

Grant will expand college credit for high-schoolers

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A regional consortium of educators has secured \$586,000 over the next two years to expand college credit options for local high-schoolers.

The Northwest Promise is a consortium including Clatsop Community College, three other regional colleges and universities and 20 school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties provided support services by the Northwest Regional Education Service District.

“Our focus will be to expand opportunities to first-generation college students and other students who

have historically not had equitable access to higher education opportunities,” said Laura Kanter Fellows, a postsecondary pathways and school improvement specialist with the service district who helped secure the grant.

The Northwest Promise includes five guiding pillars, Kanter Fellows said:

- Ensuring the most underserved students in the service districts are served.
- Creating a college-going culture.
- Accelerating college credit attainment for all students through a variety of pathways.
- Increasing collaborations between high schools and colleges.
- Providing ongoing professional learning for

staff that crosses traditional boundaries.

The grant was received late last month from the Oregon Department of Education. The state Legislature made \$3 million available in competitive grant funds. Northwest Promise was one of five consortiums statewide that split the funding evenly.

Jennell Ives, a college and career readiness specialist with the department of education, said the impetus to provide the funds came out of the early successes of the Eastern Promise, a partnership in Eastern Oregon between community colleges, school districts and Eastern Oregon University to provide college credits to high-schoolers.

A recent analysis of the Eastern Promise, which started in the 2012-13, shows seniors who took dual-credit courses that year were 23 percent more likely to graduate from high school than students who did not participate. The gap widened to 29 percent among high-poverty seniors.

Graduates who took part in Eastern Promise that year were 28 percent more likely to enroll in college after graduation. Students involved in Eastern Promise also showed a lesser decrease in attendance from 2011-12 to 2012-13 compared to nonparticipants.

Shortly after the start of Eastern Promise, Clatsop Community College created its own dual credit program

for high schoolers called the Coastal Commitment. The college also offers College Now career-technical courses, dual-transfer credits and simultaneous enrollment to local high-schoolers.

In Coastal Commitment, high school instructors align their curricula with college standards. Students earn high school credit as usual, but can also enroll in the college course, pay a transcription fee and meet the college’s standards through good grades and an exam at the end of the course, if they choose.

Donna Larson, the college’s vice president for academic and student affairs and a creator of the Coastal Commitment program, which started last year, said

it is still too early to tell what affect the program has had on students. But through its various programs, she said, the college has offered on average at least six college credits per high-schooler participating. She said the Northwest Promise consortium would mostly expand what the college is already doing.

A larger driving force behind efforts like the Northwest Promise consortium is the state’s 40-40-20 goal, created by the Legislature in 2011. The goal states that by 2025, 40 percent of Oregonians will have at least a bachelor’s degree, 40 percent will have an associate or career certificate and that every Oregonian will have graduated high school.

County counsel earns statewide award

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Clatsop County Counsel Heather Reynolds was recently honored as the winner of the Laurence R. Kressel Memorial Award.

The Oregon County Counsels Association hands out the award each year to a county counsel or assistant county counsel who exemplifies the thoughtful, courageous, humorous and oft times irreverent approach to

the practice of county law mastered by Larry Kressel, a longtime county counsel for Multnomah County.

Reynolds provides general legal services to the county, including providing legal opinions, preparing and reviewing contracts, ordinances and other documents and representing the county in court proceedings.

She has served as county counsel since 1995.

Columbia Bank’s ‘Warm Hearts’ campaign to help the homeless

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Columbia Bank’s “Warm Hearts Winter Drive” is collecting cash and clothing to help the homeless, with some of the proceeds going to the Astoria Warming Center.

The campaign involves all 149 branches of the Tacoma, Washington, based bank. People can donate cash and winter goods, and the collections go to homeless shelters and relief organizations.

Genevieve Butenshon, the vice president and

branch manager at Columbia Bank in Astoria, said the local branch has selected the warming center as the recipient.

The warming center at First United Methodist Church provides shelter for the homeless on cold nights.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Occasional evening rain and a thunderstorm

43°

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

Friday

Periods of rain

50° 42°

Saturday

Breezy with rain

53° 44°

Sunday

Periods of rain

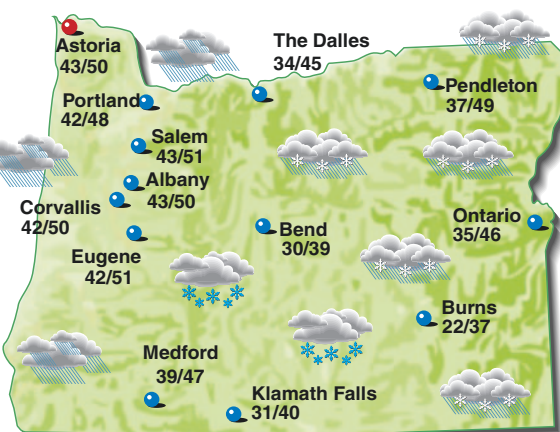
49° 40°

Monday

Partly sunny with a couple of showers

49° 39°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures

High 57°

Low 49°

Normal high 49°

Normal low 37°

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.32"

Month to date 8.92"

Normal month to date 3.09"

Year to date 62.16"

Normal year to date 60.46"

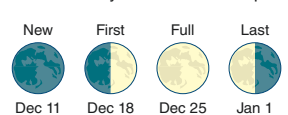
Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 4:29 p.m.

Sunrise Friday 7:47 a.m.

Moonrise today 6:44 a.m.

Moonset today 4:31 p.m.



Regional Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	44	27	sn	40	30	c
Bend	43	30	r	39	32	sn
Brookings	52	43	r	53	47	r
Eugene	52	42	r	51	42	r
Ilwaco	52	46	r	50	46	r
Klamath Falls	41	31	r	40	31	sn
Medford	51	39	r	47	40	r
Newport	49	43	r	52	43	r
North Bend	56	45	r	54	46	r

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The Big Dipper is low above the northern horizon after sunset. Before sunrise, it will be nearly overhead.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

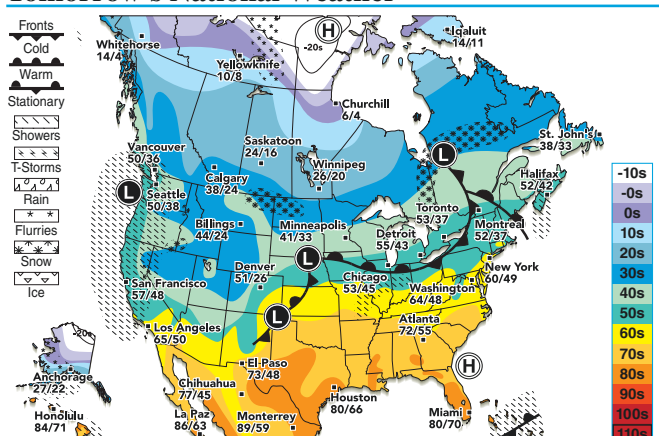
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	1:31 a.m.	7.9 ft.	6:54 a.m.	3.1 ft.
	12:37 p.m.	9.5 ft.	7:43 p.m.	-0.5 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	70	54	pc	72	55	pc
Boston	58	45	pc	59	45	pc
Chicago	59	40	pc	53	45	c
Denver	65	40	pc	51	26	c
Des Moines	59	38	pc	58	45	c
Detroit	55	43	pc	55	43	pc
El Paso	72	43	s	73	48	s
Fairbanks	-12	-19	pc	-5	-11	c
Honolulu	84	74	pc	84	71	pc
Indianapolis	58	44	pc	59	56	sh
Kansas City	63	43	pc	64	45	c
Las Vegas	72	52	pc	57	41	c
Los Angeles	70	54	pc	65	50	pc
Memphis	70	60	pc	75	65	pc
Miami	80	68	c	80	70	pc
Nashville	65	55	pc	70	60	pc
New Orleans	77	64	pc	79	65	pc
New York	58	47	pc	60	49	pc
Oklahoma City	67	42	s	72	55	s
Philadelphia	60	44	pc	63	47	pc
St. Louis	68	44	pc	67	57	c
Salt Lake City	58	33	sh	41	29	c
San Francisco	62	50	r	57	48	pc
Seattle	52	40	r	50	38	sh
Washington, DC	60	45	pc	64	48	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.

How do you get around town?

Transit meeting location changed

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Sunset Empire Transportation District wants opinions

about regional transit service and is offering residents a chance to do just that from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

SETD provides local and regional bus service and are

undertaking a long range plan to determine the transit needs of Clatsop County. Questions include where and when passengers need to travel and what service can be improved.

For more information visit <http://transitstudy.ridethebus.org>.

History of parks on tap at Fort George

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Historian John Goodenberger, retired Astoria city planner Rosemary Johnson and Astoria Parks and

Recreation Director Angela Cosby will talk park history Thursday night at Fort George Brewery and Public House's Lovell Showroom.

The talk, the latest in the

Beers to Your Health series, comes as the Parks and Recreation Department is preparing a master plan for the future.

The event starts at 7 p.m.

Lotteries

OREGON

Wednesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 0-5-5-6

4 p.m.: 4-6-4-5

7 p.m.: 8-2-9-3

10 p.m.: 8-9-2-8

Wednesday's Megabucks: 3-8-22-29-30-32

Estimated jackpot: \$3.2 million.

Wednesday's Powerball: 7-10-16-46-56, Powerball: 1

Estimated jackpot: \$164 million.

WASHINGTON

Wednesday's Daily Game: 8-8-0

Wednesday's Hit 5: 09-19-33-36-39

Estimated jackpot: \$550,000.

Wednesday's Keno: 01-07-08-09-20-25-26-30-31-38-40-45-50-60-64-65-67-68-70-80

Wednesday's Lotto: 06-13-17-30-32-45

Estimated jackpot: \$3.2 million.

Wednesday's Match 4: 01-08-17-23

Birth

Nov. 29, 2015

CHASE, Ashley, and GONZALEZ, Alfredo, of Astoria, a boy, Leo Gonzalez, born

at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Valerie Edwards and Lloyd Chase, both of Astoria.

Death

Dec. 8, 2015

ALTHEIDE, Michael L. "Mick," 47, of Astoria, died in Wheeler. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Public meetings

THURSDAY

Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.

Seaside Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m.,

Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Gearhart City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

Elsie-Vinemapple RFPD, 7 p.m., 37564 U.S. Highway 26, Seaside.

MONDAY

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., Seaside City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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