

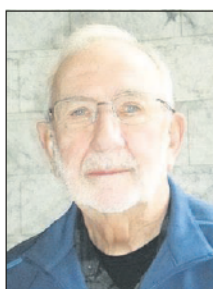
# POINT of view

## 'How do you feel about Astoria's sea lions?'



"I love them. They're friendly. We do have an awful lot of them — which is understandable, as there's no food in California."

Toni Mitchum, Astoria



"I feel there are way too many of them. Need to come up with a solution to limit their access to the docks."

Loran Mathews, Astoria



"If we could ship them back to California, I think we should."

Patrick Albers, Astoria



"They're loud. I can hear them from my house. They don't really bother me all that much — it's like a drone I've gotten used to."

Bryan Rock, Astoria



"There's two definite views on the sea lions. With the history of the North Coast, and culturally, it's difficult to reach a compromise. Historically, nature prevails."

T.A. Scire, Astoria

# Fishing club offers students a chance to hone skills

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
EO Media Group

The Fishing Club at Seaside High School is taking students outside to test their crabbing, clamming and fishing skills and into a group to make new friends over shared experiences.

The Fishing Club, in its second year, was started by science and math teacher Luke Robbins and English teacher Mark Mizell who are passionate about the benefits of outdoor skills, from their practical application to the way they connect people to the natural world by helping them understand tides, water temperature, winds and other patterns.

"It takes me places I wouldn't normally go. I get outside in weather I wouldn't normally get out in," Robbins said. "There are so many facets to it for learning, and it's very humbling."

The club's members share that passion.

"It really does help connect you to your environment," said junior Silvia Avila.

Senior Christian Avila, a second-year club member, said he and his sister enjoy learning survival skills that could be used "in the woods of the north Cascades" after an economic meltdown or the apocalypse.

There are practical benefits to knowing how to fish, Mizell agreed, but the activity itself can be done for enjoyment.

"If a person only does it — fishes or clams or crabs or whatever — for the meat, you're money ahead to just go to the store," he said.



Submitted by Silvia Avila

The Seaside High School Fishing Club took a trip to the Necanicum estuary, adjacent to the school, last fall to go crabbing. The club's members include, from left, senior Jose Contreras, teacher adviser Mark Mizell, sophomore Jason Fearing (sitting in front), teacher adviser Luke Robbins, sophomore Allijah Gastelum, senior Christian Avila, freshman Chance Fitzgerald and freshman Michael Hinds.

Like most clubs, it provides an environment for students to interact with others, even those from different social circles.

"I think a lot of people build stronger bonds with people when they're doing things together," Robbins said.

Having a common goal can cut through otherwise awkward exchanges and give the students memories of shared experiences, he said.

Silvia Avila agreed.

"I like coming to the club because I get to hang out with people I didn't know liked the same things I did," she said.

For Christian Avila, fishing and similar activities help him to bond with his dad and friends outside of the club, although he feels he learns more with the group.

During the past school year, club members have taken trips

to go fishing, crabbing and clamming. The club has multiple opportunities available at nearby bodies of water.

Last fall, the club went clamming on the beach and, within no time, each student had obtained 15 clams — the legal limit per day with a license. Freshman Chance Fitzgerald chugged it up to his technique of angling away from the ocean when digging for the clams.

With the clubs, students also learn techniques and other related skills like rewrapping crab traps and making fishing flies. Mizell and Robbins, who Mizell described as "both hopelessly addicted to fishing and clamming," give instruction and guidance during hands-on club activities.

Fitzgerald said he knew quite a bit before joining the club this year. When he is out clamming

or fishing with his stepdad they will get tips from people they see being successful. He would like to learn more about crabbing with the club.

Silvia Avila, the club's only female, learned about clamming and fishing when she took an Advanced Northwest Outdoors Skills Class with Cory Blecha at Broadway Middle School. In the class, she also learned how to tie knots, archery and other empowering skills, many of which have been wrongly identified as "boy things" for a long time, she said.

"I don't like to be categorized," she said, adding she enjoys those activities "and if anything happens, I like the idea that I know how to do stuff and I don't have to depend on anyone."

She encourages other girls who are interested in the club to

## Dead body found in Columbia River near Youngs Bay

By KYLE SPURR  
The Daily Astorian



Allijah Gastelum

try it out and to not feel limited. "You learn a lot and it's really worth it," she said.

The fishing club's membership is fluid and there are no student officers. There is not set schedule and club meetings and outings are announced on the day they occur and advertised through word-of-mouth. A future goal, Robbins said, is to make the meetings more regular, which he believes will increase participation.

Another goal is to teach and practice fly fishing and fly casting, something new for the club.

Fly fishing can be difficult as it uses a four-count rhythm and requires good timing, but Mizell said "one of the draws of fly fishing is the challenge of it."

The club's equipment can be expensive, however. The club received an approximately \$500 Seaside Boosters Club grant, which will be used to purchase equipment or for student scholarships for licenses and tags. The club welcomes financial and material donations.

The teachers eventually want to create a little boathouse with kayaks and other equipment for the students on an overlook at the Necanicum estuary adjacent to the school.

A fisherman discovered a dead body Tuesday morning in the Columbia River about a mile west of the Astoria Bridge near the entrance of Youngs Bay.

A Clatsop County Sheriff's Office marine deputy responded at about 8:30 a.m. in a boat with another deputy and an Astoria Police officer.

The dead body was quite decomposed when the officers recovered it from the river.

"The body had been in the water for some time," Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston said.

The identity of the body, including gender, is unknown at this time.

Johnston said the Clatsop County medical examiner is expected to examine the body today and schedule an autopsy.

"We are awaiting positive ID on the body," Johnston said.

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Clear  
36°

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

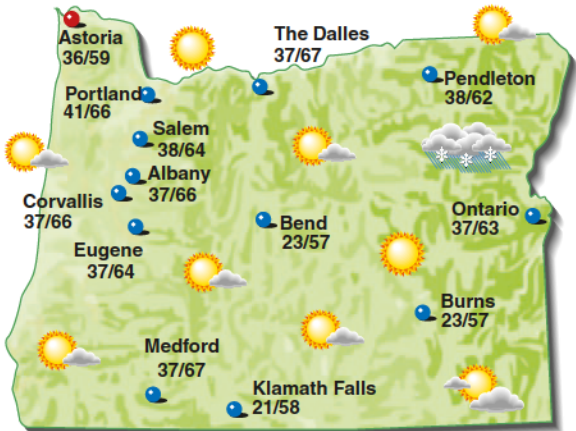
**Thursday**  
Plenty of sunshine  
59° 40°

**Friday**  
Clouds and breezy; a little afternoon rain  
54° 42°

**Saturday**  
Breezy and cool with periods of rain  
52° 40°

**Sunday**  
Cloudy with spotty showers  
53° 39°

### Oregon Weather



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### Almanac

**Astoria through Tuesday.**

**Temperatures**

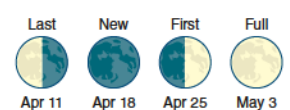
High	61°
Low	46°
Normal high	55°
Normal low	40°

**Precipitation**

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.55"
Normal month to date	1.42"
Year to date	22.61"
Normal year to date	26.26"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	7:53 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	6:41 a.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonsset today	9:14 a.m.



### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Above the eastern horizon before sunrise are the stars Vega, Deneb and Altair of the Summer Triangle.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### Tomorrow's Tides

Time	High	Time	Low
4:32 a.m.	8.8 ft.	11:28 a.m.	0.2 ft.
6:04 p.m.	6.9 ft.	11:25 p.m.	2.7 ft.

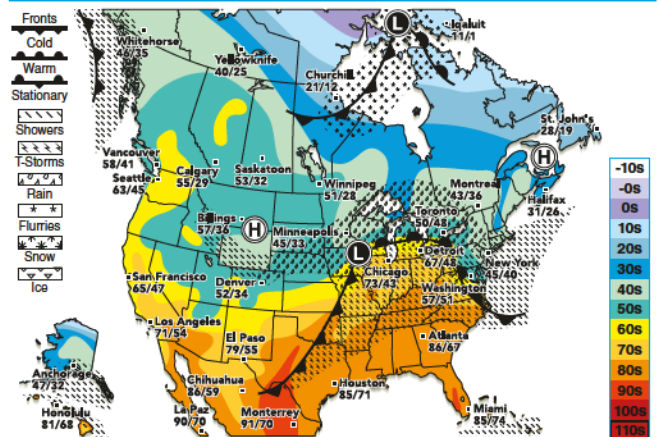
### Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	53 28 c	55 26 sh
Bend	51 23 c	57 27 s
Brookings	54 41 pc	57 42 pc
Eugene	57 37 c	64 37 s
Ilwaco	56 38 pc	58 42 t
Klamath Falls	48 21 c	58 24 s
Medford	58 37 c	67 40 s
Newport	54 39 pc	56 41 s
North Bend	56 41 pc	59 41 s

### National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	86 65 pc	86 67 t
Boston	40 34 r	41 39 sh
Chicago	51 42 r	73 43 t
Denver	66 34 sh	52 34 r
Des Moines	64 56 r	63 38 t
Detroit	50 43 r	67 48 t
El Paso	85 53 pc	79 55 pc
Fairbanks	47 23 c	49 26 c
Honolulu	82 68 pc	81 68 pc
Indianapolis	76 62 t	74 48 t
Kansas City	74 63 t	69 38 t
Las Vegas	67 48 s	73 51 pc
Los Angeles	68 53 pc	71 54 pc
Memphis	85 68 t	83 58 t
Miami	85 73 s	85 74 s
Nashville	83 65 t	83 61 t
New Orleans	85 70 pc	83 72 c
New York	45 38 r	45 40 sh
Oklahoma City	83 65 t	83 47 s
Philadelphia	47 40 r	46 44 sh
St. Louis	81 67 t	80 47 t
Salt Lake City	49 39 sh	58 39 pc
San Francisco	64 47 pc	65 47 pc
Seattle	61 42 pc	63 45 s
Washington, DC	56 47 r	57 51 sh

### Tomorrow's National Weather



## Memorial

**Saturday, April 11**  
GREENOUGH, Maryon Whitten — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside.

## Death

**April 6, 2015**  
ANANDA, Mary, 83, of Elsie, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lotteries

OREGON	WASHINGTON	Tuesday's Match 4: 02-06-07-10
Tuesday's Pick 4:	Tuesday's Daily Game: 8-7-7	Tuesday's Mega Millions: 05-15-22-26-64, Mega Ball: 6
1 p.m.: 8-2-2-6	Tuesday's Keno: 02-08-39-44-47-52-55-62-63-65-71-72	Estimated jackpot: \$30 million
4 p.m.: 8-2-2-6		
7 p.m.: 4-1-6-9		
10 p.m.: 6-8-8-0		

## Public meetings

TODAY	p.m. study session, 7:30 p.m.	THURSDAY
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., special meeting on Eighth Street Dam, Warrenton City Hall, 225 S Main Ave.	regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.	Astoria Budget Committee, 5 p.m., Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Astoria School District Board of Directors, 6:15	Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.	Warrenton Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S Main Ave.

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