

**SPORTS**

# Eight local softball players named all-state

The Astorian

The last of the all-state softball teams were announced this month, with the selections of the 4A and 2A/1A softball squads.

Among the 65 players named to the 4A all-state team were four players from Astoria and two from Seaside.

Astoria freshman infielder Nayomi Holmstedt was the only first-team selection. Astoria freshman pitcher Maddie Wilkin, senior Tenley Matteucci (first base) and freshman Shelby Bruney (outfield), along with Seaside junior catcher Abby Nofield were named to the second team.

Seaside senior infielder Tara Lair was honorable mention.

Knappa senior Hannah Dietrichs was a third-team pitcher on the 2A/1A all-state team.

Earlier, the 3A all-state squad included Warrenton senior Avyree Mieth as a first-team utility player.



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**Astoria freshman infielder Nayomi Holmstedt, left, was one of four Lady Fish players selected to the 4A all-state softball team.**

**OBITUARIES**

# Kenneth (Kenny) William Setala

Naselle, Washington

March 25, 1938 — May 4, 2022



Kenneth (Kenny) William Setala passed away May 4 with his family by his side.

Kenny was born on March 25, 1938, in Astoria, to John and Pauline Setala. Kenny's childhood years were spent on the family farm in Rosburg, Washington, on Eden Valley Road, where he began his lifelong love of animals.

The loss of his father at a young age meant that Kenny spent much of his time helping run the family farm, and was also eager to lend a hand to everyone around him.

Kenny attended Grays River Elementary School and graduated as valedictorian from Naselle High School in 1956.

After graduation, Kenny joined the U.S. Navy and served his country for four years as an electrician. Upon leaving the Navy, he worked for Boeing in Seattle and attended Lower Columbia Community College. His love of the outdoors eventually drew him toward a 34-year career working for Weyerhaeuser in the woods

and in their log yards.

Kenny's best years were spent with Loretta, his life partner, taking care of



Kenneth Setala

the family, pets and enjoying their life together at their Salmon Creek Road home in Naselle. Kenny had a soft spot in his heart for animals, and loved adopting dogs and cats from the local animal shelter. He will be remembered by many for his love of visiting with friends over many cups of coffee at the local hangouts in Naselle and Rosburg.

Kenny leaves behind his life partner, Loretta Smalley; stepdaughters, Jennifer (Jeff) Canessa and Lynn Kingelin (Chris Barchak); stepson, Glen (Erika) Smalley; niece, Kelly (Ken) Shiel; nephew, Chuck (Beth) Richter; sister, Carol Richter; brother, James Setala; and 10 grandchildren.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the Rosburg Hall in Rosburg. Bring a dish to share if you wish.

# Annual crop value put at \$2.6B for Columbia Basin Project

By MATTHEW WEAVER  
Capital Press

Crops in the Columbia Basin Project are valued at \$2.6 billion each year, or roughly \$3,800 per acre, according to a recent study from the three irrigation districts within the federal project.

The report estimates an additional \$2.6 billion as the estimated value of animal and food processing production reliant on project crops.

The new report updates a 2010 study on the economic value of the project, said John O'Callaghan, secretary-manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District in Pasco, Washington.

"The (project) is an economic engine, churning away producing things that society requires at a fundamental level — food, fiber, economic opportunities, social opportunities, recreational opportunities and fish and wildlife habitat — and will continue to do so well into the future," O'Callaghan told the Capital Press.

The South, East and Quincy irrigation districts commissioned the study.

"The asset that is the Columbia Basin Project is taken for granted — from the food we eat to the jobs we hold, to the places we call home or our playground," said Sara Higgins,



Matuesz Perkowski/Capital Press

**Irrigated crops in the Columbia Basin Project provide a huge economic boost to Washington state, a new report finds.**

executive director of the Columbia Basin Development League, which advocates for project completion. "These things wouldn't exist without the (project). That's significant enough to pay attention to, understand, support, maintain and grow."

The project was authorized by Congress to irrigate more than 1 million acres, but to date, the infrastructure of reservoirs and canals irrigates about 700,000 acres in

portions of Grant, Adams, Franklin and Walla Walla counties, with some land in Lincoln County authorized but not yet receiving water, according to the league.

Funding is the biggest need to complete the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program, reinvest in aging infrastructure and overall completion of the project, Higgins said.

"The value of the (project) is compromised if a declining aquifer prevents contin-

ued production at current rates," she said. "Completion of the (project) will increase

the value of its contributions, not only economically, but also in areas like food secu-

rity and sustainability."

The project is not directly dependent on the Snake River dams compared to inland agriculture, O'Callaghan said. But transportation, energy and agribusiness systems are complex and interrelated, he said, "in ways that are hard to understand until they stop functioning."

"For example, it is tempting to say that because CBP wheat may not be barged through the dams, that we don't rely on those dams for transporting wheat from the project," he said. "But if that barging capacity were to go away suddenly, I suspect we would witness a large adverse ripple effect throughout other means of transporting commodities from the project. All of us have seen some of these kinds of counterintuitive disruptions to the larger supply chain over the last couple of years."

The irrigation districts and league will share the updated data with stakeholders and policy makers, Higgins said.

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>70 55</b>	<b>68 57</b>	<b>67 56</b>	<b>68 55</b>	<b>69 57</b>	<b>71 57</b>	<b>71 57</b>
Breezy in the p.m.	Clouds and sun	Sunny intervals	Clouds and sun	Low clouds may break	Cloudy	Decreasing clouds

### ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 68/56

Normal high/low ..... 68/54

Record high ..... 90 in 1908

Record low ..... 43 in 1930

**Precipitation**

Sunday ..... 0.00"

Month to date ..... 0.30"

Normal month to date ..... 0.53"

Year to date ..... 42.87"

Normal year to date ..... 37.70"

### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Conjunction of the waning gibbous moon and Jupiter.

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 5:43 a.m.

Sunset tonight ..... 9:00 p.m.

Moonrise today ..... 12:08 a.m.

Moonset today ..... 12:55 p.m.

### TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:09 a.m.	6.6	12:27 a.m.	1.4	
7:00 p.m.	7.5	12:32 p.m.	0.3	
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>				
5:41 a.m.	6.5	11:48 a.m.	0.4	
6:38 p.m.	7.4	none		
<b>Hammond</b>				
5:53 a.m.	7.0	12:03 p.m.	0.4	
6:45 p.m.	7.8	none		
<b>Warrenton</b>				
6:04 a.m.	7.0	12:11 a.m.	1.5	
6:55 p.m.	7.9	12:16 p.m.	0.4	
<b>Knappa</b>				
6:46 a.m.	6.9	1:28 a.m.	1.2	
7:37 p.m.	7.8	1:33 p.m.	0.2	
<b>Depoe Bay</b>				
4:55 a.m.	6.6	11:13 a.m.	0.3	
5:54 p.m.	7.7	none		

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/75/t	92/75/t
Boston	88/73/pc	91/76/pc
Chicago	92/76/pc	88/70/s
Dallas	108/83/s	106/82/s
Denver	96/63/t	92/66/t
Honolulu	87/75/pc	87/74/s
Houston	100/78/s	102/80/s
Los Angeles	85/65/s	82/63/pc
Miami	92/80/s	91/79/s
New York City	91/76/s	94/77/s
Phoenix	110/89/c	109/91/pc
San Francisco	69/55/pc	69/55/pc
Wash., DC	90/77/pc	94/78/s

## REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	92/47/s	94/52/s	North Bend	67/54/pc	66/55/c
Brookings	63/53/c	63/53/c	Roseburg	93/58/s	91/57/s
Ilwaco	70/57/pc	67/58/pc	Seaside	74/54/pc	71/56/pc
Newberg	91/59/s	89/57/s	Springfield	90/55/s	92/56/s
Newport	65/53/c	64/53/pc	Vancouver	89/61/s	87/59/s