

POINT of view

'How do you feel about regifting?'



"I think it's fine. I'm fine with it. If someone gave me something I didn't want, I'd give it as a gift."

Stephanie Roley, Astoria



"I think it's great because you can take something you've enjoyed, and are finished with, and give it to someone else to enjoy."

Nancy Stambaugh, Astoria



"I think it's all right. I think people that don't need something can give it away."

Cathy Van Horn, Astoria

Public meetings

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourism Advisory Commission, 3 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY
Astoria Parks and Recreation Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee, 8 a.m., Astoria Recreation Center, 1555 W. Marine Drive.

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Deaths

Dec. 14, 2015
FLAVIN, Richard John, 73, of Knappa, died in Knappa. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 14, 2015
EBERLY, Betty, 96, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 15, 2015
MEAD, Janet, 84, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Port hires pilot to run airport

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria has hired Gary Kobes, a pilot and member of the Airport Advisory Committee, as an independent contractor to be interim manager of the Astoria Regional Airport.

The position was previously held by former Director of Business Development and Operations Mike Weston, who left the Port last month after signing a separation agreement with the agency.

"I approached the Port," Kobes said of how he got the position. "I actually applied for a different position, and when Mr. Knight saw my resume and my experience, he said 'I think I have a place I can use you.'"

Kobes, as a consultant through his company Landside Resources, Inc., will handle planning and management of the airport for \$50 an hour. Much of his focus will be on helping the Port's efforts to find a private fixed-base operator for the airport. Kobes helped bring forth the committee's recommendation last year of seeking a private operator.

"There are a lot of issues surrounding that," he said of finding an airport operator, "and then obviously the runway project is a big endeavor."

The Port has received about \$500,000 from the state Department of Transportation's Connect Oregon VI infrastructure grant program. The grant is meant as a local match on \$5

million from the Federal Aviation Administration the Port received to repave a runway.

Kobes said bids on the project are due Thursday, after which the Port will take a week or so to review and select the best bidder.

The Port had previously gone out to bid for the project. But Weston said only one bid was received, and it was about \$1 million more than the Port expected.

Kobes said the lack of bids last time was because grant money came in late, forcing the Port to open bidding late in the year, when contractors largely had their slate of projects filled. This time, he said, the Port can expect several bids at more competitive prices.

Lotteries

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-7-7-1
4 p.m.: 6-9-1-0
7 p.m.: 1-0-5-2
10 p.m.: 6-1-6-5

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 3-9-3
Tuesday's Keno: 01-02-04-07-13-16-18-20-26-27-29-30-34-40-45-46-51-54-56-75
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-

13-21-22
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 18-25-47-51-61, Mega Ball: 5
Estimated jackpot: \$74 million.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Considerable cloudiness and becoming rainy
44°

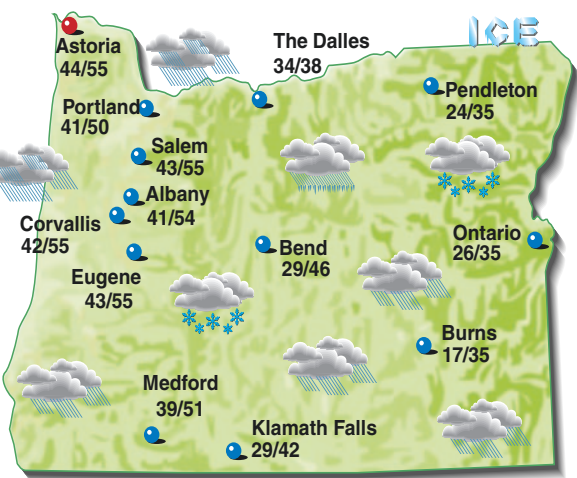
Thursday
Rain
55° 46°

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers
50° 44°

Friday
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers
51° 41°

Sunday
Periods of rain
50° 42°

Oregon Weather



Almanac
Astoria through Tuesday.
Temperatures
High 44°
Low 35°
Normal high 48°
Normal low 36°
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.35"
Month to date 12.02"
Normal month to date 4.96"
Year to date 65.26"
Normal year to date 62.33"

Sun and Moon
Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 7:52 a.m.
Moonrise today 11:23 a.m.
Moonset today 10:35 p.m.

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	35 16 sn	31 30 sn
Bend	39 29 c	46 39 r
Brookings	49 44 r	54 48 r
Eugene	47 43 r	55 45 r
Ilwaco	49 45 c	53 47 r
Klamath Falls	37 29 c	42 34 r
Medford	46 39 c	51 43 r
Newport	48 45 r	55 46 r
North Bend	51 47 r	59 49 r

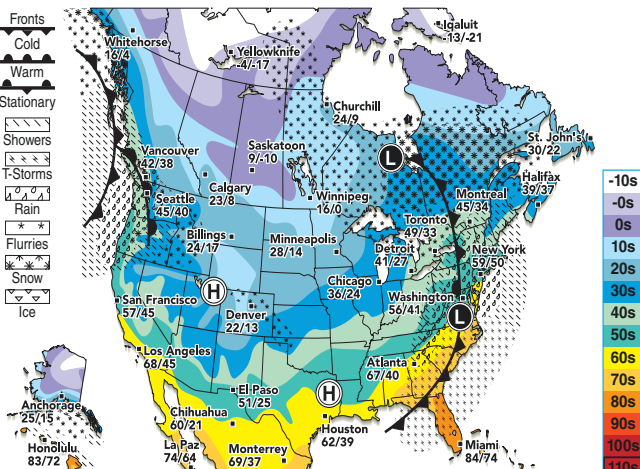
Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The "Dog Star", Sirius, rises in the southeast in the mid-evening.

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	70 58 pc	67 40 r
Boston	44 37 s	52 47 r
Chicago	52 30 sh	36 24 c
Denver	33 14 pc	22 13 sf
Des Moines	40 27 pc	35 22 pc
Detroit	51 36 sh	41 27 c
El Paso	49 26 s	51 25 s
Fairbanks	0 -13 pc	-3 -12 pc
Honolulu	84 72 s	83 72 pc
Indianapolis	56 30 sh	39 26 pc
Kansas City	40 25 pc	36 23 pc
Las Vegas	50 31 s	51 35 s
Los Angeles	63 41 s	68 45 s
Memphis	63 38 sh	53 33 s
Miami	83 73 pc	84 74 t
Nashville	68 40 pc	52 31 pc
New Orleans	79 59 t	66 46 pc
New York	52 46 pc	59 50 r
Oklahoma City	52 25 s	47 24 c
Philadelphia	57 48 pc	60 47 r
St. Louis	58 31 pc	43 28 s
Salt Lake City	32 17 sn	33 26 c
San Francisco	55 43 c	57 45 pc
Seattle	44 37 c	45 40 r
Washington, DC	57 45 s	56 41 r

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.

Highway 202 closed with culvert collapse

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The Oregon Department of Transportation has closed Highway 202 at milepost 6 near Ordway

Lane until further notice because of a culvert failure caused by last week's flooding.

A detour is in place at Walluski Loop. Wide-loads,

or oversize 18-wheelers, are not permitted at this time.

Motorists are advised to expect delays and proceed with caution.

OBITUARIES

Jerry Wayne Benning Ilwaco, Washington Dec. 16, 1944 — Dec. 8, 2015



Jerry Wayne Benning was born on Dec. 16, 1944, to George and Beatrice Benning in Sturgis, South Dakota. After finishing high school and college, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Upon his return to South Dakota he married Candy Plumb on Jan. 8, 1966. He moved with his family to the Long Beach Peninsula in 1967.

He was employed at Sid's Market as a butcher until he joined the Long Beach Police Department. He started working with the Pacific County Sheriff's Department soon after. Jerry was the resident deputy in Naselle in the early 1970s, and brought his family to Raymond in 1974. He was employed with the Pacific County Sheriff's Department for most of his law enforcement years. He served the last 12 years of his 31-year tenure as the Pacific County Sheriff.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; a foster son, Clayton Moravec; and his first wife of 45 years, Candy. He is survived by his brother, James (Beth) Benning of Spearfish, South Dakota.

Jerry married Helen R. Shepperson in Piedmont, South Dakota, on June 30, 2012. She survives at the family home in Ilwaco. Jerry and Helen went to high school together in Sturgis, and rekindled a loving relationship after 52 years apart, reuniting a large family in which they had started years before with the birth of their daughter, Debbie, in 1960.

Jerry was a very proud man. His pride was very apparent when he spoke of his children. Along with daughter Debbie (Bob) of Black Hawk,

South Dakota, and Kim Gehrke, Rapid City, he is survived by daughters Jeanne of Portland, Sandy (Mike) of Menlo and Sherry (Mark) of Vancouver.

His grandchildren were a constant source of joy to him. Jordan was a very large part of his life, and lived with him and Grandma Candy for all of her school years. He loved them all equally and was always bragging about them all. He will forever be loved and remembered by each and every one of the grandchildren. Jerry has 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Jerry's heart was full! He was a very special "fill in father" to so many young people who spent many hours under his loving care. He loved you all.

Jerry was a huge part of the community and enjoyed being active in many local clubs and groups. He was very active in Masonic lodges, including Occident Lodge No. 99 F&AM of Ilwaco, and the Pacific County Democrats. He enjoyed participating in events with the Beach Barons and the Lower Columbia Classics Car Club. Fishing and hunting were two sports he did to relax, but time spent playing cards, dancing and laughing with family and friends filled his heart!

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, at the Ocean Beach Presbyterian Church, 5000 N Place, Seaview, Washington, with a reception following. Interment will be at The Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota.

His guest book is available at www.penttilaschapel.com



Jerry Benning

Ansel Wayne Lahti Warrenton Oct. 13, 1930 — Dec. 11, 2015



Ansel Wayne Lahti passed away on Dec. 11, 2015, in Warrenton, Oregon. Ansel was born on Oct. 13, 1930, to his parents, Wayne and Lenore (Sundquist) Lahti, in Astoria, Oregon. Ansel graduated from Warrenton High School in 1949, and after graduation enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Ansel finished in his dad's footsteps, becoming a commercial fisherman. He loved being on the ocean fishing for salmon and tuna, and in the fall, crabbing.

Ansel lived a full and exciting life. He enjoyed all of those special hunting trips in the fall. He enjoyed camping and being around all of his friends more than the hunting. One year Ansel was

king of the camp, landing the trophy deer which had the biggest set of antlers.

Ansel was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Lenore Lahti; his wife, LaVona (Pidcock) Lahti; and son, Terry Lee Manary. Ansel is survived by his daughter, Susan (Manary) Johnson and her husband, Irvin; and four grandchildren, Terry, Jason, Jenny and Drew. He had nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He will be sorely missed. No services are planned.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at www.hughes-ransom.com



Ansel Lahti

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