

Razor clam digging starts Friday

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Razor clam diggers can return to beaches starting Friday, state shellfish managers announced. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) approved the digs after marine toxin tests showed the clams on those beaches are safe to eat. All of the digs are scheduled on morning tides. No digging will be allowed on any beach after noon.

Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager, noted that the upcoming dig coincides with the Long Beach Razor Clam Festival, scheduled April 18-19 in Long Beach. Festival events range from free clam-digging lessons to a fritter cook-off. More information is available at <http://longbeachrazorclamfestival.com>

Under state law, diggers are required to keep the first 15

clams they dig. Each digger's clams must be kept in a separate container.

The upcoming dig is scheduled on the following dates, beaches, and low tides:

- Friday, 6:03 a.m.; -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
 - Saturday, 6:52 a.m.; -0.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, Copalis
 - Sunday, 7:39 a.m.; -1.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, Copalis
 - Monday, 8:25 a.m.; -1.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
 - April 21, 9:11 a.m.; -1.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
 - April 22, 9:57 a.m.; -0.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
 - April 23, 10:46 a.m.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
 - April 24, 11:38 a.m.; 0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
- All diggers age 15 or older

must have an applicable 2015-16 fishing license to harvest razor clams on any beach. Licenses, ranging from a three-day razor clam license to an annual combination fishing license, are available on WDFW's website at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov> and from vendors.

During all upcoming digs, state wildlife managers urge clam diggers to avoid disturbing snowy plovers and streaked horned larks. Both species nest in the soft, dry sand at Lead-better Point on the Long Beach Peninsula, and on a section of Twin Harbors beach. To protect these birds, people should avoid the dunes and areas of the beach with soft, dry sand. When driving to a clam-digging area, diggers should enter the beach only at designated access points and stay on the hard-packed sand near or below the high tide line.

Public meetings

TODAY
Warrenton-Hammond School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m. executive session (closed to public), regular meeting following, Warrenton High School li-

brary, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S Main Ave.

Clatsop Community College Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m. regular meeting,

Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

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

Lotteries

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-9-7-5
4 p.m.: 2-4-8-2
7 p.m.: 6-2-2-6
10 p.m.: 9-9-1-5
Monday's Megabucks:
03-05-09-32-34-38

Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million
WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game:
6-2-7
Monday's Hit 5: 07-29-33-34-36
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Monday's Keno: 08-12-

13-14-15-25-26-30-38-40-42-50-53-57-61-62-70-73-75-78
Monday's Lotto: 10-14-33-36-41-42
Estimated jackpot: \$1.3 million
Monday's Match 4: 03-11-17-24

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Rather cloudy
39°

Wednesday
Mostly cloudy
56° 40°

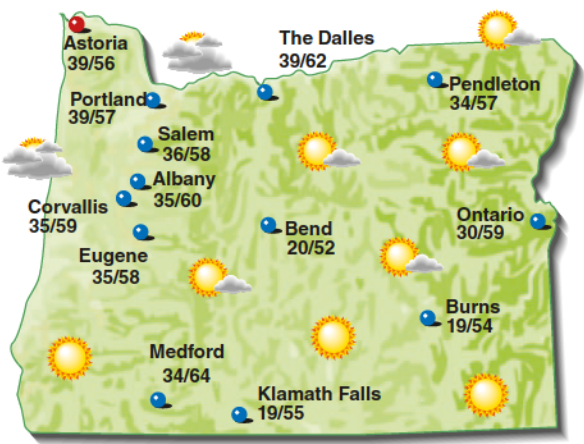
Friday
Mostly cloudy and comfortable
62° 45°

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

Thursday
Pleasant with times of sun and clouds
62° 43°

Saturday
Sunny to partly cloudy
60° 43°

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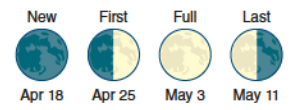
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Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	51°
Low	41°
Normal high	56°
Normal low	41°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.55"
Month to date	1.59"
Normal month to date	2.52"
Year to date	23.65"
Normal year to date	27.36"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:01 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Moonrise today	4:11 a.m.
Moonset today	3:19 p.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	42	22	pc	52	21	s
Bend	45	20	pc	52	23	s
Brookings	52	40	pc	62	45	s
Eugene	53	35	sh	58	36	s
Ilwaco	52	40	sh	55	42	c
Klamath Falls	43	19	pc	55	25	s
Medford	52	34	pc	64	37	s
Newport	49	37	sh	54	39	s
North Bend	52	39	sh	57	43	s

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	53	35	sh	57	37	c
Pendleton	53	34	pc	57	33	s
Portland	53	39	sh	57	40	c
Roseburg	54	37	sh	62	39	s
Salem	53	36	sh	58	38	pc
Seaside	53	39	sh	56	40	c
Spokane	50	29	c	53	32	s
Vancouver	53	37	sh	57	38	c
Yakima	59	29	pc	62	34	s

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Emerging after 11:00 p.m. above the southeast horizon is planet Saturn, located far lower left of Spica.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

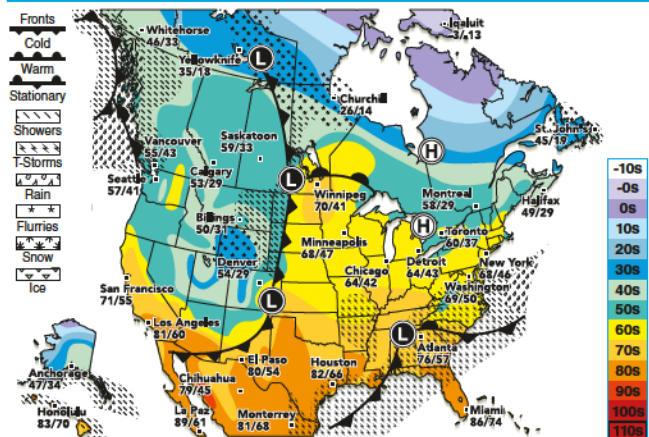
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
11:12 a.m.	8.1 ft.	5:17 a.m.	1.5 ft.
none		5:41 p.m.	0.2 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	81	64	t	76	57	t
Boston	65	47	sh	62	41	s
Chicago	64	40	pc	64	42	pc
Denver	75	42	s	54	29	sh
Des Moines	70	48	pc	63	48	c
Detroit	66	40	pc	64	43	pc
El Paso	72	52	s	80	54	pc
Fairbanks	46	23	pc	47	25	c
Honolulu	82	70	c	83	70	sh
Indianapolis	66	43	c	69	52	c
Kansas City	65	47	pc	62	50	c
Las Vegas	84	53	s	70	50	s
Los Angeles	72	57	pc	81	60	s
Memphis	72	59	c	78	57	t
Miami	87	75	pc	86	74	pc
Nashville	68	54	t	76	61	t
New Orleans	79	69	t	81	69	t
New York	66	48	r	68	46	s
Oklahoma City	58	42	sh	74	56	pc
Philadelphia	63	48	r	68	46	pc
St. Louis	69	53	c	71	57	c
Salt Lake City	65	34	sh	45	32	sf
San Francisco	67	51	pc	71	55	s
Seattle	52	40	sh	57	41	c
Washington, DC	65	52	r	69	50	pc

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, sm-snow, i-ice.

OBITUARIES

Joanne Marie Skonnard Hellberg Warrenton

Sept. 7, 1942 — April 11, 2015

Joanne Marie Skonnard was born on Sept. 7, 1942, less than one year after Pearl Harbor, to Elsie Anderson Skonnard and John Bernard Skonnard in Portland, Ore. She was a baptized Christian and member of Peace Lutheran Church in Astoria, Ore. Joanne died on the morning of April 11, 2015.



Joanne Hellberg

Joanne attended public schools in Portland at Woodstock Grade School, and graduated from Franklin High School in 1960. She went on to attend Oregon College of Education, enrolling in an honors program and graduating with a bachelor's of science in education in 1964. Her first teaching position was at Vose School in Beaverton, Ore., teaching fourth grade.

On Aug. 14, 1965, she married Karl Richard (Dick) Hellberg and moved to Astoria. She obtained a teaching position at Warrenton Elementary School and taught there for the next 31 years, except for one year that she taught at Olney Elementary School. Early in her teaching career she began a master's program at Oregon College of Education in special education, and she graduated with a Master of Science in Education in 1974. She moved to Warrenton in the fall of 1971, and lived just two blocks from the school. She resided in the same home until May of 2014, when Alzheimer's forced her to be taken to a care facility in Seaside, Ore.

Joanne dedicated her teaching career to helping students who had difficulty learning in a regular classroom. She was devoted to her students, and would often work long hours preparing lessons for the next day or filling out the everpresent forms required of the federal "Title-One" program she was responsible for administering. In addition to her career, she was a full-time wife and mother. She always made sure her two sons attended their many activities and that her husband had shoreside support for his commercial fishing ventures. She was happy to meet new people, quick to converse with others, and always willing to help those in need.

As a young girl growing up in Portland, her parents would send her to stay with her Aunt Ester and Uncle Royal and her cousins, Beverly and Dennis, in Cove, Ore. Her travels would take her by train from Portland to La Grande, past the then exposed Celilo Falls near The Dalles. These summer stays were her most repeated memories later in life. Additionally, she fondly remembered the few years she taught adult remedial reading at Clatsop Community College.

She was a reluctant traveler, but still made numerous trips across the country to attend parents' weekends and two graduations for her sons at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. Particularly memorable was a trip to Japan over Christmas to watch her oldest son play football. Additionally, she made two trips across

the U.S., by automobile, to visit her youngest son and his family at their duty stations in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. Her sons, and later her grandchildren, were the pride of her life.

After she retired from teaching, she volunteered for the Clatsop County Courts as an educational surrogate and pursued her duties with a great sense of purpose and vigor. This period of her life also found her going to the gym or taking morning walks with her close friends, Jodie and Barbara. Additionally, she returned to playing golf, which her parents had encouraged her to do while growing up. She and her husband joined the Astoria Golf and Country Club, where Joanne played with the ladies groups on a regular basis. She also pursued tap dancing at the Maddox Dance Studio in Warrenton. She particularly enjoyed the annual spring performance at the Fine Arts Center in Astoria.

Joanne loved to write and was the author of poetry and short stories. She wrote and published a children's book, "Thomas S. Tucker, Norwegian Mouse," with the help of her illustrator and friend, Marilyn Floyd. She also authored "The Alv" (about a Scandinavian elf), and "Soltee's Indian," a mix of animated animals and local Indian lore (the last book has not been satisfactorily edited to her liking, as of yet). Joanne also had an avid interest in genealogy, and compiled the family's history back to the 1400s in Norway for the Skonnard (Skonnord) line and 1700s in Sweden for the Hellberg line. She was a member of the Sons of Norway, and was active in the VASA Lodge, where she served as a chaperone for the Scandinavian Court.

Joanne preceded in death by her parents, John and Elsie Skonnard, and Aunt Ester and Uncle Royal Borkgren. She is survived by her husband, Dick Hellberg, son Karl Hellberg, and son Jon Hellberg and wife Melissa; three grandchildren, Kristian, Madalyn, and Pauly, her brother, John Benjamin Skonnard and wife Jewel, her sister-in-law Katherine Hellberg, her cousins, Beverly Noble and Dennis Borkgren, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held today, Tuesday, April 14, 2015, from 1-5 p.m. at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., Astoria.

Following the funeral services, a graveside service will be held at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

A reception will be held at Peace Lutheran Church following the graveside services.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

Ronald Lyn Sturgell Milwaukie

April 15, 1959 — March 2, 2015

Ronald Lyn Sturgell passed away in Milwaukie, Ore., on March 2, 2015, surrounded by his many friends. Ronald was born April 15, 1959, in Astoria, Ore., to Bill and Betty Sturgell.

Ronald lived in the Warrenton-Hammond area for the majority of his life before moving to Milwaukie.

Ronald had a great love of dancing, and if he wasn't dancing he would be sitting playing the poker machines.

Ronald was a kind-hearted person. Once you were Ronald's friend, you would have a friend for life.

His favorite pastime was late in the evening calling all his friends and family. If you gave him your phone number, he would remember it forever.

Surviving Ronald is his brother, Dennis

Sturgell and wife, Cindy Sturgell; sister Linda Jensen and husband Mike; brother Billy Sturgell; sister Courtney Sturgell; stepmom Pam Sturgell; sister-in-law Jody Orrell; nephews Dennis Sturgell Jr., Donny Sturgell, Daniel Sturgell, and Steve Whitney; niece Jolee Liepman; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his Aunt Letha and Uncle Darwin Edwards; and his Uncle Charles and Aunt Betty Sturgell.

Loved ones preceding him in death are his father, Bill Sturgell, mother Betty Sturgell, brother Gary Sturgell and nephew Dennis Whitney.

Ronald's celebration of life will be Sunday, April 19, 2015, at 4 p.m., at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton. Bring your dancing shoes.

Deaths

April 10, 2015

COLE, E. Roy, 96, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

April 11, 2015

BARNES, Jeffrey Allen, 53, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial

Saturday, April 18

FLEMING, Joy (Renee) — Memorial at 1 p.m., Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. Fleming, 59, of Vancouver, Wash., formerly of Astoria, died Friday, March 20, 2015, in Vancouver.

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