# Amtrak Cascade improves on-time performance

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Amtrak Cascades appears to be on track to improve its on-time performance in the Eugene-Portland corridor this year, with approximately 85 percent of trains staying within a 10 to 15 minute window of their scheduled arrival times as of late summer.

The railway is required to have 80 percent of passenger trains arrive on time under a contract with the Oregon Department of Transportation, but fell below that standard last year with about 78 percent of trains on time, according to state data.

Amtrak is budgeted to receive $27.9 million from the state in the current biennium to subsidize the line.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is collecting data on Amtrak Cascades trains and must issue a report to the state Legislature by Nov. 30 on how to improve on-time performance and ridership. Those requirements were set out in a bill the Legislature passed earlier this year.

Shelley Snow, a spokeswoman for the agency, said staff are working on the report.

"Our goal: increase ridership in the Willamette Valley substantially," Snow wrote in an email.

ODOT and Amtrak Cascades already made one schedule change, moving the northbound departure of Saturday, Sunday and holiday trains up from a 5:30 a.m. departure to a 9:30 a.m. departure.

"We saw an immediate jump in the number of riders," Snow wrote. "Now, we must keep that growth going up and up and up."

ODOT will conduct a brief survey of current and "would be" passenger train riders in the next few weeks, to find out if potential schedule changes could increase ridership.

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# *Portion of Oregon Coast closed to crab harvesting*

*The Daily Astorian*

The state has announced the immediate closure of recreational and commercial bay crabbing from Heceta Head, north of Florence on the Oregon Coast, south to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

The closure includes crab harvested in bays and estuaries, and off docks, piers, jetties and the ocean.

Crab harvesting from Heceta Head north to the Columbia River remains open, although it is recommended that crab always be eviscerated prior to cooking. Evisceration includes removal and discard of the internal organs and gills.

Despite the closure, crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers.

Domoic acid or amnesic shellfish toxin can cause minor to severe illness and even death. Severe poisoning can result in dizziness, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea. More severe cases can result in memory loss and death.

Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and originate in the ocean. Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment. The Oregon Department of Agriculture will continue to test for toxins in the coming weeks. Removal of the advisory requires two consecutive tests in the safe range.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at 800-448-2474 or visit the shellfish closures webpage at: http://1.usa.gov/1L4JyVm

# Man found dead on viewing platform

*The Daily Astorian*

A 30-year-old man was found dead Sunday on the viewing platform at the foot of Sixth Street in Astoria.

Astoria Police and Fire Departments and Medix Ambulance responded at 11:35 a.m. to a report of an unresponsive man. The responders found Tyler Watson, 30, of Lewiston, Idaho.

The cause of the death is unknown but there was no sign of foul play, according to police.

Cause and manner of death will be determined by the Medical Examiner's Office.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Thomas Litwin at 503-325-4411 or tlitwin@astoria.or.us

# Astoria Coffee with a Cop program returns next month

*The Daily Astorian*

Astoria Police officers and community members will meet again next month in an informal, neutral space to discuss local issues, build relationships and drink coffee through the "Coffee with a Cop" program.

All community members are invited to attend.

The program will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 at The Coffee Girl on Pier 39.

Police say the program offers a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Astoria's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Police understand such situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community. Some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street.

"Coffee with a Cop" breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction, Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston said.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," Johnston said. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."

"Coffee with a Cop" is a national initiative supported by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

For more information, contact Sgt. Christopher McNeary at 503-325-4411 or CMcNeary@astoria.or.us.

# Grounded ship towed to Portland

*Associated Press*

PORTLAND — The U.S. Coast Guard says a cargo ship that lost steering and ran aground in the Columbia River has been towed to Portland.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Amanda Norcross said Sunday that Foss Maritime tugboats got the 550-foot long Viking Emerald off the beach and towed it to Portland's Terminal 6 sometime Saturday night.

The ship had reported Saturday afternoon that it lost steering and ran aground near Columbia City.

KOIN-TV says the cargo ship was carrying a load of cars and was on its way from Tacoma, Washington, to Portland.

Norcross says there were no reports of pollution, injuries or damage to the vessel.

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight: Heavy rain developing; watch for flooding. 53°

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

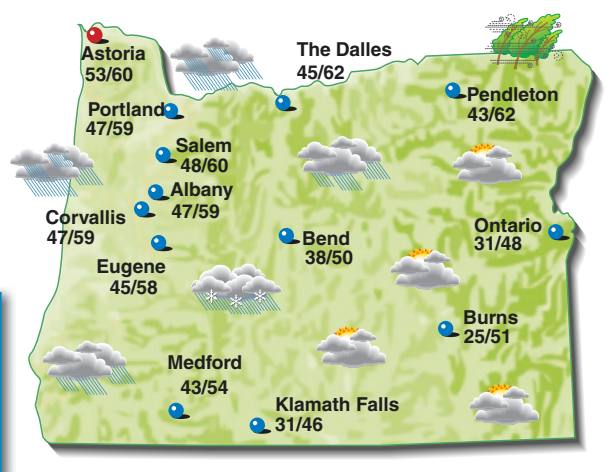
Tuesday: Very windy; watch for flooding. 60° 47°

Wednesday: Rain and drizzle in the afternoon. 54° 47°

Thursday: Rain. 56° 44°

Friday: Rain. 55° 41°

### Oregon Weather

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### Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

**Temperatures**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 51° |
| Low | 42° |
| Normal high | 54° |
| Normal low | 40° |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.37" |
| Month to date | 10.69" |
| Normal month to date | 5.15" |
| Year to date | 49.13" |
| Normal year to date | 51.37" |

### Sun and Moon

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunset tonight | 4:42 p.m. |
| Sunrise Tuesday | 7:18 a.m. |
| Moonrise today | 11:25 a.m. |
| Moonset today | 9:21 p.m. |

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 18 | Nov 25 | Dec 2 | Dec 11 |

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### Regional Cities

| City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tues. Hi | Lo | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baker City | 40 | 29 | pc | 44 | 34 | c |
| Bend | 41 | 38 | sn | 50 | 37 | r |
| Brookings | 52 | 48 | r | 58 | 51 | r |
| Eugene | 50 | 45 | r | 58 | 46 | r |
| Ilwaco | 56 | 55 | r | 58 | 49 | r |
| Klamath Falls | 40 | 31 | c | 46 | 38 | r |
| Medford | 47 | 43 | r | 54 | 48 | c |
| Newport | 50 | 50 | r | 57 | 46 | r |
| North Bend | 53 | 51 | r | 60 | 52 | r |
| Olympia | 46 | 45 | r | 58 | 40 | r |
| Pendleton | 47 | 43 | pc | 62 | 41 | c |
| Portland | 49 | 47 | r | 59 | 44 | r |
| Roseburg | 50 | 47 | r | 59 | 51 | r |
| Salem | 50 | 48 | r | 60 | 44 | r |
| Seaside | 57 | 55 | r | 59 | 49 | r |
| Spokane | 40 | 35 | pc | 51 | 34 | r |
| Vancouver | 49 | 47 | r | 59 | 43 | r |
| Yakima | 50 | 37 | r | 63 | 36 | r |

### Under the Sky

**Tonight's Sky:** The Leonid meteor shower reaches its peak around midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### Tomorrow's Tides

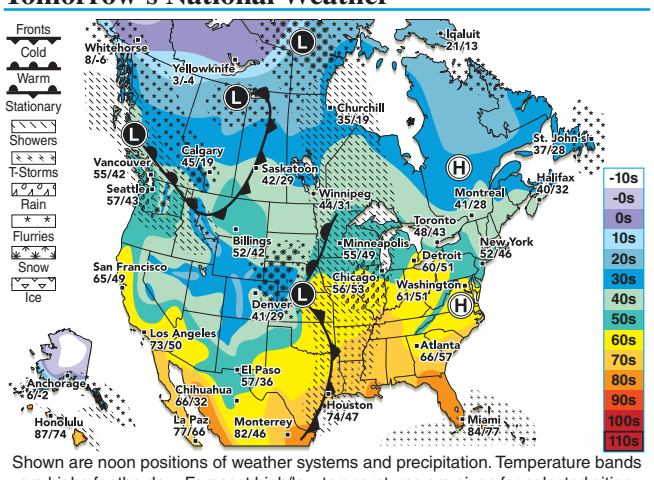
**Astoria / Port Docks**

| Time | High | Time | Low |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5:21 a.m. | 7.4 ft. | 10:49 a.m. | 3.2 ft. |
| 4:23 p.m. | 8.2 ft. | 11:21 p.m. | 0.3 ft. |

### National Cities

| City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tues. Hi | Lo | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 65 | 51 | pc | 66 | 57 | c |
| Boston | 58 | 34 | s | 48 | 35 | s |
| Chicago | 58 | 45 | r | 56 | 53 | r |
| Denver | 46 | 28 | r | 41 | 29 | sn |
| Des Moines | 57 | 50 | sh | 63 | 44 | r |
| Detroit | 62 | 44 | pc | 60 | 51 | r |
| El Paso | 65 | 41 | pc | 57 | 36 | pc |
| Fairbanks | -7 | -15 | pc | -10 | -18 | pc |
| Honolulu | 87 | 72 | sh | 87 | 74 | s |
| Indianapolis | 59 | 46 | r | 60 | 56 | r |
| Kansas City | 57 | 52 | r | 67 | 41 | r |
| Las Vegas | 57 | 38 | pc | 61 | 43 | s |
| Los Angeles | 65 | 44 | s | 73 | 50 | s |
| Memphis | 68 | 62 | r | 75 | 53 | r |
| Miami | 83 | 74 | sh | 84 | 77 | sh |
| Nashville | 60 | 55 | pc | 72 | 63 | c |
| New Orleans | 79 | 71 | c | 81 | 60 | sh |
| New York | 65 | 42 | s | 52 | 46 | s |
| Oklahoma City | 66 | 50 | t | 62 | 41 | s |
| Philadelphia | 67 | 45 | s | 56 | 46 | pc |
| St. Louis | 55 | 51 | r | 68 | 52 | r |
| Salt Lake City | 38 | 26 | sn | 42 | 35 | pc |
| San Francisco | 61 | 50 | s | 65 | 49 | s |
| Seattle | 47 | 45 | r | 57 | 43 | r |
| Washington, DC | 66 | 47 | s | 61 | 51 | 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, **sn-**snow, **i-**ice.

# Petty officers association to meet Thursday

*The Daily Astorian*

The Lower Columbia Chief Petty Officers Association meets at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St.

For information, call Dave Kinney at 415-827-5190.

## Public meetings

**MONDAY**

**Knappa School Board,** 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

**Jewell School Board,** 6 p.m., Jewell School library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103.

**Astoria City Council,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**TUESDAY**

**Port of Astoria Budget Committee,** noon, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.

**Union Health District,** 8 a.m., Providence Seaside Hospital, Education Room B, 725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside.

**Port of Astoria Commission,** 2 p.m., workshop, 4:30 p.m. executive session (closed to public), 6 p.m. regular meeting, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.

**Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council,** 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.

**Northwest Regional Education Service District Board,** 6 p.m., Hillsboro Regional office, 5825 N.E. Ray Circle, Hillsboro.

**Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission,** 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**Seaside School District,** 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.

**Seaside Planning Commission,** 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## Memorials

**Thursday, Nov. 19**

GARRISON, Roy D. — Viewing at noon, service at 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 350 Niagara Ave. Interment follows at Greenwood Cemetery.

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

LOWRANCE, Donald Raymond — Memorial at noon, Clatskanie Presbyterian Church, 215 S. Nehalem St., Clatskanie, with Pastor Eric Huget officiating. A social time is planned following the service; remembrances will be welcome.

## Lotteries

**OREGON**

**Sunday's Pick 4:**
**1 p.m.:** 6-7-0-8
**4 p.m.:** 8-1-0-4
**7 p.m.:** 0-5-6-6
**10 p.m.:** 8-7-8-2

**Saturday's Megabucks:** 2-17-25-31-39-41

Estimated jackpot: $6.6 million.

**Saturday's Powerball:** 14-22-37-45-66, Powerball: 5

Estimated jackpot: $60 million.

**Saturday's Pick 4:**
**1 p.m.:** 7-4-2-7
**4 p.m.:** 8-8-4-8
**7 p.m.:** 7-1-6-3
**10 p.m.:** 0-0-0-4

**Friday's Pick 4:**
**1 p.m.:** 2-8-9-7
**4 p.m.:** 2-2-8-8
**7 p.m.:** 9-5-7-5
**10 p.m.:** 1-9-1-8

**WASHINGTON**

**Sunday's Daily Game:** 6-8-6

**Sunday's Keno:** 10-18-22-23-24-26-27-38-43-49-54-56-60-64-68-71-74-75-78-79

**Sunday's Match 4:** 01-05-07-08

**Saturday's Daily Game:** 1-9-2

**Saturday's Hit 5:** 03-04-24-30-37

Estimated jackpot: $140,000.

**Saturday's Keno:** 03-05-17-18-19-22-25-27-36-39-52-57-60-61-71-75-76-77-78-80

**Saturday's Lotto:** 07-09-11-16-17-37

Estimated jackpot: $1.8 million.

**Saturday's Match 4:** 01-02-04-16

**Friday's Daily Game:** 0-0-6

**Friday's Keno:** 04-08-10-16-19-21-26-28-31-33-35-45-46-47-54-64-67-73-77-78

**Friday's Match 4:** 07-08-17-18

**Friday's Mega Millions:** 17-18-31-35-59, Mega Ball: 9

Estimated jackpot: $200 million.

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