

Tour rebuilt Vernonia Schools

VERNONIA — The Vernonia School District will provide tours Saturday of Vernonia Schools, which recently became certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum, along with three out of four globes for the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes program. It is the first LEED Platinum-certified public K-12 campus in the nation.

The school's construction started in December 2010, after the previous school had been badly flooded during the Great Coastal Gale of 2007, leaving students in portable classrooms and traveling to neighboring districts.

Construction was finished and classes started in September 2012.

The event runs from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, with an unveiling of the new awards, recognition from local and state dignitaries and tours of

the building. The Community Garden Fair & Plant Sale will take place concurrently in the school commons area until 3 p.m.

Speakers at the event include state Sen. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose), state Rep. Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie), Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde and School Board Chairman Bill Langmaid.

Vernonia School District and its K-12 campus is located at 1000 Missouri Ave.

The city was flooded in 2007 and 1996. After the Great Coastal Gale in 2007, residents passed a \$13.6 million bond as a down payment toward the \$40 million rebuild, along with several other sources:

- FEMA contributed \$11 million.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation gave \$3.8 million and worked on Missouri Avenue leading up to the

school and a new exit on Oregon Highway 47.

- The Oregon Department of Energy gave \$1 million.
- The Ford Family Foundation gave a challenge grant of \$1 million, stipulating that an equal amount had to be raised.

- The school district secured a \$3.3 million Qualified School Construction Bond.
- The district borrowed \$1 million from Wedbush Bank using a facilities grant as the collateral.
- A \$1 million Cool Schools Grant funded engineering of the new building.
- Between \$3 and \$4 million came from donations and other sources.

While the school secured the necessary funds to complete the construction, there is still work to be done to reduce the remaining financing. The district aims to close the final \$5 million in construction loans in the coming months.

Group collects flags for retirement

The Astoria Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution is collecting American flags that are torn, faded or otherwise needing to be retired. The flags can be dropped off at

City Lumber, 2142 Commercial St., or given to any member of the DAR group.

The chapter will retire the flags at 1 p.m. June 14, Flag Day, at the Fort Stevens Historical Park at 1

p.m. The event is open to the public.

For information about the flag retirement, or membership in the chapter, call Sue Glen at 503 861-0574.

Razor clam dig reduced to one day this week

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Three days of a four-day razor clam dig have been canceled on all Washington ocean beaches because of public health concerns, state shellfish managers said Wednesday.

The opening will continue as planned today on Long Beach and Twin Harbors beaches.

Levels of domoic acid, detected through routine testing, have been on the rise since late Monday and could exceed state health guidelines by this weekend. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is canceling the dig Friday and Saturday as a precaution, said Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager.

Domoic acid, a natural toxin produced by certain types of marine algae, can be harmful or even fatal if consumed

in sufficient quantities. More information about domoic acid can be found on WDFW's webpage at <http://1.usa.gov/1DUecL0>.

"Warm ocean water temperatures have created ideal conditions for the algae that produce domoic acid," Ayres said.

Since 1991, when the toxin was first detected on the Pacific coast, outbreaks of domoic acid have prompted the cancellation of three entire razor clam seasons in Washington — the last one in 2002-03. In 2005, WDFW closed Long Beach for two days due to elevated toxin levels.

The agency will continue to monitor toxin levels to determine whether two proposed digs tentatively scheduled later in May will go forward.

March for Babies raises \$25,000 locally

Approximately 100 Astoria residents participated in the 2015 March for Babies to benefit March of Dimes on Saturday. Maritime Memorial Park was packed with strollers, families and corporate teams who raised \$25,000 to help babies be born healthy. Throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington, 10 walks raised a total of \$900,000.

"We've seen how important the health of moms and babies are to the people of Astoria," said Barb Cardinale, Greater Oregon March of Dimes Board chairwoman. "I'm so proud to be part of a com-

munity of people coming together for such a great cause. Helping our babies should be a top priority, and we're excited about what we've accomplished here."

In an average week in Oregon, 877 babies are born and 82 (9.3 percent) of them are pre-term. Prematurity and birth defects together account for the majority of infant deaths, both in the first month and the first year of life. Premature birth affects nearly half a million babies each year, including 4,241 in Oregon.

Funds raised by March for Babies in Oregon and

Southwest Washington help support prenatal wellness programs, research grants, information for families experiencing a newborn intensive care unit (NICU) hospitalization and advocacy efforts for stronger, healthier babies.

Locally, March for Babies is sponsored by First Tech Federal Credit Union, Big 5, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Providence Seaside Hospital, Columbia Bank and Clatsop Community Bank. For information about how to help raise funds to prevent premature birth and birth defects, go to www.marchforbabies.org

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mainly clear
44°

Friday
Sunny and pleasant
71° 46°

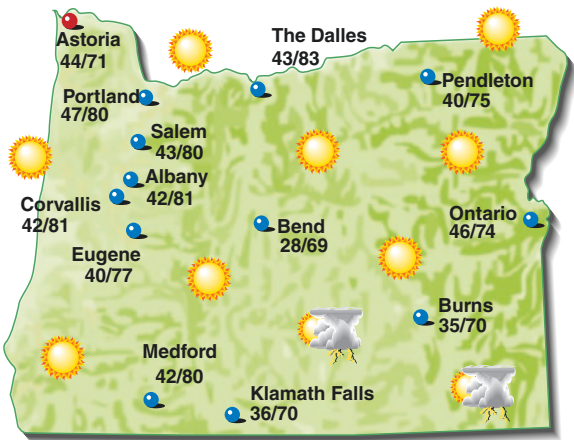
Saturday
Mostly sunny
69° 44°

Sunday
Partial sunshine
65° 48°

Monday
Rather cloudy
64° 47°

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

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures	High	Low
High	60°	43°
Low	43°	59°
Normal high	59°	44°
Normal low	44°	59°

Precipitation

Yesterday	Trace"
Month to date	0.29"
Normal month to date	0.75"
Year to date	25.66"
Normal year to date	30.79"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:31 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	5:52 a.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	8:48 a.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Baker City	61 33 pc	68 34 s
Bend	61 28 pc	69 29 s
Brookings	64 48 pc	65 48 s
Eugene	69 40 pc	77 44 s
Ilwaco	63 44 c	70 47 s
Klamath Falls	60 36 pc	70 33 s
Medford	70 42 pc	80 46 s
Newport	57 43 s	63 44 s
North Bend	59 45 pc	63 46 s

City	Today	Fri.
Olympia	70 38 s	77 40 s
Pendleton	70 40 pc	75 42 s
Portland	72 47 pc	80 51 s
Roseburg	72 45 pc	81 48 s
Salem	71 43 pc	80 47 s
Seaside	65 43 s	73 46 s
Spokane	68 44 pc	71 45 s
Vancouver	72 44 pc	80 48 s
Yakima	76 42 pc	82 43 s

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Just above the NE horizon is brilliant Vega of Lyra, the Harp.

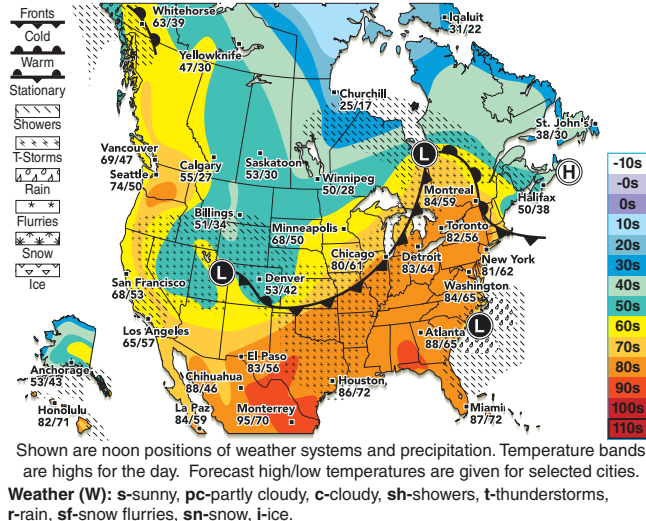
Tomorrow's Tides

Time	High	Time	Low
4:11 a.m.	8.9 ft	11:14 a.m.	-0.4 ft
5:56 p.m.	7.2 ft	11:19 p.m.	2.8 ft

National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	86 63 s	88 65 s
Boston	78 56 s	69 50 pc
Chicago	83 65 pc	80 61 t
Denver	59 44 c	53 42 r
Des Moines	77 60 t	73 58 t
Detroit	81 60 pc	83 64 pc
El Paso	83 59 s	83 56 s
Fairbanks	66 43 c	67 43 c
Honolulu	82 70 pc	82 71 pc
Indianapolis	86 63 pc	83 65 pc
Kansas City	78 61 t	77 62 t
Las Vegas	77 52 pc	64 50 c
Los Angeles	66 55 c	65 57 sh
Memphis	87 68 s	88 70 pc
Miami	86 70 pc	87 72 pc
Nashville	87 58 s	88 63 pc
New Orleans	84 69 s	86 69 pc
New York	78 60 s	81 62 s
Oklahoma City	77 64 t	80 65 t
Philadelphia	80 58 pc	85 62 s
St. Louis	86 66 pc	84 69 t
Salt Lake City	65 47 t	63 46 t
San Francisco	68 54 pc	68 53 s
Seattle	68 48 s	74 50 s
Washington, DC	81 62 pc	84 65 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.

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Public meetings

TODAY
Astoria City Council, 6:45 p.m., special meeting on Astoria Senior Center, Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Astoria Budget Committee, 7 p.m.,

Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
FRIDAY
Clatsop Diking Improvement District No. 9, 4 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Lotteries

OREGON
Wednesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-9-7-7
4 p.m.: 8-8-7-3
7 p.m.: 1-5-4-5
10 p.m.: 1-5-3-8
Wednesday's Megabucks:
12-14-22-31-34-42
Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million

WASHINGTON
Wednesday's Daily Game:
0-2-7
Wednesday's Hit 5: 04-09-11-27-35

Estimated jackpot: \$450,000
Wednesday's Keno: 3-07-09-16-18-22-25-34-40-49-58-61-62-63-66-70-73-75-76-80
Wednesday's Lotto: 03-10-13-20-35-39
Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million
Wednesday's Match 4: 04-18-20-22

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