

Friday
 * **Community Skate Night**, 5 p.m., The Armory, 1636 Exchange St., Astoria, \$3, all ages.
Tom Trudell, jazz, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.
Maggie & the Cats, blues, 6:30 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, no cover, 21 and older.
Open Mic on the Peninsula, 7 p.m., Peninsula Arts Center, 504 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Wash., free.
Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Baked Alaska, No. 1 12th St., Astoria, \$2 person per game.
Hondo's Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., Hondo's Brew & Cork, 2703 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover.
Slater Smith, Americana, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.
Twisted Karaoke, 9 p.m., Twisted Fish, 311 Broadway, Seaside, 21 and older.

Saturday
Northwest Author Series with Matt Love, 2 p.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, free.
Humanities Conversation Project "Beyond Human" with Prakash Chenjeri,

WEEKEND Best Bets

3 p.m., Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St., Astoria, free.
Author Reading with Mindy Halleck, 4:30 p.m., Cloud & Leaf Bookstore, 148 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.
Second Saturday Art Walk, 5 p.m., throughout Astoria; look for the colorful pinwheels at participating merchants.

George Coleman, jazz, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.
Niall Carroll, classic rock, 6 p.m., Wet Dog Café, 144 11th St., Astoria.
Country-Ride Band, classic country, 7 p.m., American Legion 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, no cover, 21 and older.
Redray Frazier & Matt Brown, folk, 7 p.m., Peninsula Arts Center, 504 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Wash., \$12.
Hondo's Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., Hondo's Brew & Cork, 2703 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover.
Calvin Johnson & the Young Pioneers, punk rock, 8 p.m., Sou'Wester Lodge, 3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.
Scratchdog Stringband, Americana, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.
DJ Sugar PDX Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., Twisted Fish, 311 Broadway, Seaside, 21 and older.

Sunday
Scratchdog Stringband, Americana, 7 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.
The Easy Leaves, acoustic roots, 8 p.m., Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria, no cover.
Twisted Karaoke, 9 p.m., Twisted Fish, 311 Broadway, Seaside, 21 and older.

* Recommended for kids.

Serendipity Caffe and Bakery owner rubs elbows with the stars

By ERICK BENDEL
 The Daily Astorian

When Paul McCartney played a sold-out concert for 47,000 people at Seattle's Safeco Field in July 2013, Cheryl Koon was backstage making sure Sir Paul had his vegan pasta.
 Koon, the owner of Serendipity Caffe and Bakery in Warrenton, coordinated all of the catering for McCartney and his crew through her job with an international hospitality and food service company she has worked for since 2008.

At the baseball stadium and the Tacoma Dome arena, Koon has served Taylor Swift, Luke Bryan, Aerosmith, Motley Crue, Fleetwood Mac, Hall & Oates, Barry Manilow, Jay-Z and Beyoncé, Huey Lewis & The News — too many household names to list, really.
 Year after year, the celebrities, meet-and-greets, corporate events and VIP parties go by almost in a blur, with Koon arranging their menus and attending to their needs.
 If Miley Cyrus wants mac and cheese, mac and cheese she shall have. If Lady Gaga



HIGHLIGHTING PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY

requires 44 sets of forks with vertical stemware, then, by God, there will be 44 sets of forks with vertical stemware.
 "People believe it's really glamorous, when, really, I'm just there to give a cup of coffee to Steven Tyler," she said, smiling. "It's just a job — just like everybody else has a job

— and mine just happens to involve well-known celebrities, and their cognac."
 Whereas many people would be too starstruck to speak, Koon simply focuses on giving these superstars great service.
 "They're everywhere. They're at two different cities in one day. I just want to make sure that they feel welcomed, and that they can settle and stay centered when they're at my establishment, or in my building, or in my presence," she said. "I want to make sure that they're taken care of."

"Where I belonged"
 That's the very same attitude she takes at Serendipity. "We just want people to feel comfortable, like you're in our home," she said.

Koon and her husband, James, purchased the establishment in December 2014 several months after moving to Astoria, where they live in Uppertown.
 Alongside catering star-studded shows and family events in Seattle, Cheryl Koon managed the Hit it Here Cafe & Bar, a casual dining restaurant in Safeco's right field that caters for the Seattle Mariners, their families and fans, and visiting teams.

But when James Koon, a boatswain's mate chief in the U.S. Coast Guard, transferred to Astoria — where he serves as an active duty member on board the cutter Alert — she decided that she couldn't maintain her seasonal game-to-game schedule with the Mariners.



Erick Bengel/The Daily Astorian
Cheryl Koon, the owner of Serendipity Caffe and Bakery, pours a cup of joe in her establishment. She also does catering in Seattle for rock concerts and family events, like monster truck rallies.

made, largely with local ingredients.
 "We're real people making real food," she said.

"An adventure"
 Cheryl Koon — who still works for the Tacoma Dome doing behind-the-scenes catering — got her start in the food-and-beverage industry as a teenager when she was hired as a hostess in her hometown of Issaquah, Washington.
 "I kind of fell in love with the industry. I fell in love with meeting new people every day and getting to know people who would come in often," she said.

The couple's recent move marks the second time they have taken up residence the Astoria-Warrenton area. James, in fact, began his Coast Guard career on the Alert in 2001, back when their now 22-year-old son, Jacob, was 8, and Cheryl was pregnant with their daughter, Kaylynn.

"I kind of want to make sure that we take care of the town, you know?" Cheryl Koon said. "This restaurant has been established since 2003; it's kind of a staple in Warrenton."

Since Serendipity is in Warrenton's downtown core rather than on U.S. Highway 101, the business relies almost solely on regulars and local customers most of the year. Every day, veterans get a 10 percent discount.

So far, Cheryl Koon is loving her first plunge into business ownership.

"Like people say: If you're doing what you love, then you never work another day in your life. And some days I feel like that, and some days I go, 'What have I done!?' she said, laughing. "Every day is different; Some days are great, some days are not. But it's all an adventure."

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Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
 Becoming cloudy with a bit of rain late
 39°

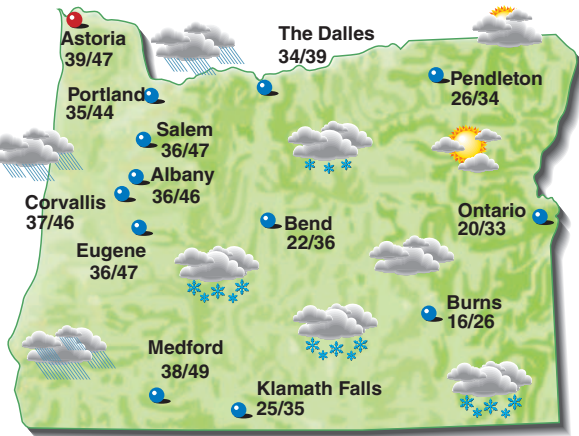
Saturday
 Rain and drizzle in the afternoon
 47° 40°

Monday
 Mostly cloudy
 48° 41°

Sunday
 Partly sunny
 49° 37°

Tuesday
 Times of clouds and sun
 52° 42°

Oregon Weather



Almanac

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures	
High	50°
Low	38°
Normal high	49°
Normal low	38°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	Trace
Month to date	0.48"
Normal month to date	2.44"
Year to date	0.48"
Normal year to date	2.44"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	4:47 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	7:57 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:25 a.m.
Moonset today	4:02 p.m.

New Jan 9 First Jan 16 Full Jan 23 Last Jan 31

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Baker City	34 22 c 31 19 pc	
Bend	37 22 pc 36 23 sn	
Brookings	50 44 pc 51 39 r	
Eugene	47 36 pc 47 34 r	
Ilwaco	48 41 pc 47 41 sh	
Klamath Falls	33 25 pc 35 16 sn	
Medford	51 38 c 49 32 r	
Newport	51 41 pc 49 38 r	
North Bend	54 45 pc 54 40 r	

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Stephen Hawking's birthday (1942).

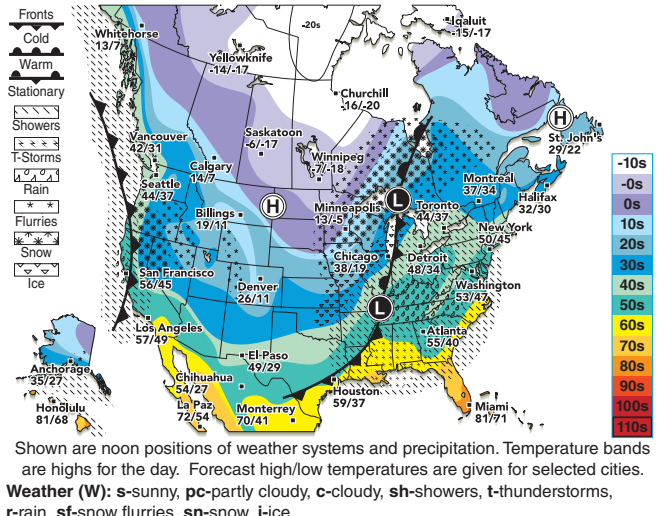
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City	Today	Sat.
Olympia	44 29 pc 41 33 c	
Pendleton	36 26 c 34 26 c	
Portland	46 35 pc 44 37 r	
Roseburg	51 40 pc 52 35 r	
Salem	48 36 pc 47 36 r	
Seaside	49 42 pc 48 41 r	
Spokane	34 24 sf 32 21 c	
Vancouver	44 33 pc 43 34 r	
Yakima	41 31 c 38 26 c	

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	55 46 pc 55 40 r	
Boston	42 36 sh 44 41 r	
Chicago	42 37 r 38 19 sn	
Denver	25 12 sn 26 11 pc	
Des Moines	37 18 sh 19 1 c	
Detroit	40 38 r 48 34 c	
El Paso	50 32 c 49 29 s	
Fairbanks	1 -8 pc 16 3 pc	
Honolulu	83 71 s 81 68 sh	
Indianapolis	47 43 c 49 28 r	
Kansas City	39 26 c 27 8 c	
Las Vegas	53 37 pc 52 40 pc	
Los Angeles	59 43 pc 57 49 r	
Memphis	61 52 c 57 28 r	
Miami	79 68 sh 81 71 t	
Nashville	60 47 sh 57 33 r	
New Orleans	70 58 pc 71 45 pc	
New York	45 38 pc 50 45 c	
Oklahoma City	48 31 pc 38 21 pc	
Philadelphia	46 40 c 52 48 c	
St. Louis	55 39 c 41 14 r	
Salt Lake City	33 25 sn 34 20 c	
San Francisco	54 48 pc 56 45 r	
Seattle	45 34 pc 44 37 c	
Washington, DC	47 41 r 53 47 sh	

Tomorrow's National Weather



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Birth

Dec. 30, 2015
DRAKE, Nickole and Nathan, of Astoria, a boy, Ciaran Tomas Drake, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Paul Gerhardt, Jr., of Tacoma, Washington, and Shawn Krouse, of Astoria, and Mike and Nancy Drake of Sandy.

Deaths

Jan. 7, 2016
WILSON, Robert Allen, 54, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Luce-Layton

Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.
Jan. 6, 2016
BANGS, Beatrice Lor-

raine, 91, formally of Warrenton, died in Forest Grove. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Astoria is charge of services.

Lotteries

OREGON
Thursday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 6-7-8-0
 4 p.m.: 9-8-1-4
 7 p.m.: 6-4-3-2

10 p.m.: 8-9-9-5
WASHINGTON
Thursday's Daily Game:
 2-3-6

Thursday's Keno: 02-05-07-13-15-22-24-27-35-36-38-45-46-49-53-59-61-65-68-74
Thursday's Match 4: 05-07-11-12

Public meetings

MONDAY
Warrenton Parks Advisory Board, City Hall, 3 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.

a.m., work session on Heritage Square, Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

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

Sunset Empire Transportation District, Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, 10:30 a.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Memorial

Saturday, Jan. 9
BENEKE, John C. — A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Seaside Elks Lodge

#1748, 324 Ave. A., Seaside. Donations may be made to Camp Meadowood Springs or the Elks scholarship fund.

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