

Seaside High School choir takes it on the road

Choir enjoys 'the happiest place on earth'

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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SEASIDE — After three years, dozens of fundraisers and measureless amounts of determination, the Seaside High School choir is on the cusp of accomplishing a much sought after goal, cultivated by music teacher and choir director Vanessa Rush.

From June 16 to June 19, about 35 choir students will travel to Anaheim to perform at Disneyland.

Rush, who took a similar trip to Disneyland twice in high school as part of a choir, said, "I got to experience it myself as a student and I know how amazing it was."

"Of all of the trips we took as a choir, that was my favorite," she said, adding it was a special opportunity to travel and do an activity she loved with friends in what is dubbed



Submitted Photo

Seaside High School Choir students react after learning they placed first in the Cowapa League and qualified to attend the state championship.

"the happiest place on earth."

Rush hoped to take the students at the end of the 2013-14 school year, her first year teaching at the high school. She realized planning and fundraising would take longer than she originally thought. Living in such

a small community, she said, "the fundraising opportunities are hard to come by," especially with the town supporting several school-related programs and projects simultaneously.

Rush joined forces with Danita Pappas, a local substi-

tute teacher, who is acting as the group's tour manager. Pappas recently took a similar trip to Disneyland with students as a teacher in a different school district. She is making reservations, budgeting and overseeing the details.

Meanwhile, the choir students have embarked on several fundraising endeavors to help finance the trip. During the past couple years, they have hosted a jazz and dessert night, held silent auctions at concerts, performed at the Tillamook Head Gathering this and last year, fundraised through winter musical revues, sold wreaths and Krispy Kreme donuts and much more. So far, they have raised about \$15,000, and personally contributed another \$10,000 toward their portions of the cost.

Mixing business with pleasure

The choir students are doing a workshop June 16, the first day they arrive at Disneyland. During a recording studio simulation, the students will work with a Disney clinician. Each using their own microphone and head-

set, the students will sight-read sheet music for a Disney song. Afterward, they will get to view a Disney video on a big screen with their recording played back as accompaniment. Of multiple workshop options, Rush said, "that is by far the most exciting one."

The following day, June 17, the students will perform their "Totally Awesome '80s" musical revue, a performance they put on in Seaside in December 2015 and the production they used for their Disneyland audition video. The "Awesome '80s" production," Rush said, "made the most sense for Disneyland since there is dancing and costumes." Some choreography is being tweaked for the Disneyland performance, since not all the jazz choir students nor students from the musical revue class will be going on the trip.

Since the students have not performed the "Awesome '80s" production since the winter, Rush said they are spending a lot of time during class and after school brushing up the piece.

"In that aspect it is a little

stressful, because we're performing in a month," she said.

In between the scheduled activities for the trip, the students can explore the theme park. Rush has heard from many students that it will be their first time visiting Disneyland, and the excitement level is high, she said.

"A lot of these students have never even been outside of Seaside, let alone Oregon," she said.

Going to state

The Disneyland trip is a feather in the cap of a successful competitive year for the Seaside choir. In April, the choir took first place in the 4A Cowapa League at a regional choir festival, which automatically qualified the group to attend the state championship in May. It has been at least 10 years since the school's choir last qualified for the state competition, Rush said.

At the championship, she said, the choir took 11th place.

"The students performed really well," Rush said. "We were really proud of the performance they gave."

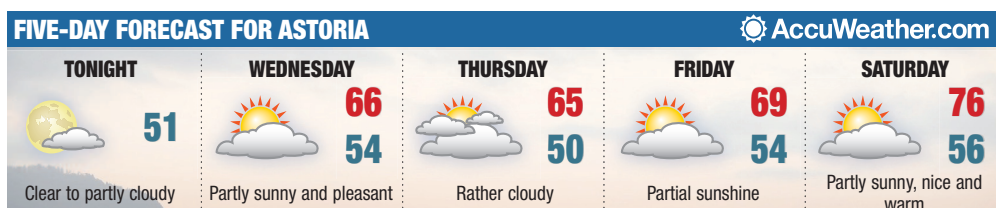
LaMear holds 'Meet the Mayor' event

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Astoria Mayor Arline La-

Mear will hold her monthly "Meet the Mayor" event at noon Wednesday at City Hall.

The public is invited to discuss policy issues involving the city.



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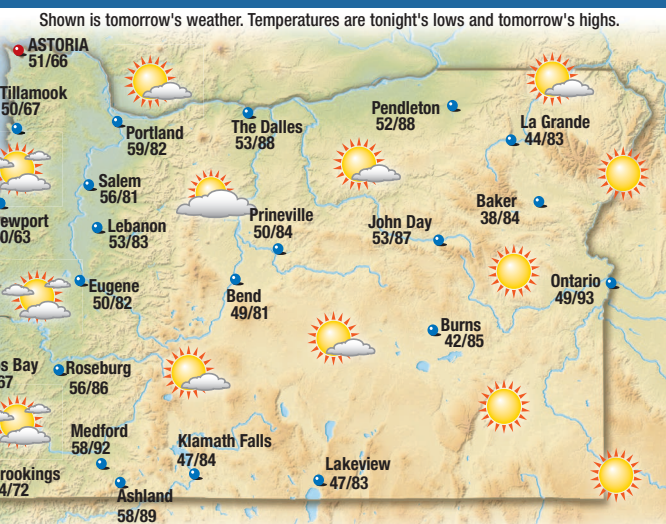
Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
 High/low 69°/42°
 Normal high/low 62°/48°
 Record high 79° in 1924
 Record low 38° in 1943
Precipitation
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.86"
 Normal month to date 3.22"
 Year to date 37.22"
 Normal year to date 33.51"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:59 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 5:27 a.m.
 Moonrise today 2:57 a.m.
 Moonset today 3:38 p.m.



REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Ursa Major is nearly overhead before midnight and Cassiopeia will now be low above the northern horizon.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
11:01 a.m.	7.1 ft.	5:00 a.m.	0.6 ft.
11:10 p.m.	9.1 ft.	4:52 p.m.	1.3 ft.

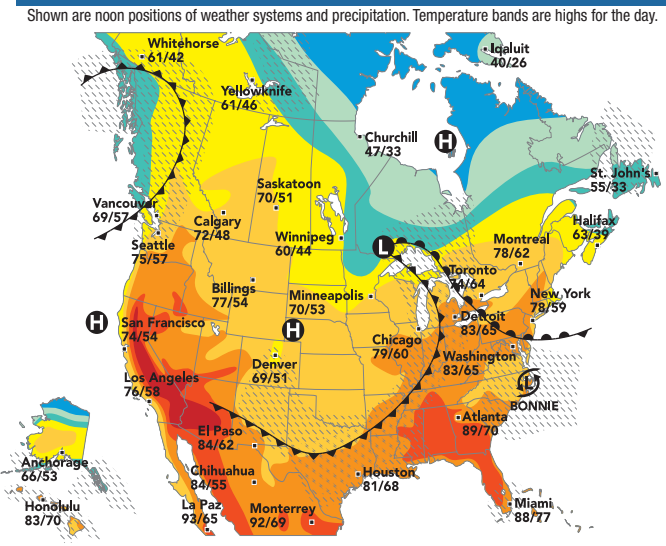
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
Atlanta	90 69 t	89 70 t	
Boston	81 59 pc	69 54 s	
Chicago	85 64 pc	79 60 t	
Denver	62 48 t	69 51 pc	
Des Moines	76 62 t	78 55 pc	
Detroit	84 58 s	83 65 s	
El Paso	89 65 pc	84 62 s	
Fairbanks	73 46 pc	71 47 pc	
Honolulu	81 71 sh	83 70 pc	
Indianapolis	85 66 pc	87 66 pc	
Kansas City	77 60 t	77 55 c	
Las Vegas	99 77 s	101 77 s	
Los Angeles	73 59 pc	76 58 pc	
Memphis	88 70 pc	89 70 t	
Miami	87 76 t	88 77 pc	
Nashville	89 66 pc	90 67 t	
New Orleans	89 73 pc	89 74 pc	
New York	86 65 pc	78 59 s	
Oklahoma City	80 63 t	75 63 t	
Philadelphia	87 66 pc	83 61 s	
St. Louis	84 69 pc	83 66 t	
Salt Lake City	77 52 s	82 58 s	
San Francisco	76 54 pc	74 54 pc	
Seattle	78 55 s	75 57 pc	
Washington, DC	86 68 s	83 65 c	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Wed.			Thu.		
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Baker City	77	38	s	84	47	s			
Bend	81	49	s	81	50	s			
Brookings	72	53	s	69	53	pc			
Eugene	87	50	s	82	54	s			
Ilwaco	69	53	s	62	55	pc			
Klamath Falls	84	47	s	84	45	s			
Medford	97	58	s	92	56	s			
Newberg	87	56	s	80	56	s			
Newport	67	50	s	63	53	pc			
North Bend	69	52	s	66	54	pc			
Olympia	81	49	s	85	55	pc			
Pendleton	83	52	s	88	60	s			
Portland	88	59	s	82	60	s			
Roseburg	90	56	s	86	55	s			
Salem	88	56	s	81	57	s			
Seaside	71	51	s	64	55	pc			
Spokane	76	53	s	79	57	pc			
Springfield	87	52	s	83	53	s			
Vancouver	87	58	s	81	58	s			
Yakima	85	55	s	89	61	s			

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Coast Guard rescues two people stranded on island

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WESTPORT — Two people stranded on Wallace Island after their small boat was swamped by a passing ship in the Columbia River were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard Sunday night.

A 20-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man were taken to Westport, according to the Coast Guard, where one of their vehicles was parked.

The Coast Guard said the pair had beached their 15-foot boat on the island and texted friends and family for help. An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Astoria and a boat crew from Coast Guard Station Portland responded.

"This case serves as a reminder in the importance of having a reliable means of communication, as cell-phones are not always reli-

able and are susceptible to weather and water conditions," Petty Officer 1st Class Starr Franklin, operations unit controller at Sector Columbia River, said in a statement. "This is why we highly advise, regardless of the vessel size, having an emergency position indicating radio beacon and a handheld VHF radio available to use to call for help in an emergency."

Counties sue state over paid sick-leave law

Associated Press

ALBANY — Nine counties are suing the state, claiming Oregon's new paid sick-leave law is an unfunded government mandate.

KEZI-TV reported that Linn County commissioners filed the suit Friday in Linn County Circuit Court. They were joined by Douglas, Jef-

erson, Morrow, Malheur, Polk, Sherman, Wallowa and Yamhill counties.

Since January, Oregon law requires employers with at least ten employees to provide paid sick leave.

Employers must provide one hour of sick time for every 30 hours an employee works, or 1 1/3 hours for every 40 hours worked.

The commissioners are asking the state court for its interpretation of the constitution, which states they may refuse to comply with any state law if they aren't given funding from the state.

Linn County Commissioner Roger Nyquist said the county can't afford any additional costs.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — 4A Semifinal: Astoria Fishermen at Henley Hornets, 4 p.m.; 2A Semifinal: Monroe Dragons at Knappa Loggers, 4:30 p.m.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 8-8-2-7
 4 p.m.: 7-9-9-4
 7 p.m.: 2-1-8-6
 10 p.m.: 7-4-8-6
 Monday's Megabucks: 4-12-29-32-43-46
 Estimated jackpot: \$5.5 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 9-1-9
 Monday's Hit 5: 08-14-15-20-38
 Estimated jackpot: \$420,000
 Monday's Keno: 02-09-11-13-14-15-16-17-20-37-43-44-46-55-59-62-63-76-77-79
 Monday's Lotto: 04-09-12-20-24-44
 Estimated jackpot: \$1.7 million
 Monday's Match 4: 02-08-09-17

DEATHS

May 27, 2016

ROWE, James Arthur, 70, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of arrangements. Go to www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

May 28, 2016

WILSON, Jennifer Louise, 35, of Warrenton, died in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of arrangements. Go to www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Port of Astoria Budget Committee, noon, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.
 Astoria Community Emergency Preparedness Forum, 6 p.m., Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St.

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Improvement Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
 Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

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