

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'How do you feel about Oregon LNG giving up the Warrenton project?'



"It's a tremendous loss. I think we need the revenue. It's better than coal trains coming in here."

Ann Davenport, Vancouver, Washington



"It's good they gave up on it. We don't want that. It's too beautiful here for that."

Robin Dismang, Astoria



"Fine, thank you."

Mike Dewaide, Astoria

Raffle to help finance McClure Park slide

The Daily Astorian

The Friends of McClure Park is just \$5,000 away from making the 30-foot hillside slide project a reality.

Since February, the group has been conducting a raffle ticket sales drive in an effort to raise the final funds needed for the centerpiece of the McClure Park project.

With just over two weeks left for raffle ticket sales, community members are encouraged to purchase tickets before they run out. Right now, only 500 tickets need to be purchased in order to reach the final goal.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each. First prize is an electric bicycle valued at \$1,700, which is on display in the window at the old Link's store at 1254 Com-

mercial St.; second prize is an Astoria weekend getaway at the Hampton Inn, and dinner for two at The Cellar on 10th, valued at \$600.

Tickets may be purchased at The Cellar on 10th, 1004 Marine Drive, and Reef Barber Shop, 175 14th St., Suite 170. Donations may also be made at the Friends of McClure Park GoFundMe site, www.gofundme.com/onc88g

Raffle ticket sales end May 1, prior to the drawing, which will be held at 4 p.m. at McClure Park. Participants do not have to be present to win.

For information about Friends of McClure Park, contact Dave McElroy at 503-298-8987, email macjake@aol.com or go to "Friends of McClure Park, Astoria OR" on Facebook.

Developer drops plans for a new methanol plant in Washington state

Consortium still wants plants in Kalama and St. Helens

By PHUONG LE, Associated Press

SEATTLE — A China-backed consortium on Tuesday canceled plans to build a \$3.4 billion methanol plant in Washington state, but said it is committed to building two other facilities in the Pacific Northwest.

Northwest Innovation Works ended its lease with the Port of Tacoma, citing regulatory and other issues related to developing the land, the site of a former aluminum smelter.

The company also said it would take at least three more years — longer than anticipated — to complete an environmental review and there wasn't enough time under the current port lease to do that.

The Tacoma project was the largest of three methanol refineries proposed by the company to convert natural gas to methanol, which would then be shipped to China to make plastics and other consumer goods. The plant would have produced 20,000 metric tons a day and dwarf other methanol plants planned or being built in the U.S.

The company said Tuesday it is committed to developing methanol plants in Kalama, Washington, and St. Helens. Supporters have said the projects would create hundreds of jobs and infuse

billions of dollars into the region. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee had embraced them as a boost to the state's clean energy future.

But the Tacoma project faced vocal opposition from those concerned about environmental and health impacts.

More than 1,000 people attended a hearing in early February. About 1 1/2 weeks later, the company put the project on hold, saying it "had been surprised by the tone and substance of the vocal opposition."

"Given sufficient time, we believe we would have been able to satisfy most of the local citizens' concerns and questions through the public participation process, and correct a lot of the misinformation swirling about regarding poten-

tial impacts of our project," Vee Godley, the company's president said in a statement Tuesday.

Methanol, a wood alcohol, is used to make olefins, a component in everyday products such as eyeglasses, insulin pumps and fleece jackets. Most methanol in China is produced using coal, but the Northwest plants would use natural gas.

Claudia Riedener, with the citizens' opposition group Red Line Tacoma, said the entire process of taking natural gas from Canada, piping it to Tacoma, converting it to methanol and shipping it to China to make plastics was not sustainable.

"There was nothing in it for Tacoma," she said. "We're elated. It's celebration time."

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

A t-storm in spots early; mostly cloudy

47°

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

Thursday

Clouds limiting sunshine

66° 50°

Friday

Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers

62° 48°

Saturday

Cloudy with a shower

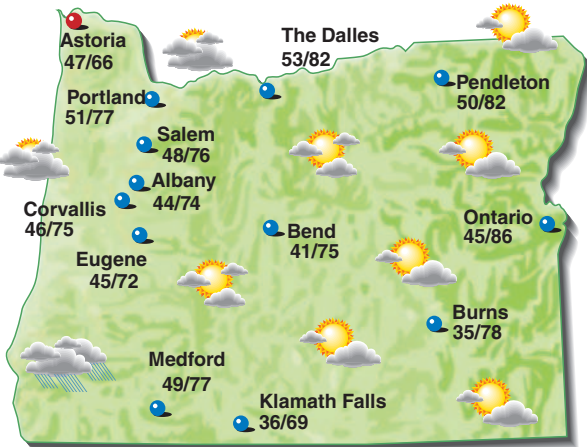
59° 45°

Sunday

Occasional rain; breezy in the afternoon

56° 43°

Oregon Weather



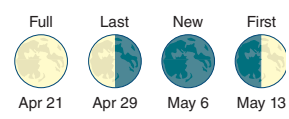
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Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures	
High	68°
Low	47°
Normal high	57°
Normal low	41°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.06"
Normal month to date	3.55"
Year to date	35.44"
Normal year to date	28.64"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:10 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	6:18 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:53 p.m.
Moonsset today	5:55 a.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Oak Harbor	80/38 s	81/40 pc
Seaside	77/41 pc	75/47 pc
Brookings	63/51 c	60/52 sh
Eugene	74/45 pc	72/53 c
Waco	61/49 pc	62/51 c
Klamath Falls	72/36 pc	69/42 pc
Medford	80/49 pc	77/51 c
Leport	58/48 pc	62/51 c
Lewiston Bend	63/50 pc	65/53 c

City	Today	Thu.
Olympia	85/46 pc	73/48 c
Pendleton	85/50 s	82/53 pc
Portland	80/51 pc	77/55 c
Roseburg	77/50 pc	75/54 c
Salem	77/48 pc	76/54 c
Seaside	62/46 pc	63/52 c
Spokane	82/53 s	80/56 pc
Vancouver	78/47 pc	74/54 c
Yakima	86/53 s	84/53 pc

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Low in the east, Mars will be 72 west of Saturn after sunset.

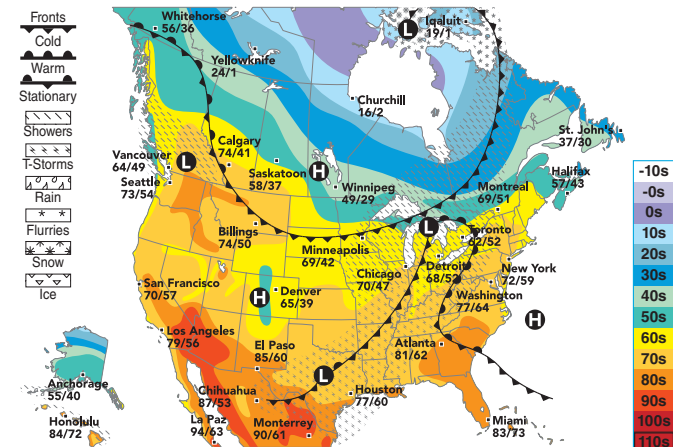
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	1:34 a.m.	8.6 ft.	8:04 a.m.	0.2 ft.
	2:10 p.m.	7.7 ft.	8:02 p.m.	1.5 ft.

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	83/59 pc	81/62 c
Boston	54/42 s	69/53 s
Chicago	71/56 sh	70/47 sh
Denver	54/34 c	65/39 s
Jess Moines	65/52 r	69/49 pc
Detroit	67/51 pc	68/52 sh
El Paso	85/55 s	85/60 s
Indianapolis	59/38 pc	59/38 pc
Honolulu	83/71 pc	84/72 pc
Indianapolis	77/58 pc	68/54 t
Kansas City	67/47 t	68/49 pc
Las Vegas	91/64 s	92/67 s
Los Angeles	84/56 s	79/56 s
Memphis	76/63 t	76/60 t
Miami	81/71 pc	83/73 pc
Nashville	81/61 c	72/60 t
New Orleans	80/66 c	80/65 t
New York	67/47 s	72/59 pc
Oklahoma City	72/52 pc	73/48 pc
Philadelphia	70/47 s	74/61 pc
St. Louis	73/57 t	74/56 t
Salt Lake City	75/50 s	81/54 s
San Francisco	73/57 pc	70/57 pc
Seattle	84/54 s	73/54 c
Washington, DC	72/50 s	77/64 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, f-ice.

Council to limit salmon fishing off Washington state, Oregon

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The Pacific Fisheries Management Council has adopted limited summer salmon fishing seasons off the Washington and northern Oregon coasts.

At a meeting last week, the council avoided a complete closure of the season, a possibility that had been discussed in March.

The Columbian newspaper reported season closure discussion was prompted by weak coho runs forecast for 2016 in Puget Sound waters and many coastal streams.

Two years of warm water in the north Pacific Ocean are considered the likely cause.

For the waters between Cape Falcon and Leadbetter Point at the northern tip

of Long Beach Peninsula, salmon fishing will open July 1 and is scheduled to continue daily through Aug. 31, or until 18,900 fin-clipped coho are caught.

The bag limit will be two salmon, but only one Chinook.

Cape Falcon to Leadbetter Point is the only portion of the northern Oregon and Washington coast where coho fishing will be allowed.

OBITUARIES

Gerald Vern Gerritz

Astoria

May 20, 1923 — April 2, 2016



Gerald Vern "Gerry" Gerritz passed away on April 2, 2016, in Astoria, Oregon, where he was born to Peter and Lillian Gerritz on May 20, 1923.

He married Eleanor Tienhaara on Nov. 11, 1942. They were married for 45 years until her passing in 1988.

He served with the 91st Infantry Division during World War II in North Africa and Europe.

He was a longshoreman, commercial fisherman and jack-of-all-trades. Gerry loved fishing, hunting, clam digging, crabbing, camping and traveling.

He is survived by his son Gerry Gerritz of Fairview; his daughter Dee-Elina Rees of Portland; his daughter Christine Smith of Eugene; three

grandsons and three granddaughters; and four great-grandsons and four great granddaughters. His love in his later years, Betty Tygart, graciously cared for him, and was by his side to the end.

The graveside service will be May 20 at 11 a.m. at Ocean View Cemetery. Family, union brothers and friends are invited to a reception at 1 p.m. at the ILWU Local 50 hiring hall, 491 Industry St., Astoria, Oregon.

Charitable donations can be made in Gerry's honor to the ILWU Local 50 Astoria High School Scholarship Inc. fund.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

DEATH

April 18, 2016

WILSON, Ricky Dean, 65, of Warrenton, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 6-3-1-1

4 p.m.: 9-8-8-6

7 p.m.: 9-5-6-0

10 p.m.: 7-3-3-0

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-4-5

Tuesday's Keno: 04-06-09-10-16-18-22-30-35-39-46-53-61-62-69-73-75-78-79-80

Tuesday's Match 4: 01-10-11-17

Tuesday's Mega Millions: 09-28-40-57-65, Mega Ball: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$89 million

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Sunset Empire Parks and Rec District, 5 p.m., 1225 Ave. A, Seaside.

Astoria Budget Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertz Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

THURSDAY

Cannon Beach Parks Com-

mittee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside City Tree Board, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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

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.

Astoria Budget Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

CLARIFICATION

The church mentioned in Tuesday's "Seaside" movie story on 1A is the former Grace Lutheran Church, which is now owned by the city, not Our Saviour's Lutheran. The city-owned former church is located at 1115 Broadway in Seaside.

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