

Community mourns loss of Wendy Richardson

SEASIDE — Community members, business leaders and co-workers at The Daily Astorian mourn the sudden loss of Wendy Richardson. Richardson was a longtime South County advocate and had been an advertising representative for The Daily Astorian and Seaside Signal since 2007.

Richardson suffered an aneurysm Sunday afternoon. She was flown via Life Flight Network to Portland and was removed from life support Sunday night at 8:05 p.m., according to family members, and died Monday afternoon.

"It is immensely sad this morning to report that Wendy Richardson died this weekend," EO Media Group Publisher Steve Forrester said Monday. "Wendy was widely admired and loved in Seaside, and she was well known in Cannon Beach, where she owned a



Wendy Richardson

Shannon was born March 26, 1959, in Puerto Rico where her father served in the U.S. Coast Guard. During her father's three Clatsop County tours, she attended school here and graduated from Astoria High School in 1977, and attended the Art Institute of Portland, formerly the Bassist Institute.

Richardson and her mother, Dorie Shannon, opened 'Tis the Season, a year-round Christ-

mas store in Cannon Beach. The store offered holiday items and collectibles, as well as cards and lights. The store closed in 2004.

She was hired as the sales consultant for South County for the Daily Astorian in October 2007.

"One of the pleasures of Tuesday mornings was greeting Wendy as she walked past my office to join our sales meeting," Forrester said. "Her warm personality and keen insights into Seaside and Cannon Beach were a constant ingredient of those meetings."

"Wendy was a stable and trusted sales consultant for her advertisers for almost nine years," said Daily Astorian's Advertising Director Betty Smith. "Wendy was a huge asset to this company and she worked tirelessly as our ambassador. She took a leadership role in the Seaside office when we

acquired the Signal and (Cannon Beach) Gazette. She will be greatly missed."

"She was selfless and a dedicated volunteer, but her greatest joys were her three children, Alex, Andi and Nick," said Gretchen Darnell, a longtime friend and the director of sales for the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. "Above all, she loved her family, her children and her husband. Al. She will be sorely missed."

She had the kindest heart. She was so full of life and fun to be around."

"I always found her to be a ray of sunshine and smiles and very good at all she did," Daily Astorian Managing Editor Laura Sellers said. "Our thoughts are with her family and friends."

"Wendy immediately made me feel welcome in the community," Seaside Signal Editor R.J. Marx said. "I especially appreciated her irreverent sense of humor. She knew everyone and had an understanding of what makes Seaside tick."

Former Signal and Gazette editor, Nancy McCarthy said, "Many times, when I needed to know whom to contact about a story I was covering, I would ask Wendy because she seemed to know everyone along our stretch of the North Coast. Wendy was the consummate friend and community volunteer. ... She will be greatly missed."

Along with husband Al and her three children, Wendy is survived by two stepdaughters, Tiffany Hunt and Gretchen Teevin.

"She was a fabulous, giving person to everyone she knew," Seaside business owner Jeff Ter Har said. "It's a big loss to the community."

Funeral arrangements will be announced later this week.

Razor clamming reopens on county beaches

The Daily Astorian

Razor clam harvesting along Clatsop County beaches from the Columbia River to Tillamook Head south of Seaside are open, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced today. Samples taken from the area indicate levels of domoic acid have remained below the alert level for the second consecutive sampling period.

Razor clam harvesting remains closed because of elevated domoic acid levels from Tillamook Head south to the California border.

Meanwhile, mussel harvesting has been reopened from the Yachats River on the central Oregon Coast to the California border as domoic acid levels have dropped below the alert level. This means the entire Oregon Coast is now open to all mussel harvesting.

Despite the recent clo-

sure, shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants are safe for consumers.

The agriculture department will continue to test for shellfish toxins weekly, as tides permit. Reopening of an area 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 web page at <http://1.usa.gov/1L4JyVm>

Take heart: Somewhat drier, much warmer than average after Jan. 1

Columbia Basin Bulletin

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center last week issued a three-month outlook for El Niño weather pattern influences, showing well above average temperatures and below-average precipitation for the Pacific Northwest through March 2016.

So despite recent heavy rain and snowfall in the Columbia Basin, the outlook indicates a weather trend similar to last year: rapid snowmelt and runoff, along with warmer than normal and dry weather in the early months of the year.

El Niño is a pattern of higher-than-normal temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean that is a re-occurring natural phenomenon with influences on local weather across North America and beyond.

"People the world over are feeling, or soon will feel, the effects of the strongest El Niño event since 1997-98, currently unfolding in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean," states a press release issued this week by NASA. "New satellite observations are beginning to show scientists its impact on the distribution of rain, tropospheric ozone and wildfires around the globe."

That was a message presented last week at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco. The presentation included an observation that "atmospheric rivers" tend to intensify during strong El Niño events, likely bringing more precipitation to drought-stricken California.

However, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center's three-month forecast, based on expected El Niño influences, forecasts drier and warmer-than-normal weather for the Pacific Northwest. That has been the consistent message from NOAA for the last few months.

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Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Windy with periods of rain
41°

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

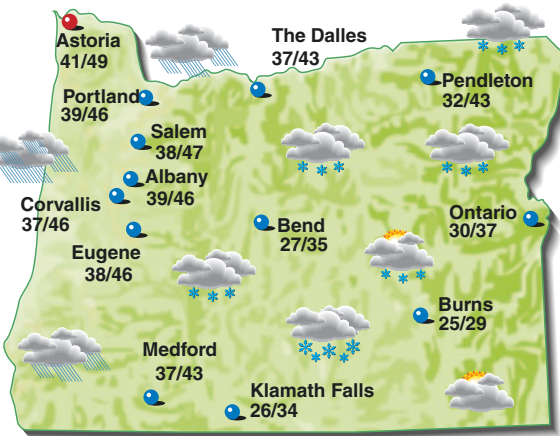
Wednesday
Breezy with periods of rain
49° 39°

Thursday
Cloudy with a shower
45° 36°

Friday
Clouds and sun with a shower in the area
46° 35°

Saturday
Cloudy
46° 38°

Oregon Weather



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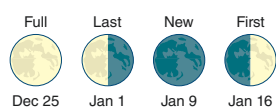
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Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	53°
Low	42°
Normal high	48°
Normal low	36°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.82"
Month to date	17.80"
Normal month to date	6.76"
Year to date	71.04"
Normal year to date	64.13"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	4:32 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:56 a.m.
Moonrise today	2:51 p.m.
Moonset today	4:34 a.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	32 19 sn	32 18 sn
Bend	37 27 c	35 19 sf
Brookings	49 41 r	46 37 r
Eugene	48 38 r	46 33 r
Iliwaco	48 45 r	49 41 r
Klamath Falls	39 26 sn	34 26 sf
Medford	50 37 r	43 33 c
Newport	48 40 r	47 37 r
North Bend	52 42 r	50 39 r

City	Today	Wed.
Olympia	44 36 r	44 34 r
Pendleton	41 32 c	43 30 sn
Portland	46 39 r	46 37 r
Roseburg	50 39 r	45 36 r
Salem	48 38 r	47 36 r
Seaside	48 45 r	49 41 r
Spokane	31 19 c	32 26 sf
Vancouver	46 39 r	45 36 r
Yakima	36 26 c	38 24 c

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: At 12:09 p.m. today, the sun will be at its lowest altitude of 21 degrees above the southern horizon for the year.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

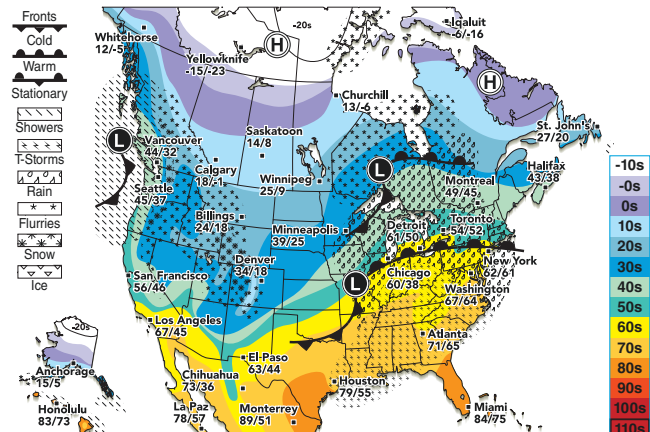
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	11:02 a.m.	10.2 ft.	4:58 a.m.	2.6 ft.
	none		6:07 p.m.	-0.8 ft.

National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	70 62 r	71 65 r
Boston	58 46 r	54 51 r
Chicago	45 39 sh	60 38 r
Denver	46 21 c	34 18 sf
Des Moines	46 40 pc	45 29 sh
Detroit	52 40 sh	61 50 c
El Paso	64 45 pc	63 44 s
Fairbanks	-7 -13 pc	-8 -23 pc
Honolulu	83 74 pc	83 73 pc
Indianapolis	51 48 c	64 49 r
Kansas City	53 47 pc	54 35 sh
Las Vegas	61 43 pc	57 38 pc
Los Angeles	65 51 sh	67 45 pc
Memphis	70 62 c	74 59 t
Miami	83 75 c	84 75 pc
Nashville	71 62 c	73 60 r
New Orleans	75 63 r	78 68 r
New York	62 51 r	62 61 r
Oklahoma City	68 47 s	66 37 s
Philadelphia	64 52 r	66 64 r
St. Louis	53 49 pc	69 44 r
Salt Lake City	40 33 sn	34 17 sf
San Francisco	58 48 r	56 46 pc
Seattle	44 38 r	45 37 r
Washington, DC	62 54 r	67 64 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.

OBITUARIES

Terry William Swigart Cannon Beach Jan. 10, 1943 — Dec. 4, 2015



Terry William Swigart "SWAG" of Cannon Beach, Oregon, died peacefully at his home on Dec. 4, 2015, at the age of 72. Terry was born on Jan. 10, 1943, in Portland, Ore-

time with his many friends. Terry was strong and daring, yet gentle and kind. He loved his family and friends. He had an adventurous soul and loved traveling, deep-sea fishing and flying. He also enjoyed horseback riding and exploring new terrains on his motorcycle. He touched many peoples' lives, and we will miss him dearly.



Terry Swigart

Terry was very proud and honored to have served his country in the Army National Guard. Terry was honorably discharged in the spring of 1970.

On Dec. 10, 1975, in Portland, Oregon, Terry was united in marriage with Carmen Rivadeneyra. Terry and Carmen enjoyed 40 years of marriage. Terry, along with Carmen, owns the Sea Ranch Resort and Stables in Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Terry was a member of the Cannon Beach American Legion, where he enjoyed spending

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

Lotteries

OREGON	Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million	06-13-14-17-25-26-30-35-43-
Monday's Pick 4:	WASHINGTON	49-59-62-63-67-71-72-78
1 p.m.: 5-2-8-1	Monday's Daily Game:	Monday's Lotto: 10-20-
4 p.m.: 4-3-5-6	0-5-7	22-29-33-37
7 p.m.: 8-7-4-4	Monday's Hit 5: 03-07-08-	Estimated jackpot: \$3.9 mil-
10 p.m.: 9-1-8-4	16-19	lion.
Monday's Megabucks:	Estimated jackpot: \$220,000.	Monday's Match 4: 04-07-
6-11-25-40-42-47	Monday's Keno: 02-03-04-	16-24

Public meetings

TUESDAY	MONDAY, Jan. 4
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.	Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

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