

Body in river identified as Jerad Knutson, 20

The Daily Astorian

The dead body found Tuesday morning in the Columbia River about a mile west of the Astoria Bridge has been identified as 20-year-old Jerad Knutson, according to the Clatsop County district medical examiner.

The county medical examiner and the Oregon State Medical Examiner decided Wednesday not to perform an autopsy. They determined the cause of Knutson's death was drowning, and the manner of death is undetermined.

Knutson had been a missing since Feb. 27, when he was last seen in the area of the Youngs Bay Bridge. He had been staying with his grandmother in Cannon Beach, and with his aunt in Astoria, since coming to the North Coast from Plains, Mont.



Jerad Knutson



A fisherman discovered Knutson's body Tuesday morning. 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. Knutson's 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.

At this time, Johnston said, his department has exhausted all possible leads into the circumstances of Knutson's death.

"We had the initial report that he was in and out of traffic and no additional sightings after that," Johnston said.

"Barring a witness coming forward or some other evidence, we are unable to determine if it was an accident or intentional."

County approves compensation study for its 199 employees

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an agreement with Tualatin-based consultant HR Answers Inc. Wednesday to complete a classification and compensation study for the county's 199 full-time employees.

The study is budgeted to not exceed \$39,700.

It will address five main components which include establishing a framework to provide equal pay for equal work, job evaluations, external competitiveness to attract and retain employees, a maintenance process to properly implement the study and recommendations for

advancement between salary ranges.

The last study was conducted in 1998, according to the county.

Administrative Services Director Dean Perez said typically the study should be done every 10 years, and ideally five to seven years, although that can get costly for the county.

Warrenton Planning Commission votes to lift old traffic conditions on Oregon LNG project

Changes seen as technical

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton Planning Commission voted Thursday night to lift decade-old traffic conditions on Oregon LNG's proposed export terminal that the firm's attorney has described as outdated.

The city had imposed the traffic conditions on Marlin Avenue that were recommended in 2005 by the Oregon Department of Transportation. But Oregon LNG now plans to access the ex-

port terminal from King Avenue.

Michael Connors, a Portland attorney for Oregon LNG, had told the Planning Commission in March that the request was a "housekeeping measure."

Several opponents of the project had contested the firm's request and asked for more time for written comment. Most of the comments received since the March hearing raised broader objections about traffic and other aspects of the project, which will be considered when a city hearings officer reviews the development.

"I feel that we need to move it to the City Commission so they can vote on it one way or the other," said Vince

Williams, who serves on the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission voted 5-1 to lift the old traffic conditions. Commissioner Paul Mitchell voted against the change.

The recommendation now goes before the City Commission, which would also hear any appeal to a ruling by the hearings officer on the project.

The \$6 billion Oregon LNG project involves an 87-mile pipeline between Washington state and Oregon and an export terminal for liquefied natural gas along the Skipanon River.

A coalition made up of residents in Warrenton and Astoria, environmentalists and fishermen has opposed the project for the past decade.

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ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

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

Breezy with periods of rain

43°

Saturday

Variable clouds with a few showers; breezy

53° 39°

Sunday

A passing shower or two in the afternoon

55° 41°

Monday

Breezy with occasional rain

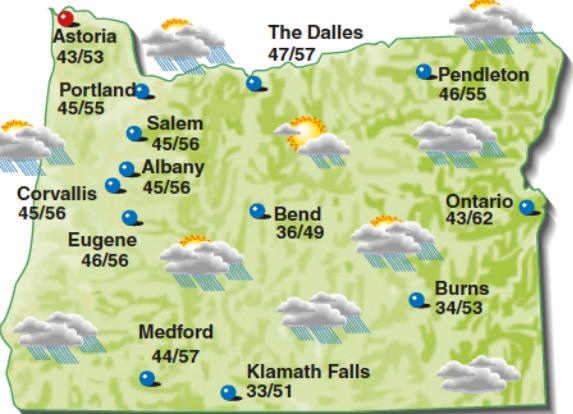
53° 40°

Tuesday

Cloudy with a couple of showers; breezy

52° 39°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High	63°
Low	37°
Normal high	56°
Normal low	40°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.56"
Normal month to date	1.80"
Year to date	22.62"
Normal year to date	26.64"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	7:55 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	6:37 a.m.
Moonrise today	1:13 a.m.
Moonset today	10:52 a.m.



Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Baker City	66 37 s	51 25 sh
Bend	62 36 pc	49 21 sh
Brookings	57 45 pc	55 41 sh
Eugene	62 46 pc	56 35 sh
Ilwaco	55 44 r	52 41 sh
Klamath Falls	59 33 s	51 22 sh
Medford	68 44 pc	57 36 sh
Newport	54 44 pc	53 39 sh
North Bend	58 48 pc	54 39 r

City	Today	Sat.
Olympia	60 39 r	53 35 sh
Pendleton	67 46 s	55 36 sh
Portland	62 45 pc	55 41 sh
Roseburg	66 47 pc	58 38 r
Salem	61 45 pc	56 39 sh
Seaside	56 44 r	54 39 sh
Spokane	63 42 pc	52 33 sh
Vancouver	61 45 pc	54 40 sh
Yakima	68 39 pc	60 35 pc

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Mercury at superior conjunction with the sun, passes into the evening sky.

Tomorrow's Tides

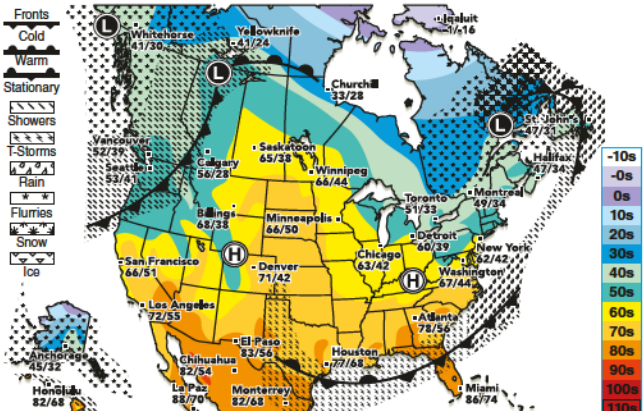
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
6:11 a.m.	8.3 ft.	12:21 a.m.	3.1 ft.
8:11 p.m.	6.7 ft.	1:22 p.m.	0.6 ft.

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	77 55 t	78 56 pc
Boston	55 46 r	58 40 pc
Chicago	62 36 pc	63 42 s
Denver	63 37 pc	71 42 pc
Des Moines	61 36 s	71 50 s
Detroit	59 36 c	60 39 s
El Paso	84 58 s	83 56 s
Fairbanks	49 26 pc	40 26 c
Honolulu	82 68 s	82 68 sh
Indianapolis	63 37 s	62 42 s
Kansas City	68 42 s	69 52 pc
Las Vegas	77 55 pc	81 58 s
Los Angeles	70 49 pc	72 55 pc
Memphis	68 75 pc	86 74 t
Miami	66 45 t	71 45 s
Nashville	65 70 t	79 69 t
New Orleans	65 50 t	62 42 pc
New York	71 49 s	73 59 t
Oklahoma City	72 48 t	64 39 s
Philadelphia	67 43 s	68 51 s
Salt Lake City	65 43 s	70 43 s
San Francisco	66 50 pc	65 41 pc
Seattle	60 43 r	53 41 sh
Washington, DC	78 53 t	67 44 s

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Sheriff's Office auctioning a transport van

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office is auctioning its 2003 Ford transport van.

The van has 165,000 miles and the transmission was replaced in 2013 at 154,278 miles, according to the Sheriff's Office. It still has the secured transport cages in the rear providing additional secure storage for equipment or people.

For those who may be interested, visit www.govdeals.com and enter Clatsop County in the search box for additional details and to bid.

The bid started Thursday and runs through April 19.

GovDeals is the place to bid on government surplus and unclaimed property including heavy equipment, cars, trucks, buses and airplanes.

Death

April 9, 2015
JOHNSON, Robert D., 61, of Warrenton,

died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Lotteries

OREGON
Thursday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-6-8-3
4 p.m.: 8-7-1-1
7 p.m.: 5-1-2-9

10 p.m.: 5-5-8-7
WASHINGTON
Thursday's Daily Game:
9-2-6
Thursday's Keno: 03-05-

08-16-17-19-20-21-23-34-
36-37-40-42-43-44-65-71-
78-79
Thursday's Match 4: 01-
05-07-15

Public meetings

TUESDAY
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S Main Ave.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

Warrenton-Hammond School District Board of Directors, 7 p.m. regular meeting, Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.

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