

Paving, road closures announced

The Oregon Department of Transportation today begins a pavement repair project, which takes place from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on segments of U.S. Highway 30, U.S. Highway 101 and U.S. Highway 101 Business in Astoria. Travelers will encounter lane restrictions with flaggers controlling traffic, and experience delays no longer than 10 minutes.

The first repairs will be made this week to U.S. Highway 101 Business (Nehalem Highway/West Marine Drive), south of the U.S. Highway 101 roundabout.

Starting next week, paving begins on U.S. Highway 30 (Lief Erikson Drive) at 33rd Street. Over the next three weeks, the ODOT paving crew will proceed west on

U.S. Highway 30 repairing damaged pavement as small as potholes, and as long as 500-foot segments of highway lanes. During paving, normal parking spaces may not be available, and access from side streets could be closed temporarily.

For information, contact Kevin Werst at 503-325-7222.

On Monday, Astoria Public Works Operations is closing West Lexington Avenue between West Grand and Sonora avenues during machine mowing. The street closure is expected between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., or until work is completed. All schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions.

For questions, call Astoria Public Works at 503-325-3524.

Clatsop County Public Works is closing Old Highway 30 in Knappa to heavy hauling, and limited to local access, from Monday through May 22, from Waterhouse Road West to U.S. Highway 30.

The east end of Hillcrest Loop at Knappa is closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Motorists are advised to detour from U.S. Highway 30 to Koppisch Road.

Perkins Road is closed, and limited to local access, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for road reconstruction from U.S. Highway 30 to Dolphin Road. Drivers may reroute to Dolphin Road.

For information, contact Clatsop County Public Works at 503-325-8631.

Sunset Empire Transportation District accepting donated services applications

Sunset Empire Transportation District Board is accepting applications for donated transportation services from noncommercial and nonprofit organizations located in Clatsop County.

The requested services should benefit and enhance the community, according to the district.

The Board of Commission-

ers determines the annual limit to donated services awarded each year. Organizations or services that wish to petition for donated services must complete a 2015-16 donated transportation services application, which can be picked up at the SETD Transit Center at 900 Marine Drive in Astoria, at the SETD website www.ridethebus.org or it can be mailed.

Applicants will be notified of the results after the June 25 district board meeting. Applications must be submitted to Sunset Empire Transportation District by 5 p.m. May 15. Alternative formats are available upon request.

For more information contact Executive Assistant Mary Parker at 503-861-5370 or email mary@ridethebus.org

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Partly cloudy
45°

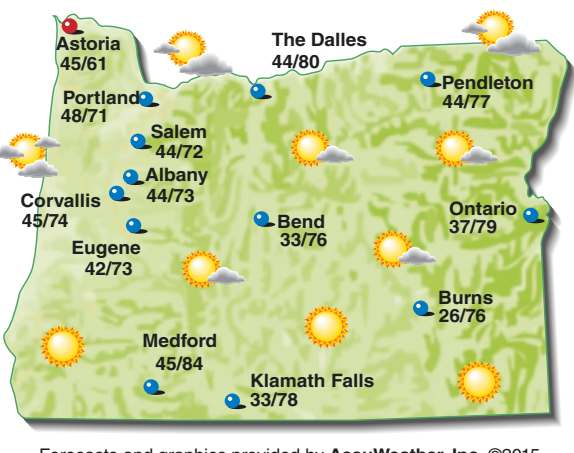
Friday
Partly sunny; breezy in the afternoon
61° 43°

Sunday
Partly sunny
60° 42°

Saturday
Sunshine and patchy clouds
60° 42°

Monday
Mostly sunny
59° 44°

Oregon Weather



Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.

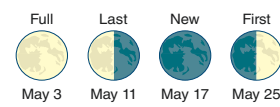
Temperatures	High	Low
High	59°	44°
Low	44°	33°
Normal high	58°	43°
Normal low	43°	33°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	3.30"
Normal month to date	5.07"
Year to date	25.36"
Normal year to date	29.91"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:22 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	6:02 a.m.
Moonrise today	5:10 p.m.
Moonsset today	4:35 a.m.



Regional Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	67	28	s	76	35	s
Bend	69	33	s	76	34	s
Brookings	70	48	s	67	48	s
Eugene	69	42	s	73	43	s
Ilwaco	58	47	pc	59	44	pc
Klamath Falls	72	33	s	78	36	s
Medford	82	45	s	84	48	s
Newport	58	44	s	57	43	c
North Bend	62	47	s	61	48	s

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	66	42	pc	67	39	pc
Pendleton	70	44	s	77	46	pc
Portland	69	48	pc	71	46	pc
Roseburg	76	46	s	79	49	s
Salem	69	44	s	72	43	s
Seaside	61	45	pc	62	44	pc
Spokane	64	45	s	72	42	s
Vancouver	69	46	pc	72	44	pc
Yakima	76	44	s	82	43	s

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Spacecraft MESSENGER runs out of propellant to impact the surface of Mercury.

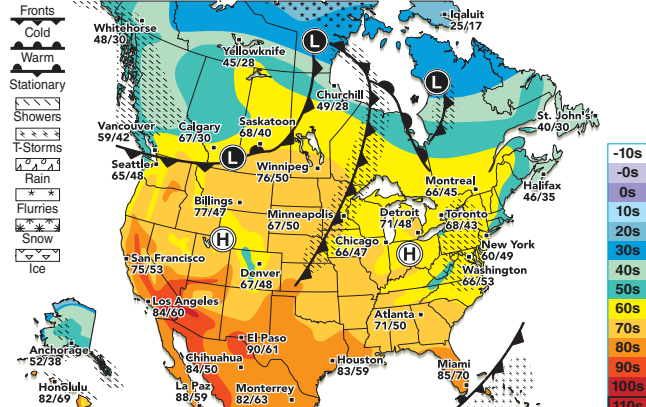
Tomorrow's Tides

Time	High	Time	Low
12:18 a.m.	8.3 ft.	6:45 a.m.	0.7 ft.
12:50 p.m.	7.3 ft.	6:43 p.m.	1.5 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	74	48	s	71	50	s
Boston	55	42	pc	51	41	c
Chicago	54	38	pc	66	47	s
Denver	76	46	t	67	48	t
Des Moines	70	44	s	71	53	pc
Detroit	59	45	r	71	48	s
El Paso	83	56	s	90	61	s
Fairbanks	55	31	pc	56	33	pc
Honolulu	83	70	pc	82	69	pc
Indianapolis	58	41	c	69	48	s
Kansas City	72	45	s	71	54	pc
Las Vegas	94	70	pc	95	69	pc
Los Angeles	87	63	pc	84	60	pc
Memphis	76	48	s	71	50	s
Miami	85	68	c	85	70	s
Nashville	69	41	s	71	47	s
New Orleans	78	60	s	79	60	s
New York	63	48	pc	60	49	c
Oklahoma City	79	50	s	78	54	s
Philadelphia	69	48	sh	63	48	c
St. Louis	69	44	s	70	52	s
Salt Lake City	73	48	pc	77	56	pc
San Francisco	78	55	s	75	53	pc
Seattle	64	48	pc	65	48	pc
Washington, DC	73	53	sh	66	53	c

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high 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.

Beaverton man pleads to sex abuse charge

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

A 56-year-old Beaverton man, accused of sexually abusing a 10-year-old girl during a family gathering at a Seaside campground in August 2013, pleaded no contest last week in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Gordon Lewis Kemmer pleaded no contest to one count of first-degree sexual abuse, a class B felony, prior to a trial scheduled to begin Tuesday. The trial was canceled as a result of the plea agreement.

A sentencing hearing has been set for 9 a.m. May 15.

Kemmer faces five years

probation and 90 days in jail. If he violates the probation, he would face four years in prison, according to Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown.

Kemmer was indicted April 4, 2014 for the one count of sexual abuse. He has been out on bail since about two weeks after he was indicted.

The sex abuse occurred between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31, 2013, according to the indictment. The 10-year-old girl was sitting on Kemmer's lap when he reached under her shirt and touched her breasts during a gathering at the Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground in

Seaside, Brown said. Washington County prosecutors are considering charges for a similar incident that occurred in Beaverton, where Kemmer allegedly gave the 10-year-old girl an unwanted kiss.

As part of the recommended sentence for Kemmer, he would be required to register as a sex offender, complete a sex offender evaluation, have no contact with the girl, her family and no contact with minors without a probation officer's approval.

In addition, Kemmer may be required to pay a \$10,000 compensatory fine.

OBITUARIES

Don Verne Johnson

Astoria

Aug. 4, 1920 — April 24, 2015



Don Verne Johnson, of Astoria, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 24, 2015, at the age of 94. Don was born Aug. 4, 1920, in Astoria, Ore., to Julius C. and Emma P. Johnson. Don was born and raised in Astoria, Ore., where he lived all of his life. He attended Lewis and Clark grade school and graduated from Astoria High School. Don also attended the University of Oregon through junior year.

Don was employed at Astoria Marine Construction Company just prior to World War II. Don was in the U.S. Coast Guard, and served for three years until the end of the war. After serving in the war, Don joined his father in the auto dealership called Johnson Motor Company. He had to work his way up from floor sweeper, mechanic, service manager, salesman, sales manager, assistant manager, and after J.C. Johnson retired, Don became the CEO and general manager until the business sold in 1978 to Dave Lum and Tom Utti. Don then was employed by Lum and Utti as warranty administrator until retiring in 1984.

On Aug. 30, 1940, Don married Betty Iseli in Astoria; she preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 1988. On March 18, 1989, Don married Noma E. Kenwisher in Astoria, whom he spent his life with until his passing.

Don was an avid member of the Peace Lutheran Church, the Astoria Elks Lodge, the

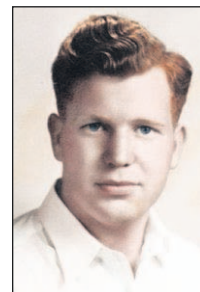
American Legion, Astoria Optimist Club, and was past chairman of Lewis and Clark Boy Scouts. He was a volunteer in many programs, including: tutor in the Host Reading Program at Astoria Middle School, Hospice, Meals on Wheels and at the Astoria Food Bank. Don enjoyed woodworking, oil painting, fishing, traveling, going on cruises and family get-togethers.

Don is preceded in death by his parents; first wife Betty; son Ron; daughter Janice Meeuwssen; and brother Clyde Johnson.

He is survived by his wife Noma; grandson Rusty Johnson and great-grandchildren Hunter and Tianna Johnson; granddaughter Kimberly and her husband, Mathew Garred, and great grandchildren Kaley, Emily, Abigail and Noah Garred; adopted brother Gary and his wife, Angela, Rasmussen; son-in-law Barney Meeuwssen and his children, grandson Steven and Janice Meeuwssen and their children, Rachel and Nicolas, grandson Edward and Valerie Meeuwssen and their children, Elden and Alison, and granddaughter Donna Meeuwssen.

A family service will be held at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.



Don Johnson

Olive Pershing

Vancouver, Wash.

Oct. 12, 1917 — April 24, 2015

Olive Pershing peacefully passed away April 24, 2015, at her home in Vancouver, Wash., surrounded by the love of her family. Olive Cassie Gray was born October 12, 1917 to George and Sarah Gray in Astoria, Ore. She resided in Seaside, Ore., most of her life.

Family was everything to Olive. She had six children, 23 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was kind and gentle, and was always happy to see visitors. You can bet she had gum or Tic Tacs, and was always up for a game of Yahtzee or



Olive Pershing

Zonk. Olive was a big fan of the Portland Trail Blazers, and loved Jesus.

Her sisters, Nelly Barker and Mary Dunn, and her son, John Pershing, preceded Olive in death. She is survived by her daughters, Connie (Darrell) Downey and Laura Brown; sons, Monty, Bob (Barb) and Bill (Sheila) Pershing; along with her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so many other relatives and friends.

Grandma Olive, you will be missed by everyone!

Public meetings

MONDAY
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Birth

April 15, 2015
HARRISON, Geanna, and **ELLIS,** Lyle, of Warrenton, a girl, **Alaina Lee Faith Ellis,** born at Providence Seaside Hospital. Older siblings are Hallie Kay Ellis and

Eric Joseph Ellis. Grandparents are Norma Manabe and Steve Manabe of Pacifica, Calif., Estelle and Billy Harrison of Astoria, and Debra Cannistraci of Warrenton.

Lotteries

OREGON	Wednesday's Powerball: 01-26-34-38-51, Powerball: 6, Power Play: 3	Estimated jackpot: \$340,000
Wednesday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 9-1-2-4	Estimated jackpot: \$60 million	Wednesday's Keno: 04-05-06-08-16-18-19-21-23-26-35-40-42-47-56-61-64-66-79-80
4 p.m.: 3-8-1-0		Wednesday's Lotto: 17-31-37-38-40-43
7 p.m.: 4-6-1-8		Estimated jackpot: \$2.4 million
10 p.m.: 4-8-1-1		Wednesday's Match 4: 05-10-14-19
Washington	Wednesday's Daily Game: 1-3-0	
Wednesday's Mega-bucks: 03-10-23-29-33-46	Estimated jackpot: \$2.2 million	
	Wednesday's Hit 5: 10-15-18-19-35	

CORRECTION

Date for 'Mutts and Moonshine' Incorrect — Because of a reporter's error, the date of an upcoming Clatsop Community College event was incorrect. The "Mutts

and Moonshine" event at the Dora Baddolet Library, 1680 Lexington Ave., is from 4 to 6 p.m. May 7. The newspaper regrets the error.

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