

State GOP to consolidate convention for first time in more than 30 years

Delegates had been chosen at five locations

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

The Oregon Republican Convention this year will for the first time in at least 30 years meet in one location to select the delegates responsible for casting votes for a GOP presidential nominee this summer in Cleveland.

Oregon was the only state during the 2012 presidential election without a centralized caucus to select delegates to the national convention. Instead, state party members met in five different places — each in one of the state's congressional districts.

"We got our fingers rapped by the RNC (Republican National Committee) last time saying you can't have five locations. You have to do it in one," said GOP gubernatorial candidate Allen Alley, who served as Oregon Republican Party chairman in 2012. "They said Texas can do it in one, so you can do it in one."

The RNC didn't exactly issue an edict to Oregon to consolidate its convention. But Oregon's decentralized system caused a series of problems for state Republican Party leaders that year, which propelled them to make changes to the state convention, effective this year, said Solomon Yue Jr., Oregon national committeeman and member of the RNC's rules committee.

The state party started holding five different conventions because of the way it picks delegates. Out of a total of 28 delegates, three are chosen from each of Oregon's five congressional districts. Another 10 are elected to fill at-large positions, and three so-called "automatic delegates" serve by virtue of their posi-

tion as state chairman, national committeeman and national committeewoman.

The idea behind different locations was that party members could vote simultaneously for their congressional delegates, at-large delegates and local party officers. The problem came when voting in the congressional districts fell out of sync.

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Oregon Republican chairman

Lagging behind

During the state convention in June 2012, some districts were lagging behind others and ran out of time to elect delegate alternates, before Alley adjourned the convention, Yue said. State party rules allowed party leaders to appoint the alternative positions, but that drew some challenges at the national level to the alternate appointees, he said. Ultimately, the RNC found that the state party had followed its own rules in selecting alternates, but the hassle and time demanded by the challenges gave state party leaders misgivings about their decentralized system.

"I think the ORP learned its lesson: We don't want to run out time in 2016," Yue said.

The Oregon Republican convention is scheduled for June 4 at the Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center.

The centralized location also allows nominees to speak to the entire party, "whereas before we would have had to be in five places at one time," said Oregon Republican Chairman Bill Currier. "Instead of a few hundred people in each of five locations, there will be 1,200 to 1,500 people in one location."

No longer superdelegates

Oregon's 28 Republican delegates are divided up proportionally among candidates according to the popular vote they receive during the May 17 primary. Unlike past elections, the three top Republican officials are no longer superdelegates who are allowed to support any candidate for the nomination.

Oregon delegates are unlikely to play a role in a potential contested convention between New York businessman Donald Trump, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. A contested convention is only possible if the front-runner, Trump, fails to net the 1,237 majority required to secure the nomination.

During the Republican National Convention July 18 in Cleveland, Oregon's delegates are required to represent the popular vote for at least two ballots. The exception is for delegates whose candidate has received less than 35 percent of support on the first ballot, at which point the delegate is free to pick any of the nominees. "We are not free agents," Currier said. "It seemed fairer to have them automatically bound rather than them getting to choose."

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Park superintendent moving to Michigan

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Scott Tucker, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park superintendent, has been hired as the new superintendent of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire, Michigan.

He will begin his new role in mid-June. "I am pleased to welcome Scott to the Midwest Region," said Midwest Regional Director Cam Sholly. "He has a proven track record of working closely with communities and partners."

Tucker is a 19-year veteran of the National Park Service.

Prior to Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Tucker worked for five years as the park manager of President's Park in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for 54 acres outside the White House.

Before working at President's Park, Tucker spent five years as the manager of visitor services at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Tucker has also worked for the National Mall and Memorial Parks, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway, Alaska.

The Colorado native has a bachelor's degree in social science from the University of Northern Colorado, with minors in history and archeology.

Tucker will be moving with his wife, a Michigan native who works for the Government Accountability Office, and their two young children.

"My family is thrilled to be moving to northern Michigan and eager to make a connection with both the park and the community," Tucker said. "Sleeping Bear Dunes and the state of Michigan are already in our family photo album, and we look forward to making many more memories there. I am excited to help the park continue protecting its amazing resources for the next generation."

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Mostly cloudy

49°

Tuesday

Mostly cloudy, a shower or two; cooler

61° 47°

Wednesday

Cloudy and breezy with a couple of showers

59° 47°

Thursday

Mostly cloudy with a passing shower

61° 46°

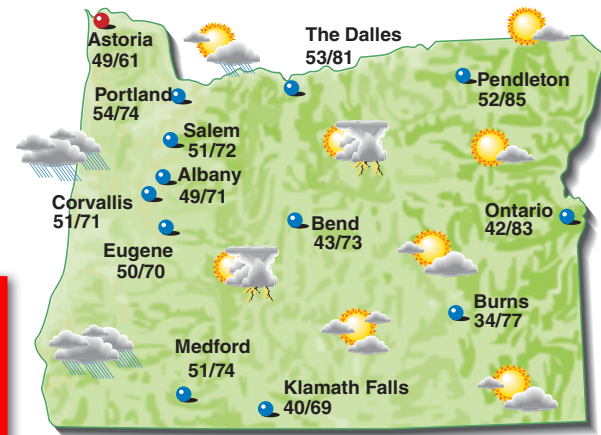
Friday

Pleasant with sunshine and patchy clouds

66° 48°

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

Oregon Weather



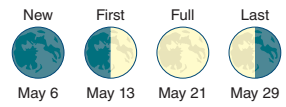
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Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures	High	Low
Today	61	42
Normal high	58	
Normal low	43	
Precipitation	Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"	
Normal month to date	0.13"	
Year to date	36.36"	
Normal year to date	30.42"	

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:25 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	5:58 a.m.
Moonrise today	3:52 a.m.
Moonset today	3:30 p.m.



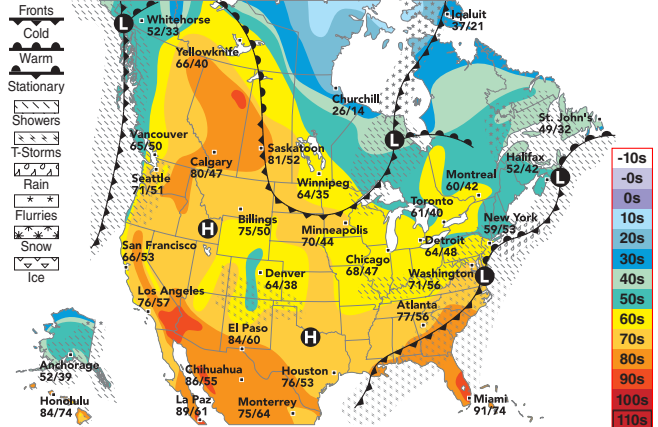
Regional Cities

City	Today	Tues.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	74 33 s 78 43 s	
Bend	75 43 s 73 47 pc	
Brookings	64 50 s 59 51 c	
Eugene	81 50 s 70 51 pc	
Heppner	68 32 s 58 43 sh	
Klamath Falls	72 40 s 69 43 pc	
Medford	83 51 s 74 53 pc	
Newport	66 50 s 58 48 sh	
North Bend	68 53 s 59 53 s	

National Cities

City	Today	Tues.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	82 65 pc 77 56 t	
Boston	54 47 r 52 46 sh	
Chicago	55 38 c 68 47 pc	
Denver	56 36 pc 64 38 pc	
Jes Moines	64 43 s 70 47 pc	
Detroit	57 41 pc 64 48 pc	
El Paso	74 52 pc 84 60 s	
Fairbanks	59 39 pc 54 35 c	
Honolulu	84 73 s 84 74 pc	
Indianapolis	62 49 c 64 48 pc	
Kansas City	61 41 c 67 49 pc	
Las Vegas	77 61 s 84 65 s	
Los Angeles	74 57 pc 78 57 pc	
Memphis	73 56 r 72 53 c	
Miami	88 77 pc 91 74 t	
Nashville	74 54 r 71 49 c	
New Orleans	80 68 r 81 64 t	
New York	60 54 sh 59 53 f	
Oklahoma City	64 42 c 72 49 s	
Philadelphia	68 55 pc 66 52 r	
St. Louis	63 48 s 68 54 pc	
Salt Lake City	67 45 pc 73 52 pc	
San Francisco	71 53 pc 66 53 pc	
Seattle	85 56 s 71 51 pc	

Tomorrow's National Weather



Regatta association to meet Wednesday

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The Astoria Regatta Association meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Clatsop Community College, Room 219 in Columbia Hall, followed immediately by an executive board meeting. For information, go to <http://astoriaregatta.com>

LaMear to hold meeting

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Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear holds her monthly "Meet the Mayor" meeting at noon Wednesday at City Hall.

The meetings give residents an opportunity to discuss city issues with the mayor.

DEATH

April 30, 2016

HOSTETTER, Joanne Beth, 82, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- MONDAY**
- Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
 - Knappa School District Budget Committee**, 6 p.m., Knappa High School Library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.
 - Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
- TUESDAY**
- Seaside Community Center Commission**, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.
 - Port of Astoria Commission**, 4 p.m., executive session (closed to public), old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.
 - Seaside Library Board**, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.
 - Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
 - Gearhart City Council**, 6 p.m., public hearing, Fire Station, 670 Pacific Way.
 - Clatsop Community College Budget Committee**, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.
 - Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
 - Cannon Beach City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Road in Brownsmead closed for repairs

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Brownsmead Dike Road is closed to all traffic at mile post 0.65 through May 20 for Saspal Slough Bridge repairs. For questions, contact Clatsop County Public Works at 503-325-8631.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

- Sunday's Pick 4:**
- 1 p.m.:** 2-0-3-4
 - 4 p.m.:** 6-0-4-3
 - 7 p.m.:** 0-3-3-7
 - 10 p.m.:** 7-0-9-7
- Saturday's Megabucks:** 1-20-21-27-44-48
Estimated jackpot: \$3 million
- Saturday's Powerball:** 3-12-16-32-34, Powerball: 14
Estimated jackpot: \$348 million
- Saturday's Pick 4:**
- 1 p.m.:** 6-2-1-7
 - 4 p.m.:** 0-3-6-3
 - 7 p.m.:** 6-7-8-7
 - 10 p.m.:** 3-4-4-4
- Friday's Pick 4:**
- 1 p.m.:** 9-6-0-2
 - 4 p.m.:** 1-3-1-8
 - 7 p.m.:** 1-1-8-1
 - 10 p.m.:** 8-6-0-2

WASHINGTON

- Sunday's Daily Game:** 1-1-1
- Sunday's Keno:** 07-08-09-12-13-26-29-35-36-38-43-44-53-54-62-63-64-66-68-78
- Sunday's Match 4:** 01-08-17-19
- Saturday's Daily Game:** 0-8-9
- Saturday's Hit 5:** 03-11-17-21-32
Estimated jackpot: \$200,000
- Saturday's Keno:** 02-12-24-30-37-39-40-42-45-47-49-50-51-55-56-66-67-68-70-79
- Saturday's Lotto:** 13-20-34-46-47-49
Estimated jackpot: \$2.1 million
- Saturday's Match 4:** 10-13-14-24
- Friday's Daily Game:** 5-4-4
- Friday's Keno:** 08-17-21-29-31-33-37-44-48-51-52-56-59-60-61-63-66-73-74-78
- Friday's Match 4:** 02-04-19-23
- Friday's Mega Millions:** 05-06-37-55-74, Mega Ball: 10
Estimated jackpot: \$118 million

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