

SPORTS



Daryl Moore
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Astoria players win 3-on-3 tournament

The Astorian

A team from Astoria had the best winning percentage to finish first in its division in the annual Yakima "Hot Shots" 3-on-3 basketball tournament in late July.

Competing in the boys high school "Grizzlies" division, Astoria lost just one game in the tournament, but went undefeated in the playoff bracket to earn first place.

Astoria's Benton Moore, Merrick Benesch, Beck Olson and Owen Williams —

all incoming juniors — had a 3-1 record in the championship bracket to take first.

The two-day tournament included teams from all over Washington state, Idaho and Oregon.

With temperatures topping out at 105 degrees, Astoria posted playoff round wins over the Legends (14-13) and the Big Boy Squad (19-17 and 20-15).

The Yakima Hot Shots tournament was founded in 2003 by Mel Moore, grandfather of Astoria's Benton Moore, who was playing in his first Yakima tournament.

Longtime Johnson staffer under scrutiny for blog posts

By JAMIE GOLDBERG and HILLARY BORRUD
The Oregonian

For more than eight and a half years, Oregon unaffiliated gubernatorial candidate and former longtime lawmaker Betsy Johnson employed a woman as a legislative staffer who repeatedly voiced hateful views online toward Black, Muslim and LGBTQ people.

At the same time Pamela Fitzsimmons was a long-tenured staffer to Johnson, she maintained a Twitter account and a blog, Held to Answer, where she repeatedly referred to Black people as criminals, railed against the Black Lives Matter movement, said Black civil rights organizations needed segregation and hate crimes for their survival, questioned whether a Black man wanted to be shot by police for publicity, called LGBTQ rights activists "bullies," said transgender individuals who share their stories were attention-seeking and wrote that the U.S. Constitution "might be a lot worse" if Muslims had participated in its writing.

Fitzsimmons worked as a part-time legislative aide to Johnson from October 2011 to May 2012 and again from January 2014 until shortly after the Democratic state senator resigned to run for governor as an independent last December, according to Jessica Knieling, manager of employee services for the Legislature.

Johnson also paid Fitzsimmons during that time frame using campaign funds, according to state campaign finance records. Johnson's political action committee reported the payments were overwhelmingly for the general category of man-

agement services, with a couple of early payments for speechwriting.

In a statement provided to The Oregonian on Friday, Johnson said that Fitzsimmons worked for her as a researcher and drafter of policy materials and that she was not aware and had not read Fitzsimmons' personal blog or social media posts. She did not address whether she was aware of Fitzsimmons' views.

"Her views are her own and she is responsible for her own opinions and thoughts," Johnson said in an emailed statement.

"Trying to attack me using someone else's views or actions is gutter-dwelling politics," Johnson added. "As I have stated previously, I am absolutely against all forms of bigotry and intolerance, and that includes the Confederate flag on T-shirts and people's personal blog posts. This campaign should be about moving the state forward past politics of hate and division, not indulging in it."

Fitzsimmons responded to an email from The Oregonian seeking comment by writing only, "Thanks for the publicity."

On March 29, 2017 — when Fitzsimmons was receiving money both from Johnson's campaign coffers and as a part-time legislative staffer for Johnson — Fitzsimmons wrote on her blog that Quanice Hayes, a Black teenager fatally shot by Portland police in 2017, had perhaps "fantasized about a cop killing him: His family would score a financial settlement, and he would be a celebrity with thousands of people taking to the streets to protest his death."

After Cameron Whitten, CEO for Brown Hope and co-founder of Black Resilience Fund, wrote an opinion piece published by The Oregonian last October calling on Port-

landers to recommit to action on racial justice, Fitzsimmons tweeted, "Look who's desperately hoping for another George Floyd. There's money to be made! Considering how many Black felons like to resist arrest, the wait shouldn't be too long."

Fitzsimmons said on her blog that she grew up in Medford and describes herself as a former longtime reporter and editor at newspapers in California and Washington state who "wrote about gangs, drugs, deteriorating schools, urban sprawl, poverty and its offsprings: more babies, more poverty,

more social problems." She points to problems with "gangs" and "illegal immigration" as issues she saw in California that are also plaguing Oregon. On another blog, Portland Dissent, where Fitzsimmons also posts opinion pieces, she refers to herself as a "former newspaper reporter/editor, now bearing witness to Portland's self-destruction."

Fitzsimmons previously worked for The Spokesman-Review in Spokane and The Columbian in Vancouver, according to a 2005 announcement on the The Spokesman-Review's website.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Koch

Seaside

Jan. 12, 1928 — July 23, 2022

Ruth Koch passed away very peacefully on July 23.

Ruth was born on Jan. 12, 1928, to Charles and Isabelle (Johnson) Gahagan in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She was the youngest of three; her sister, Margaret (Marge), and brother, Harold Gahagan, preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of Central High School in Grand Forks.

She married Marcus L. Woodworth and resided in Renton, Washington, until moving to Seaside in 1960. She worked at the Holladay Drug Store for 13 years.

In 1974, she married Eugene C. Koch Jr., who passed away in 2017. She resided in her home for over 60 years.

Ruth was a beloved member of the community, as she was involved with many organizations, including Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, Meals on Wheels, Partners for Seniors, the American Legion and Elks. Also, during

the 1970s, she was an active part of the Miss Oregon pageant as a hostess.

But she is best known for her love of bowling, as she bowled on three different leagues a week, and would travel across the state and country participating in tournaments. She is also a lifetime member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Ruth is survived by her three children, Charlotte (Dave) Link, of The Dalles, Mark (Liz) Woodworth, of Golden, Colorado, and Connie Clementz, of Seaside; three grandchildren, Nikole Davis, of Oregon City, Elizabeth (Libby) Jones (Nathan), of Littleton, Colorado, and Sean Woodworth, of Westminster, Colorado; and three great-grandsons, Harrison, Silas and Oaks Jones of Littleton, who called her GGMA.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Uff da!



Ruth Koch

Nadine Long

Ocean Park, Washington

July 8, 1932 — July 26, 2022

Nadine Long, of Ocean Park, Washington, passed away in Corvallis on July 26.

She was born July 8, 1932, in Corvallis, to Minnie (Thompson) and Edward Harmon, and raised in Blodgett.

She graduated from Corvallis High School in 1950. She enrolled in, then graduated from, Oregon State University in 1954, and began a 27-year career as an elementary school teacher in Oregon, first in Perrydale, then Grand Ronde, next was Clatskanie — where she spent the majority of her career, and raised her family — and finally, in Knappa.

Nadine was an avid traveler who went on numerous journeys throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. She touched many people through both her travel, career and friendships. She retired from teaching in

1987 to move to Ocean Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Long, whom she met while in Perrydale; and her sister, Darlene "Duke" Anderson.

She is survived by her sister, Charlotte Frank, of Tucson, Arizona; son, Tom Long, of Camas, Washington; daughter, Cindy Long, of Ashland; son, Jim Long and his wife, Susan, of Corvallis; six grandchildren, Kacy Stripling, Jared Long, Willie Long, Jon Long, Rob Straw and Ryan Long; and three great-grandchildren, Mac Stripling, Nadine "Nadi" Stripling and Layla Long.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
☀️	☀️	☀️	☁️	☀️	☀️	☀️
69 58	71 54	71 54	70 56	71 55	73 56	72 56
Showers around	Clouds and sun; nice	Partly sunny; pleasant	Low clouds may break	Partly sunny and nice	Partly sunny	Partly sunny

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures	High/Low
High/low	88/53
Normal high/low	68/55
Record high	88 in 2022
Record low	46 in 1946
Precipitation	Amount
Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	0.15"
Normal month to date	0.16"
Year to date	43.03"
Normal year to date	38.16"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Just above Hercules is the constellation of Draco, the Dragon.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:34 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:34 a.m.
Moonset today	2:34 a.m.
Full	Aug 11
Last	Aug 18
New	Aug 27
First	Sep 3

TODAY'S TIDES

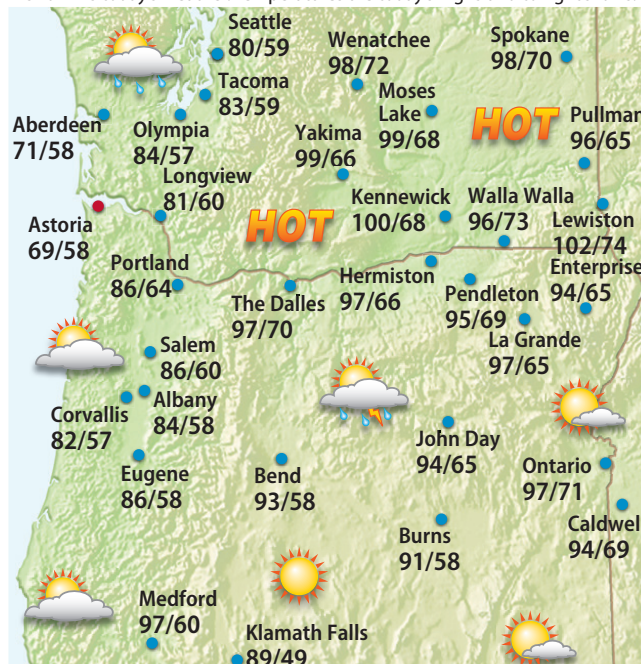
Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:32 p.m.	6.1	6:05 a.m.	-1.0	
11:32 p.m.	8.6	5:43 p.m.	2.9	
Cape Disappointment				
12:14 p.m.	6.1	5:11 a.m.	-1.1	
11:08 p.m.	8.8	4:50 p.m.	3.2	
Hammond				
12:23 p.m.	6.2	5:32 a.m.	-1.4	
11:22 p.m.	8.9	5:16 p.m.	2.9	
Warrenton				
12:27 p.m.	6.5	5:49 a.m.	-0.9	
11:27 p.m.	9.0	5:27 p.m.	3.0	
Knappa				
1:09 p.m.	6.4	7:06 a.m.	-0.9	
	none	6:44 p.m.	2.5	
Depoe Bay				
11:29 a.m.	6.3	4:42 a.m.	-1.4	
10:21 p.m.	9.1	4:19 p.m.	3.3	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/72/t	87/71/t
Boston	92/68/t	76/68/t
Chicago	77/62/pc	86/68/s
Dallas	97/79/t	96/77/t
Denver	94/65/s	92/67/s
Honolulu	88/77/pc	89/77/pc
Houston	95/76/t	91/75/t
Los Angeles	88/66/pc	88/68/pc
Miami	91/81/t	91/78/t
New York City	94/77/t	84/74/t
Phoenix	99/84/t	102/85/t
San Francisco	73/62/pc	74/59/s
Wash., DC	94/77/pc	91/72/t
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 Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	94/60/s	90/55/t
Brookings	62/54/pc	65/54/pc
Ilwaco	68/58/sh	70/56/pc
Newberg	87/60/s	82/54/pc
Newport	62/55/pc	64/52/pc
City <th>Today Hi/Lo/W</th> <th>Wed. Hi/Lo/W</th>	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	67/57/pc	69/55/pc
Roseburg	85/59/s	83/59/s
Seaside	70/57/pc	72/55/pc
Springfield	87/57/s	83/55/pc
Vancouver	86/62/pc	82/60/pc

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