

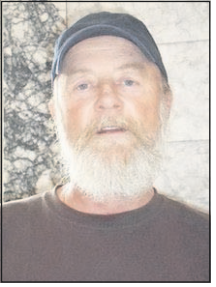
# POINT of view

*'What's your favorite part of the Astoria Sunday Market?'*



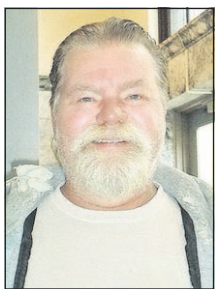
*"It's a nice local place to shop."*

**Don Johnson, Astoria**



*"There's lots of different things there, and it's relaxing. We've only been here for a year, so it's a chance to meet new people. We just like walking through the market. I think it's a great thing."*

**Steven Steward, Astoria**



*"I think it was the caramel popcorn — it's great. I don't know what they do with it. And the fresh produce, for sure. They have the best."*

**Lee Wunder, Astoria**

# Backyard debris burning — how to do it safely

May is Wildfire Awareness Month, and the ideal time to reduce the excess vegetation around the home that could pose a wildfire threat. Keep Oregon Green, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal urge residents to consider chipping or recycling your yard debris.

If burning is the only option to dispose of woody material, fire officials urge landowners to follow safe burning practices.

"If you do burn your debris, use common sense and follow safety rules," says State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. "This can prevent most debris burn-caused wildfires, and keep lives and property safe."

An abnormally dry winter and dismal spring snow pack has set the stage for what is predicted to be a severe wildfire season ahead. Escaped debris burns are the leading human-caused wildfire issue in Oregon, particularly in the

shoulder seasons when people think it is safe and permissible to burn. The Oregon Department of Forestry spent over \$280,000 in 2014 on fires caused by escaped debris burning.

A burn pile is less likely to escape control by following some simple safety tips:

- Call before you burn: Burning regulations are not the same in all areas, and can vary with the weather and fuel conditions. When planning to burn, check with the local Oregon Department of Forestry district, fire protective association or air protection authority to learn if there are any current burning restrictions or regulations, and whether a permit is required.
- Know the weather forecast: Never burn on dry or windy days. These conditions make it easy for open burning to spread out of control.
- Clear a 10-foot radius around the pile. Also make sure there are no tree branches or power lines above.
- Keep the burn pile

small: A large burn may cast hot embers long distances. Small piles, 4 feet by 4 feet in dimension, are recommended. Add debris in small amounts as existing material is consumed.

- Always have water and fire tools on site: When burning, have a charged water hose, bucket of water, and shovel and dirt nearby to extinguish the fire. Drown the pile with water, stir the coals, and drown again, repeating until the fire is dead out.
- Stay with the fire until it is completely out: Monitoring a debris burn continually from start to finish until dead out is required by state law, to ensure that any escaped sparks or embers can be extinguished quickly. Go back and recheck old burn piles, as they can retain heat for several weeks and rekindle when the weather warms and wind begins to blow.
- Never use gasoline or other accelerants (flammable or combustible liquids) to start or

increase an open fire. Every year, 55-60 percent of all burns treated at the Oregon Burn Center in Portland are the result of backyard debris burning.

- Burn only yard debris: State regulations prohibit the open burning of any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors.
- Escaped debris burns are costly: State law requires the proper clearing, building, attending and extinguishing of open fires any time of year. A first-time citation carries a \$110 fine. If a debris burn spreads out of control, the person doing the burning is responsible for the cost of fire suppression, and very likely the damage to neighboring properties. This can range from a few hundred to thousands of dollars.

More tips on wildfire prevention, including campfire safety, motorized equipment use, and fire-resistant landscaping can be found on the Keep Oregon Green site, [www.keeporengreen.org](http://www.keeporengreen.org)

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers  
45°

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

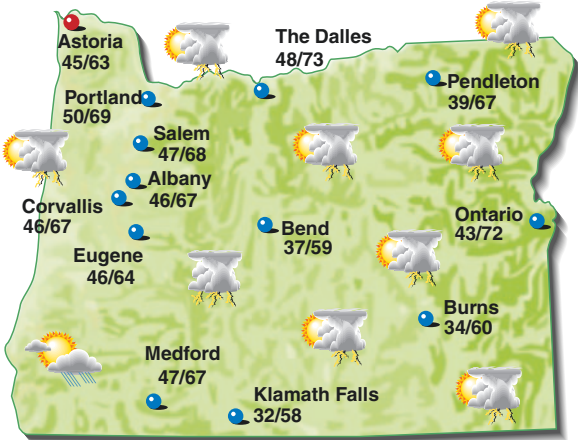
**Thursday**  
Mostly cloudy, a t-storm in the afternoon  
63° 48°

**Friday**  
Clouds and sun, a shower in the afternoon  
60° 48°

**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy  
60° 48°

**Sunday**  
More clouds than sun  
63° 49°

### Oregon Weather



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### Almanac

Astoria through Tuesday.

#### Temperatures

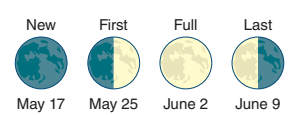
High	57°
Low	50°
Normal high	60°
Normal low	45°

#### Precipitation

Yesterday	0.71"
Month to date	0.44"
Normal month to date	1.43"
Year to date	25.81"
Normal year to date	31.47"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:38 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	5:44 a.m.
Moonrise today	3:20 a.m.
Moonset today	3:30 p.m.



### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Hercules climbs the eastern sky this evening. Look for a keystone pattern of dim stars high in the east by mid-evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
11:00 a.m.	7.5 ft.	5:02 a.m.	0.8 ft.
11:24 p.m.	9.0 ft.	5:06 p.m.	0.9 ft.

### Regional Cities

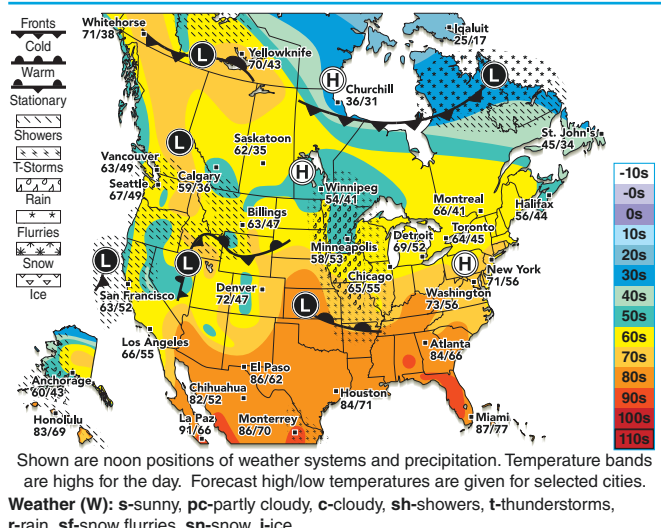
City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	60 33 sh	64 40 pc
Bend	61 37 sh	59 38 t
Brookings	57 46 sh	57 47 c
Eugene	64 46 sh	64 46 pc
Ilwaco	58 46 c	63 48 t
Klamath Falls	56 32 c	58 37 c
Medford	67 47 sh	67 49 c
Newport	54 46 sh	55 48 t
North Bend	60 48 sh	60 49 pc

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Olympia	59 42 sh	69 44 t
Pendleton	63 39 sh	67 47 pc
Portland	63 50 sh	69 51 t
Roseburg	68 49 sh	67 49 pc
Salem	64 47 sh	68 46 t
Seaside	59 45 sh	64 48 t
Spokane	55 41 r	70 50 pc
Vancouver	62 47 sh	70 49 t
Yakima	63 43 r	72 48 pc

### National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	84 63 s	84 66 pc
Boston	64 48 pc	65 49 s
Chicago	55 41 s	65 55 c
Denver	62 44 t	72 47 s
Des Moines	72 54 pc	66 61 r
Detroit	60 41 pc	69 52 s
El Paso	80 61 r	86 62 s
Fairbanks	72 48 s	75 47 pc
Honolulu	83 70 pc	83 69 pc
Indianapolis	66 48 s	71 60 pc
Kansas City	70 55 pc	72 63 r
Las Vegas	84 62 s	76 54 pc
Los Angeles	71 57 pc	66 55 sh
Memphis	80 62 pc	82 68 pc
Miami	87 77 pc	87 77 pc
Nashville	78 53 s	84 64 pc
New Orleans	87 72 t	88 74 c
New York	69 50 s	71 56 s
Oklahoma City	64 59 r	80 66 t
Philadelphia	71 51 s	74 54 s
St. Louis	73 57 s	72 65 t
Salt Lake City	74 56 s	72 50 pc
San Francisco	65 53 pc	63 52 sh
Seattle	58 49 sh	67 49 t
Washington, DC	73 54 s	73 56 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.

## OBITUARIES

### Vicky Obermiller

**Ilwaco, Wash.**  
**Oct. 1, 1962 — May 9, 2015**

Vicky J. Obermiller, 52, of Ilwaco, passed away May 9, 2015.

The funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 350 Niagara Ave, Astoria, Ore. All who have known Vicky are welcome. If you would like to send flowers (Vicky loved flowers) through the local florist, give them the time and address above. If using an Internet/out of town service, they can be sent to 92668 Fernhill Road, Astoria, OR 97103.

She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and lived in Astoria, Ore., off and on for the last 30 years. Vicky typically worked as a waitress after working

in pre-electronic photography. If you don't remember her by name, you will remember her by her big, beautiful laugh. In recent years, she was the very much adored homemaker, friend, domestic goddess, wife and favorite hobby of Gary Obermiller of Ilwaco.

Vicky was passionate about everything that she involved herself in: her family, music, her piano, art, greenhouse, flowers and anything outdoors. She has left behind a very special family, mother Maryann, father Jerry, brothers Jerry and Joe, sisters Sueann, Kathy and Sophie, and many nephews and nieces, all whom she loved dearly.

A heartfelt thank you to Sophie, for being such a huge help and support during a very



**Vicky Obermiller**

## Memorial

**Sunday, May 17**  
O'BRIEN, David — Celebration of life at 3:30 p.m., Cannon Beach Conference Center, 289 N. Spruce St., Cannon Beach.

## Death

**May 11, 2015**  
LAHTI, Helen E., 97, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lotteries

OREGON		7 p.m.: 1-9-3-7	Estimated jackpot: \$140 million
<b>Tuesday's Pick 4:</b>	<b>1 p.m.: 1-0-2-7</b>	<b>10 p.m.: 1-5-6-9</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
	<b>4 p.m.: 1-1-8-3</b>	<b>Tuesday's Mega Millions:</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
		<b>14-30-33-36-44, Mega Ball: 2</b>	Not available

## Public meetings

**TODAY**  
**Cannon Beach Budget Committee Meeting,** 5:30 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall 163 E. Gower St.

**Knappa School District Board of Directors,** 5:30 p.m. superintendent search meeting, 6 p.m. executive session (closed to public), Knappa High School

library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

**Astoria School District Board of Directors,** 6:15 p.m. study session, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

**Wickiup Water District Board,** 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

**THURSDAY**  
**Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee Work Session,** 2:30 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall 163 E. Gower St.

**Warrenton Budget Committee,** 5:30 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

**Wickiup Water District Board,** 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

## CORRECTION

**Spelling incorrect** — the obituary for Norman Riikonen, which ran in Tuesday's Daily Astorian. He is survived by his good friend and neighbor, Carl Paronen. The newspaper regrets the error.

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