

OBITUARIES

Elmer Leroy Johnson
Astoria
March 19, 1926 — May 17, 2022



Elmer Leroy Johnson was born to an early Knappa settler family on March 19, 1926. His father, Carl G. Johnson, came to Knappa in 1889 as a child in a family of five, who bought property on what is now Carl Johnson Lane.

Carl, a logger, was widowed in 1906. He had a daughter, Ida (Baldwin). Carl became a commercial fisherman and remarried a Norwegian immigrant, Johnetha (Ya-netta) Larsdatter Vee, in 1917.

She was a widow with a daughter, Borghilde (Christopher). She and Carl had four more children, Clara (Batenhorst), Agnes (Johnson), Clifford and Elmer.

Elmer and his siblings attended school above the Knappa Docks at the Lower Knappa School before attending Knappa High School. He participated in basketball and 4-H.

Unfortunately, at the age of 15, his mother passed away unexpectedly. His father never remarried.

He often spoke that the family farm was a good place to grow up. Family was always nearby, and he hunted, fished, provided firewood, built and repaired fences, cut hay and milked the family cow.

He also spent time at the floating community of gillnetters at Tongue Point, before the U.S. Navy prohibited the practice due to World War II.

Occasionally, he worked for other farmers in the area, sometimes earning an entire dollar a day. The country was still in a depression, and it was ingrained that waste was not tolerated. Everything was saved until the day it came in handy.

Upon graduating high school in 1944, Elmer joined the Navy to assist in the war. He served as a machinist's mate and prepared for the invasion of Japan, then the surrender came. He was discharged in 1946.

Returning home, Elmer worked various jobs, delivering 5-gallon cans of milk to the creamery, working at Big Creek Hatchery, driving truck for Brookfield Cement, driving and delivering feed to farmers for Lower Columbia Dairy Association before taking a job at the Wauna paper mill. He loved operating equipment and worked in the "yard" until his retirement in 1991.

On Sept. 29, 1951, Elmer married the

love of his life, Shirley Salmi, in the Brownsmead Lutheran Church. She was the daughter of "Siv" and Roy Salmi, a well-known Brownsmead dairy farmer. Shirley and Elmer enjoyed a honeymoon traveling through the redwood forests and Yellowstone.

For a few years they left the farm, moved to nearby Burnside, and started a family, taking in Scott Ryon, a foster child who remained in the family, and adopting Dwayne, then Karlyn Johnson a few years later.

In 1968, they rebuilt grandfather Johnson's house and returned to the farm and continued to raise cattle and hay and garden. Oyster and crawfish feeds with trips to Moclips, Washington, for razor clams, were frequent. The boat and fishing pole were always ready for taking salmon or sturgeon.

Through these years, he and his brother Clifford also logged on the family farm. They fell and bucked trees and skidded them to self-loading log trucks. Elmer and Shirley always maintained a garden and an orchard.

Elmer was a lifetime member of Clatsop Post 12 American Legion and the Astoria Elks, earning a 70-year pin.

After retirement, they eventually moved to Astoria, traveled to Hawaii and Alaska and were regular visitors at Astoria Senior Center and the American Legion. Elmer continued to enjoy gardening and maintaining his lawn until his health intervened.

He and Shirley moved to Astor Place. As his heart failed, he continually expressed his love for his wife and children. Death came peacefully in his sleep the morning of May 17, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his parents and all siblings. He and Shirley are the last of the "Greatest Generation" in our family. His presence and strength will be missed.

Elmer is survived by wife, Shirley; sons, Scott and Dwayne; daughter, Karlyn; nephew, Dale; niece, Risa Johnson; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 27 at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria, with a brunch to follow at Clatsop Post 12 American Legion basement at noon.

Private interment will be at 2:30 p.m. at Knappa Prairie Cemetery.



Elmer Johnson

L. Robert 'Bob' Canessa
Seaside
Dec. 24, 1939 — May 17, 2022

L. Robert "Bob" Canessa passed away on May 17, 2022, at the age of 82, in Seaside. He died with his entire family at his side, after an inspiring 14-year cancer battle that long defied medical statistics.

In 1957, Bob led the Metro League in batting his senior year at Astoria High School with a .400 batting average, and also played on the 1956 national championship-winning Seaside Connie Mack baseball team.

He continued playing baseball at third base on an athletic scholarship at the University of Oregon. Bob made many lifelong friends as a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the University of Oregon, where he graduated with a business degree in 1961.

After college, Bob started working in insurance and as a stockbroker in Eugene, and got hooked on the game of golf. Because the stock market closed at 1 p.m., his game benefited tremendously.

More importantly, Bob met Barbara at the Oregon Coast Invitational Golf Tournament in 1964. They married in 1965. Bob later found success on the golf course, winning the Oregon Coast Invitational in 1970.

Then Bob and his family moved back to Astoria in 1975, where he began his

career as an insurance agent at family-owned Knutsen Insurance. Bob also had the joy of working with his son, Jeff, in the family business, where they worked together until Bob retired in 2000.

In 2008, Bob was inducted into the Astoria High School Hall of Fame, where he was later joined by both his dad (Leland was inducted in 2012) and his son (Jeff was inducted in 2017).

Bob was a lifelong outdoorsman with a deep passion for hunting and fishing. In particular, Bob loved duck hunting with family and friends.

In the fall of 2021, Bob made his final annual trek to the Canadian prairie. With his sons by his side, and with the help of his friends, his last hunt was one of the best.

Bob will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his wife of 56 years, Barbara; two sons, Jim (and his spouse, Kris) and Jeff (and his spouse, Jen); four grandchildren, Kade, Kelsie, Ila and Indy; and his brother, Bill (and his spouse, JoAnn).

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Leland (1967) and Vieno (2000).

A private service was held for close family.



Robert Canessa

SPORTS

Warrenton boys fourth, Astoria girls fifth in state track meet

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

The return to Hayward Field brought a return to the recent glory years of Astoria girls and Warrenton boys track.

With some individual state championships mixed in, the 3A Warriors brought home a fourth-place team trophy, while Astoria finished fifth in the 4A girls' scoring.

For the Astoria boys, senior Colton McMaster made the best of his two complete seasons in track with two more state titles, in the discus (177-0) and shot put (55-0¾). McMaster almost certainly would have won four more titles if there had been official state meets in 2020 and 2021.

Most Clatsop County athletes competing posted personal best marks — no surprise in the 70-plus degree weather over the weekend in Eugene.

Beginning with the small school portion of the meet, Warrenton's Zander Moha scored a state title on both days.

The senior won the 3A 3,000-meter race on Thursday, then took first in the 1,500 meters on Friday, in 4:13.37.

Moha adds his name to a short list of athletes with multiple state titles for the Warrenton boys. Andy Wintersteen won three individual championships (400 meters in 2000, and 200 and 400-meter titles in 2001), and ran a leg on the winning short relay in 2000.

Luke Ray won back-to-back pole vault titles in 1994 and '95.

Over halfway through the meet — and with several athletes still to compete — Warrenton was first in the team scoring with 33 points.

At the same time, Catlin Gabel was in fourth with 28. The Eagles made their big move on Day 2, exploding with 56 points in the final seven events to finish with 84 points and the team championship.

Santiam Christian (70) was second, followed by La Pine (57) and Warrenton (47.5).

The best finish at state for the Warrenton boys is still second place in 1992, under coach Bob Filori. Josh Jannusch led Warrenton to fourth in 2007.

Adding points for the Warriors were: Hunter Xochipiltcatl (second in the javelin, 151-0); Erik Cooley (fourth, 300 hurdles, 43.32); Phoenix Martin (fifth in the 400 meters); the Warrenton relays (seventh in the 400, fifth in the 1,600); Jorge Lopez-Cruz

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — 3A State Playoff: St. Mary's at Warrenton, TBA; **2A State Playoff:** Bonanza or Heppner at Knappa, TBA
Softball — 4A State Playoff: Corbett at Astoria, TBA; **3A State Playoff:** Warrenton at Harrisburg, 4:30 p.m.; **2A State Playoff:** Knappa at Glide, TBA

FRIDAY

Baseball — 2A State Playoff: TBA at Knappa
Softball — 4A State Playoff: TBA at Astoria; Naselle vs. DeSales, noon (at Gateway Complex, Yakima)

SATURDAY

Baseball — 1B Washington state championship: Crosspoint vs. Naselle, 4 p.m. (Ridgefield Complex)

(eighth in the javelin); Collin Klebe (seventh in the high jump) and Niles Gramson (seventh in the pole vault).

Sisley paces Astoria girls

Astoria senior Maddie Sisley accounted for 28 of her team's 39 points, helping the Lady Fish leave Eugene with a fifth-place trophy.

Sisley took second in the long jump on the first day, finished second in the 110-meter hurdle finals in a personal best 16.36, and led the triple jump competition until the final round of jumps, with a leap of 34 feet, 10½ inches. On her final jump, Lanie Cox, of Henley, soared a personal best 35-1¾ to take first.

Still, Sisley scored 24 points by herself, then added four points in helping Astoria to fifth in the 400-meter relay, along with Harlie Wiedmaier, Maia Long and Ashley Sisley (51.82 seconds).

Elsewhere, Jena Russell had the second-place throw in the discus (110-4).

Ryan Smith scored the only point for Seaside, finishing eighth in the shot put (42-3¼).

Rodriguez has top four finishes

The Knappa boys had 14 points in the 2A meet, for 22nd out of 33 scoring teams.

Distance runner Isaiah Rodriguez placed third in the 1,500 meters (4:09.62) and fourth in the 3,000 (9:22.39). Teammate Joshua Peterson was ninth (4:28.62, PR) and sixth (9:44.66, PR) in the same two events.

And in the 1A meet, Jewell's Brenna Shaw was sixth in both the high jump and triple jump, and Justin Wammack was fourth in the pole vault.

Marist upsets Knappa, 9-5

The Astorian

The favorite for another 2A baseball state title, the Knappa Loggers scheduled a nonleague game with the Marist Spartans on Friday in Eugene.

And the Spartans — ranked fifth at the 4A level — managed what no team has

done since March 23, as they scored a 9-5 win over the No. 1-ranked Loggers.

Both teams had five hits, but the Loggers committed eight errors in the field, while Marist overcame a 5-0 deficit with nine runs over the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Drew Miller had two of Knappa's five hits.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
58 50	60 48	62 49	58 48	61 47	57 46	59 48
Cloudy	Low clouds	Cloudy, a little rain	Showers around; breezy	A couple of showers	Cloudy, showers around	A passing shower

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 61/50
Normal high/low 61/47
Record high 88 in 1941
Record low 37 in 1960

Precipitation

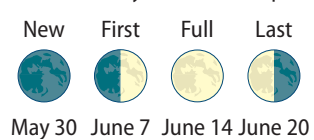
Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 4.72"
Normal month to date 2.53"
Year to date 37.22"
Normal year to date 34.00"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Tuesday before sunrise, conjunction of the waxing crescent moon and Mars.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:52 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:21 a.m.
Moonset today 2:57 p.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	9:13 a.m.	6.4	3:35 a.m.	2.2
	10:14 p.m.	7.7	3:49 p.m.	0.7
Cape Disappointment	8:54 a.m.	6.3	3:06 a.m.	2.6
	9:58 p.m.	7.6	3:05 p.m.	0.9
Hammond	9:04 a.m.	6.6	3:16 a.m.	2.5
	10:07 p.m.	7.9	3:20 p.m.	0.8
Warrenton	9:08 a.m.	6.8	3:19 a.m.	2.3
	10:09 p.m.	8.1	3:33 p.m.	0.8
Knappa	9:50 a.m.	6.7	4:36 a.m.	1.9
	10:51 p.m.	7.9	4:50 p.m.	0.6
Depoe Bay	8:09 a.m.	6.0	2:32 a.m.	2.3
	9:12 p.m.	7.5	2:30 p.m.	0.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	69/67/t	82/68/t
Boston	60/50/pc	64/53/pc
Chicago	64/55/c	71/58/sh
Dallas	76/60/t	74/57/c
Denver	53/38/r	70/47/pc
Honolulu	84/71/s	85/72/s
Houston	83/72/t	82/65/t
Los Angeles	77/60/pc	79/59/pc
Miami	89/78/s	88/79/s
New York City	67/55/pc	68/57/c
Phoenix	99/75/s	102/76/pc
San Francisco	75/56/s	73/55/s
Wash., DC	68/56/c	69/61/c

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.

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Seattle	63/52	76/45/pc	North Bend	62/47/pc	61/51/c
Wenatchee	72/52	68/50/pc	Roseburg	78/51/pc	83/54/pc
Spokane	64/47	74/54	Seaside	60/51/c	62/49/c
Moses Lake	74/54	71/57	Springfield	74/55/pc	77/53/pc
Yakima	75/48	73/41	Vancouver	68/55/c	73/54/pc
Kennewick	77/61	69/48			
Walla Walla	68/57				
Lewiston	69/54				
Enterprise	62/48				
Pendleton	71/57				
La Grande	67/50				
John Day	69/48				
Ontario	75/49				
Burns	72/41				
Caldwell	74/46				