

# WEEKEND Best Bets

**Friday**  
**Oregon Spirits Golf Tournament**, noon, shotgun start, Gearhart Golf Links, 1157 N. Marion Ave., Gearhart, \$50 to \$60, 21 and older.  
**\* Community Skate Night**, 5 p.m., The Armory, 1636 Exchange St., Astoria, \$3, all ages.  
**\* A Night of Barbershop Harmony**, 6 p.m., Seaside Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside, \$20, \$35 both nights, all ages.  
**Library After Hours with Gregory Nokes**, 6 p.m., Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St, Astoria, free.  
**Ray Raihala**, Americana, 6 p.m., Urban Café, 1119 Commercial St., Astoria, no cover.  
**Tom Trudell**, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.  
**Maggie & the Cats**, 6:30 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, no cover, 21 and older.  
**Kendl Winter & Eli West**, 7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 N. Marion Ave., Gearhart, no cover.  
**Texas Hold'em**, 7 p.m., American Legion 168, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.  
**The Hugs**, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.

**Saturday**  
**\* Let's Go Birding Survey**, 9 a.m., Sunset Beach State Recreation Site, Warrenton, 8 and older.  
**\* Beach Clean Up Day**, 9:30 a.m., Peninsula beach approaches, Long Beach, Wash., all ages.  
**HRAP Choice Event**, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower Ave., Cannon Beach, free, all ages.

**\* Play Pickle Ball**, 10 a.m., Camp Rilea Gymnasium, 333166 Patriot Way, Warrenton, \$5, 12 and older.  
**\* Boosters Crab Feed**, noon, Elks Lodge 1937, 110 N. Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Wash., all ages.  
**Art a la cARTE**, 2 p.m., Barbey Maritime Center, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, \$15.  
**Two Crows Joy**, rock, 4:30 p.m., Pine Grove Community Center, 225 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.  
**Artist Reception**, 5 p.m., Cannon Beach Gallery, 1064 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.  
**George Coleman**, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific

Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.  
**Ray Raihala**, 6 p.m., T. Paul's Supper Club, 360 12th St., Astoria, no cover.  
**Brad Griswold**, bluegrass, 7 p.m., WineKraft, 80 10th St., Astoria, no cover, 21 and older.  
**Jim Stewart Author Reading**, 7 p.m., Cannon Beach Book Company, 130 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.  
**Jukebox Night**, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, no cover, 21 and older.  
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**The Hugs**, 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**  
**\* In Their Footsteps with Susan Glen**, 1 p.m., Fort Clatsop Visitor Center, 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Astoria, free.  
**"Noises Off" Film Screening**, 2 p.m., Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria, \$5, PG-13.  
**The Cabin Project**, pop, 7 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.  
**Nick Jaina & Stelth Ulvang**, folk, 8 p.m., Sou'Wester Lodge, 3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.  
**Vaudeville Etiquette**, country, 8 p.m., Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria, no cover.

**\* Recommended for kids.**

## Audit finds serious backlogs at teacher licensing agency

By PARIS ACHEN  
*Capital Bureau*

SALEM — Mismanagement, outdated technology and staffing shortages at the state's teacher licensing agency have resulted in four-month-long waits for teacher licenses, yearslong investigations into teacher misconduct and poor morale, according to an audit by the Secretary of State's Office.

"The licensing and customer service delays can damage the agency's reputation, complicate school district hiring and make it harder on educators looking for jobs," stated an audit report released Thursday.

The Legislature ordered the emergency audit last year to address perennial problems at the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission.

Auditors gave the commission credit for making "recent improvements in service to educators."

"But it still faces substantial backlogs in issuing licenses, investigating complaints against educators, and responding promptly to educator questions," the report stated.

**Mismanagement**  
 Commission Executive Director Vickie Chamberlain, who, auditors said, received

inadequate oversight from the 17-member commission, announced her retirement in early October in the midst of the audit. She agreed to stay on at the agency until a successor could be found.

She told The Oregonian at the time that the demands of the job had been taking a toll on her.

Chamberlain said the job will be posted soon but gave no specific timeline. The Department of Administrative Services plans to handle the recruitment, which will be national in scope, she said.

"They would like a short transition with me and the new director," she said.

Auditors have recommended that the agency set clearer goals to track performance of employees, including the executive director; make performance evaluations routine, and review and update policies, procedures and work processes for efficiency.

**Staff shortages**  
 Cuts to management and staff during the recession contributed to long delays in issuing licenses and responding to complaints. In 2012, the agency cut six positions.

Licensing staff lacked a direct manager for nearly two years, while investigators faced high turnover and high case-loads, according to the audit.

The agency's outdated and "complicated" paper-based licensing system also contributed to delays. The commission's website lacked basic information that could have provided answers to teacher's licensing questions, the report stated.

The commission, in a response sent to the Secretary of State's Office, largely agreed with the Secretary of State's critique of the agency.

The commission indicated it plans to prioritize resolving backlogs in licensing and investigations and make changes to increase oversight of employees, enhance transparency and boost effectiveness.

An increase in license fees last year — the first in 10 years — could help in addressing backlogs by allowing the agency to add four new staff positions and replace the archaic licensing system. The agency's bud-

get operates solely on licensing fees. Starting Jan. 1, applicants were scheduled to be able to file applications and pay fees online.

Consumers are already seeing some improvements, the report indicated. The average call hold time fell from 30 minutes in 2014 to five minutes in the summer. Investigators are testing a new triage system to help reduce investigation lengths.

The agency, consisting of 26 employees, licenses 19,000 K-12 teachers a year and investigates hundreds of complaints against educators. The commission also is responsible for disciplining educators and evaluating education programs for teachers at Oregon colleges.

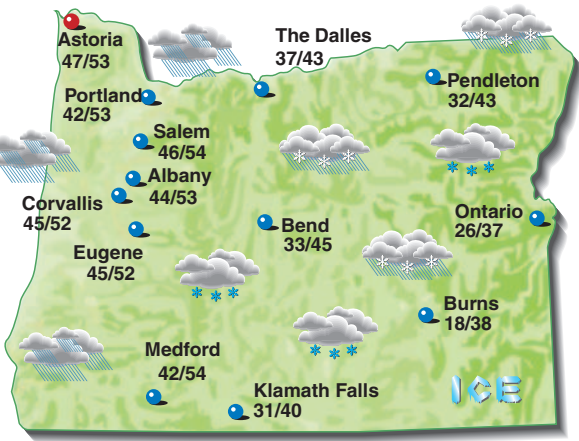
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## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

<b>Tonight</b> Rain 47°	Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs
<b>Saturday</b> Breezy with rain 53°	<b>Sunday</b> Rain 47°
<b>Monday</b> Variable cloudiness 53°	<b>Tuesday</b> Cloudy with spotty showers 43°
<b>Wednesday</b> Partly cloudy 52°	<b>Thursday</b> Partly cloudy 42°

### Oregon Weather



### Almanac

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures	
High	47°
Low	37°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	38°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.23"
Month to date	2.77"
Normal month to date	4.84"
Year to date	2.77"
Normal year to date	4.84"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	4:55 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	7:54 a.m.
Moonrise today	11:04 a.m.
Moonset today	none

First  Full  Last  New  
 Jan 16    Jan 23    Jan 31    Feb 8

### Regional Cities

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	36	24	sf	35	28	sn
Bend	41	33	pc	45	35	sn
Brookings	51	47	c	55	50	r
Eugene	50	45	c	52	46	r
Ilwaco	50	46	c	52	48	r
Klamath Falls	35	31	c	40	32	sn
Medford	49	42	c	54	44	r
Newport	51	45	c	53	47	r
North Bend	54	48	c	57	50	r

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The Double Clusters of Perseus is high above the western horizon after sunset.

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	47	40	sh	51	43	r
Pendleton	43	32	sf	43	35	r
Portland	49	42	c	53	45	r
Roseburg	52	46	c	56	48	r
Salem	51	46	c	54	47	r
Seaside	51	47	c	53	49	r
Spokane	33	29	sf	36	34	sn
Vancouver	48	42	c	50	44	r
Yakima	40	29	pc	38	30	sn

### Tomorrow's Tides

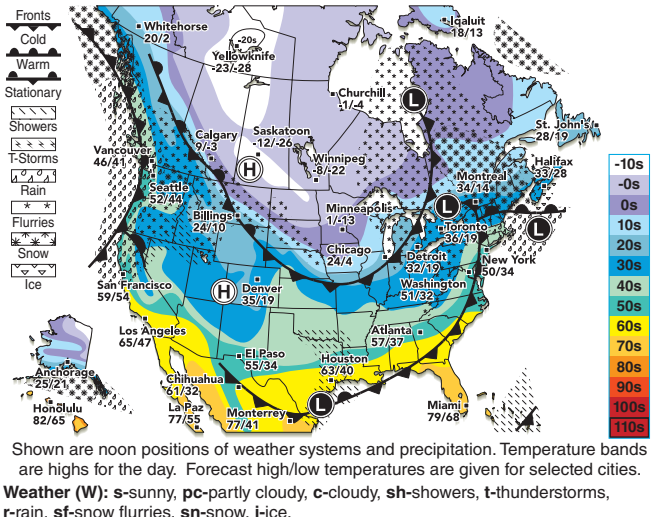
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
6:00 a.m.	9.1 ft.	12:32 p.m.	1.9 ft.
6:24 p.m.	7.3 ft.	none	

### National Cities

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	53	43	sh	57	37	s
Boston	39	34	pc	43	28	r
Chicago	42	23	sf	24	4	pc
Denver	35	18	pc	35	19	pc
Des Moines	26	7	c	15	-1	pc
Detroit	42	28	r	32	19	c
El Paso	60	37	s	55	34	s
Fairbanks	3	-2	pc	11	0	pc
Honolulu	79	66	sh	82	65	sh
Indianapolis	44	26	sn	30	17	pc
Kansas City	33	18	c	30	16	pc
Las Vegas	59	39	pc	57	40	pc
Los Angeles	62	49	pc	65	47	pc
Memphis	61	32	c	44	28	pc
Miami	78	67	t	79	68	pc
Nashville	55	32	r	42	25	pc
New Orleans	70	49	pc	65	45	pc
New York	49	42	pc	50	34	r
Oklahoma City	53	31	s	43	29	pc
Philadelphia	52	39	pc	50	30	pc
St. Louis	47	25	r	34	21	pc
Salt Lake City	35	27	sn	36	31	sn
San Francisco	57	52	pc	59	54	r
Seattle	49	42	sh	52	44	r
Washington, DC	53	40	sh	51	32	pc

### Tomorrow's National Weather



## Candlelight walk to honor MLK

The Lower Columbia Diversity Project invites the public to join in a candlelight walk honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. at 5:30 p.m. Monday, starting at the corner of 12th and Commercial streets.

Following the walk, all are welcome to come to Peace Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall, 565 12th St., for a free soup dinner, provided by the North Coast Food Web, and a short program.

## Two step down from Warrenton school board

The Warrenton-Hammond School Board accepted the resignations of both Adam Neahrng and Dennis Warren Wednesday.

Superintendent Mark Jeffery said Neahrng and his family moved out of the district, while Warren cited health issues. Warren, who

defeated Joe Talamantez in last year's special districts election, said he decided to run again because his health had improved.

Applications for the two vacant positions are available at [www.gowarrenton.com](http://www.gowarrenton.com) and at the district office, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave. Applicants must have lived in the district for at least one year.

Jeffery said the district is accelerating the process of finding applicants, with budgeting and teacher contract negotiations upcoming. The deadline for applying is Jan. 22. The school board will interview candidates Jan. 23. Successful applicants will be sworn in Feb. 10 and serve through June 30, 2017, before running for re-election.

## Death

**Jan. 14, 2016**  
 DIEGO, Marcela, 100, of Hammond, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lotteries

<b>OREGON</b>	<b>10 p.m.: 0-5-5-4</b>	<b>Thursday's Keno: 05-12-14-16-20-22-23-27-30-33-34-37-39-40-48-56-61-66-73-80</b>
<b>Thursday's Pick 4:</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>Thursday's Daily Game:</b>
<b>1 p.m.: 4-1-6-6</b>		<b>1-0-1</b>
<b>4 p.m.: 9-2-6-4</b>		<b>Thursday's Match 4: 17-18-20-23</b>
<b>7 p.m.: 3-7-8-2</b>		

## Public meetings

- TUESDAY**  
**Cannon Beach Public Works**, 9 a.m., City Hall 163 E. Gower St.  
**Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission**, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Knappa School Board**, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.  
**Seaside School District**, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.  
**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., 1095 Duane St.
- Shoreline Sanitary District Board**, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.  
**Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council**, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**Seaside Tree Board**, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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