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Flooding at Skamokawa, Wash., in late November. (The elk trophy was placed in the old truck to add to the scene's visual interest.)

For rainy Astoria, a record wet December

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Hail, rain squalls and sprinkles in the Columbia-Pacific region combined for an all-time record for December precipitation.

As of this morning, the area's official National Weather Service station at the Astoria-Warrenton Regional Airport recorded 20.53 inches so

far this month, surpassing the previous record of 20.38-inches set in December 1996.

Since the official "water year" began Oct. 1, 42.53 inches have been recorded at the airport, 16.43 inches more than the normal value of 26.1 inches.

The weather station at Washington State University's Long Beach facility recorded 17.71 inches of precipitation through Sunday, compared to

a long-term average through that date of 8.94. Rainfall was recorded every day between Dec. 1 and Dec. 25, ranging from a nearly dry 0.02 inches on Christmas Day to very damp 2.03 inches on Dec. 8. The constant 25 days of rain compares to the modern record of 32 days set between Nov. 28 and Dec. 29, 2012.

On Dec. 21, Portland broke its all-time monthly precipita-

tion record for December. "At 6:53 AM their total December rainfall was 13.52 inches, exceeding the previously monthly record of 13.35 inches," University of Washington meteorologist Cliff Mass observed. "Since then Portland has had another two-thirds of an inch. And there is a third of the month left! The record there is going to be smashed. Not even close."

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Clear and cold
30°

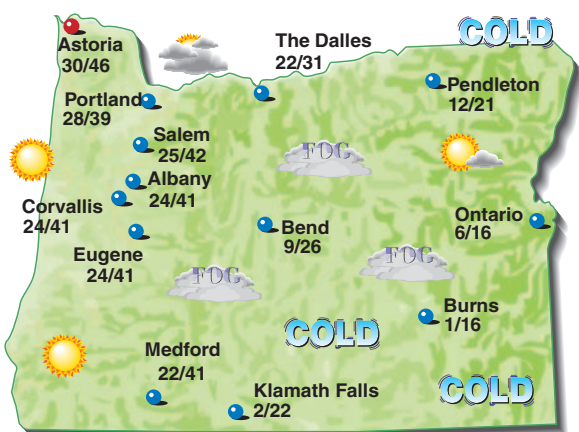
Friday
Plenty of sunshine
46° 30°

Sunday
Partly sunny
44° 35°

Saturday
Plenty of sunshine
44° 34°

Monday
Chance of a little rain in the afternoon
46° 37°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.
Temperatures
High 44°
Low 31°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 37°
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 20.53"
Normal month to date 9.59"
Year to date 73.77"
Normal year to date 66.96"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise Friday 7:58 a.m.
Moonrise today 11:35 p.m.
Moonset today 11:24 a.m.



Regional Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	19	2	s	17	0	s
Bend	24	9	pc	26	6	c
Brookings	48	31	s	47	31	s
Eugene	40	24	pc	41	20	pc
Ilwaco	44	35	s	46	35	s
Klamath Falls	24	2	s	22	-1	s
Medford	43	22	pc	41	20	pc
Newport	43	31	s	45	31	s
North Bend	50	32	s	50	31	s

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	36	19	pc	37	21	pc
Pendleton	24	12	c	21	12	c
Portland	39	28	pc	39	25	pc
Roseburg	43	26	pc	44	26	pc
Salem	41	25	pc	42	23	pc
Seaside	44	34	s	46	33	s
Spokane	18	7	c	16	6	c
Vancouver	37	26	pc	37	22	pc
Yakima	28	10	c	26	11	c

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: At magnitude 4, Comet Catalina is below Arcturus before dawn.

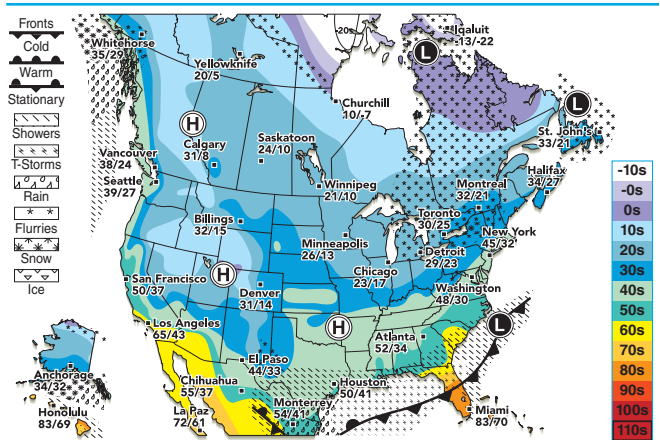
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	6:16 a.m.	8.2 ft.	12:31 p.m.	3.0 ft.
	6:13 p.m.	6.6 ft.	none	

National Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	59	41	c	52	34	c
Boston	45	32	pc	42	29	s
Chicago	29	14	c	23	17	pc
Denver	24	7	pc	31	14	s
Des Moines	23	12	pc	29	12	s
Detroit	34	25	c	29	23	c
El Paso	52	36	c	44	33	c
Fairbanks	35	13	pc	29	24	c
Honolulu	83	66	pc	83	69	pc
Indianapolis	33	22	c	29	21	s
Kansas City	32	13	pc	34	17	s
Las Vegas	48	29	s	47	32	s
Los Angeles	65	42	c	65	43	s
Memphis	46	33	c	46	28	pc
Miami	84	73	pc	83	70	pc
Nashville	46	30	c	45	24	pc
New Orleans	58	47	sh	52	45	r
New York	48	37	pc	45	32	pc
Oklahoma City	39	23	pc	40	21	pc
Philadelphia	50	36	pc	46	32	pc
St. Louis	37	24	pc	38	25	s
Salt Lake City	24	5	pc	24	10	s
San Francisco	50	35	s	50	37	s
Seattle	40	27	pc	39	27	pc
Washington, DC	54	36	pc	48	30	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.

Taking care of community

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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CANNON BEACH — Sometimes a lot of volunteers show up to help with American Legion Post 168's Community Christmas Basket Program; sometimes only a handful participate. But without fail, they get the job done, delivering several dozen boxes of food and toys to low-income households throughout Cannon Beach to brighten the holiday season.

Preparation for the annual program started Dec. 20, and during the next few days, food and other supplies were brought to the American Legion and put into assembled boxes, or the "Christmas baskets." At the break of dawn Dec. 23, legion members gathered to distribute the boxes at the Elk Creek Terrace Apartments, the Shorewood Apartments and other households throughout town.

Don Boehm, who has participated since 1977 and oversees the program, said most volunteers "look forward to" helping with the program and come back time and again. Howev-

er, planning for how many volunteers will help deliver each year "is a crapshoot," he said.

"I've learned, whoever shows up, just to make it work," he added.

In past years — the legion has done the program "for many, many years now," Post Commander Dan O'Reilly said — Cub Scout Pack 540, Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue, the Seaside Police Department, Seaside High School and other groups have sent volunteers to help on distribution day. This year, the helpers were few, but all the recipients got their boxes ahead of Christmas Eve.

The boxes contained an array of items, depending on the household size. Among the items were whole turkeys, vegetables, apples, canned goods, dried ramen noodles, croutons for stuffing and more. The packages contained a special treat from Bruce's Candy Kitchen, as well. Children also received presents wrapped earlier in the week by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

About 60 households — or approximately 250 people — received boxes this

OBITUARIES

Scott Mitchell Rice

Cannon Beach

July 29, 1955 — Dec. 21, 2015

The family and friends of Scott Mitchell Rice mourn his passing on Dec. 21, 2015. He was a beloved member of his community, and is deeply missed.

Born in Los Angeles, California, he attended Edison High School in Huntington Beach, California. He moved to Oregon in 2000, where he worked at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center as a grounds assistant. While there he met his wife, Susan, and they were married in 2001. After working in the construction industry for several years, he started his own company with a showroom in Gearhart: SMR Construction.

He loved skydiving, hang gliding, was a licensed pilot, avid motorcyclist, and enjoyed kayaking and playing practical jokes. As elder for buildings and grounds at Cannon Beach Community Church, he was instrumental in getting the steeple built. Also, he organized the Angel Tree Project of Prison Fellowship at the Community Church every Christmas, this year included.

He is preceded in death by a son, Ryan

Rice. He is survived by a son, Cory Rice of Florence, Oregon; his wife, Susan Rice of Cannon Beach, Oregon; his mother, Beverly Rice of Seaside, Oregon; a brother, Gregg Rice and

his wife, Julie, of Los Banos, California; a sister, Alison Rice and her husband, Paul, of Pleasant Valley, Oregon; a sister, Vikki Redhawk of Vancouver, Washington; his nieces, Rose Stewart and Dory Stewart of Mendocino, California; a stepson, Tim Burke, and his wife, Cassia, and son, Thomas, of Bremerton, Washington; and a stepdaughter, Deborah Burke of New York City.

There will be a memorial service at Cannon Beach Community Church on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Scott's memory may be made to the Angel Tree Project of Prison Fellowship, Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center or Cannon Beach Community Church.

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



Scott Rice

Lotteries

OREGON	WASHINGTON
Wednesday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 8-1-4-0 4 p.m.: 6-4-0-0 7 p.m.: 4-9-3-7 10 p.m.: 8-7-5-9	Wednesday's Daily Game: 4-4-4 Wednesday's Hit 5: 26-29-30-37
Wednesday's Mega-bucks: 3-24-25-27-32-39 Estimated jackpot: \$5 million.	Wednesday's Lotto: 02-03-06-21-23-40 Estimated jackpot: \$4.3 million. Wednesday's Match 4: 06-11-15-18
Wednesday's Powerball: 12-36-38-54-61, Powerball: 22 Estimated jackpot: \$334 million.	Wednesday's Keno: 10-12-20-25-27-34-35-37-39-47-49-50-52-59-63-65-67-69-72-73 Estimated jackpot: \$200,000.

Death

Nov. 24, 2015
NORMAN, Jacqueline J., 80, of Seaside, died in Bend. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

On the record

- Assault**
• At 10:08 a.m. Sunday, Warrenton Police arrested Robert Charles Ridenour, 30, of Boise, Idaho, for fourth-degree assault after an alleged domestic dispute at the South Jetty Inn.
- Theft**
• At 2:07 p.m. Tuesday, Warrenton Police cited Corey Elizabeth Jones, 21, of Astoria, for third-degree theft after she allegedly stole a pair of blue leggings, valued at \$12.99, from Rite Aid.

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