over Willamina at Huddleston Field.

Warrenton put up 13 runs in the third inning, and freshman pitcher Talon McGrorty did the rest, tossing five innings and allowing just one hit with 10 strikeouts and three walks.

In his first start, Warrenton's Damon Campbell was 2-for-2 with three runs scored. Josh Earls had a double and drove in four runs, and Parker Greenawald had a two-run single for the Warriors.

Rainier 6, Warriors 4

Rainier scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth Wednesday, and that was enough to defeat Warrenton 6-4 in a Coastal Range baseball league opener at Rainier.

Dylon Atwood was solid on the mound for the Warriors, limiting the Columbians to six hits and a walk, but Rainier took advantage of four hit batters and four Warrenton errors in the fifth for the Columbians' big inning.

Ethan Caldwell had a two-run double for the Warriors, who left the bases loaded in the second and fourth innings, and stranded two in the sixth.

Valiants first, Astoria second in golf at Quail Valley

In a second meeting of Cowapa League girls golf teams, Valley Catholic scored another win Wednesday in an invitational hosted by Tillamook at Quail Valley Golf Course.

Using modified Stableford scoring, the Valiants racked up 186 points, led by a 70-point effort from senior medalist Challin Kim.

Keeli Satterfield (49 points) and Abby Berndt (38) helped the Valiants hold off second-place Astoria (125), followed by Seaside (65). Banks was incomplete, and Tillamook's two golfers were unable to attend due to illness.

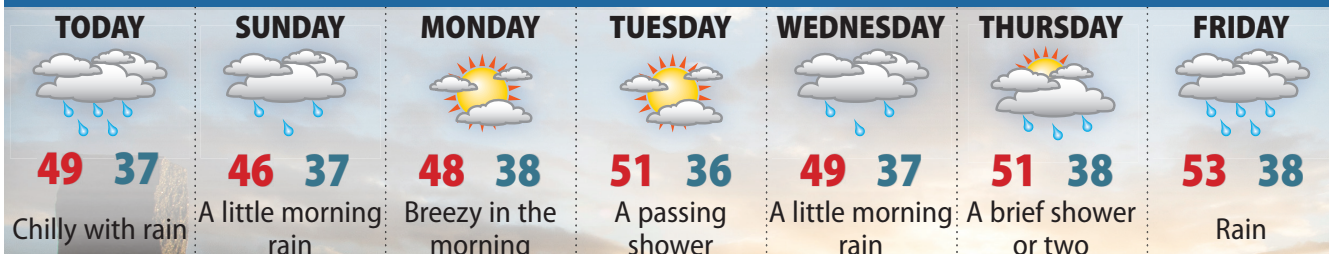
The Lady Fish were led by Ava Davis with 37, just ahead of Lily Reed (36) and Caleigh Peterson (34). The trio finished fifth, sixth and seventh individually. Marlee Both (18) and Katie Jo Strimple-Fields (6) rounded out Astoria's scores.

Holly Fergus led Seaside with 33 points, followed by Alyssa Bergman (15), Miriam Alcalá (10), Kariana Anderson (7) and Ella Boles (1).

Astoria and Seaside meet again Monday at Gearhart Golf Links.

— *The Astorian*

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 71/44
 Normal high/low 55/41
 Record high 81 in 2016
 Record low 30 in 2011

Precipitation

Thursday 0.04"
 Month to date 1.54"
 Normal month to date 1.55"
 Year to date 27.10"
 Normal year to date 27.22"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: First quarter moon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:40 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 7:55 p.m.
 Moonrise today 11:59 a.m.
 Moonset today 3:43 a.m.

First Full Last New
 Apr 8 Apr 16 Apr 23 Apr 30

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)

9:36 p.m. 5.8 2:44 p.m. 1.4

Cape Disappointment

6:39 a.m. 6.6 12:38 a.m. 4.6

9:42 p.m. 5.6 2:02 p.m. 1.4

Hammond

6:46 a.m. 6.7 12:58 a.m. 4.4

9:40 p.m. 5.8 2:19 p.m. 1.2

Warrenton

6:40 a.m. 7.2 1:01 a.m. 4.3

9:31 p.m. 6.2 2:28 p.m. 1.5

Knappa

7:22 a.m. 7.1 2:18 a.m. 3.6

10:13 p.m. 6.1 3:45 p.m. 1.2

Depoe Bay

5:53 a.m. 6.6 12:07 a.m. 4.6

8:54 p.m. 5.7 1:34 p.m. 1.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	57/41/pc	71/51/s
Boston	58/42/sh	55/42/c
Chicago	44/33/pc	55/47/pc
Dallas	87/60/s	85/67/pc
Denver	75/34/pc	58/30/pc
Honolulu	83/71/pc	85/72/pc
Houston	85/63/s	80/68/pc
Los Angeles	78/58/pc	75/56/pc
Miami	82/59/pc	77/67/s
New York City	57/43/pc	55/41/pc
Phoenix	97/66/s	90/64/s
San Francisco	68/50/s	66/49/s
Wash., DC	57/41/pc	52/38/pc

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

