

# New college president mingles, talks priorities at meet-and-greet

## Breitmeyer's focus is on enrollment

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

Christopher Breitmeyer stood on the second floor of Fort George Brewery Wednesday evening, sometimes a pint in hand, and talked with the elected officials, business leaders, educators and other luminaries who had come to meet the new president of Clatsop Community College.

Breitmeyer, after less than a month since moving from St. Louis, said he is still learning the college and community, but already enamored.

"That's one of the things that attracted me, is that I can get to be a part of the community and make a difference," he said.

Breitmeyer, 49, was hired by the college's board unanimously in April. Shortly before the Fourth of July, he arrived from St. Charles Community College northwest of St. Louis, where he was vice



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**Christopher Breitmeyer, the new president of Clatsop Community College, chats with community members during a public meet-and-greet Wednesday at Fort George Brewery in Astoria.**

president of academic and student affairs since 2012, and the college's dean of math, science and health since 2008.

A native of Illinois, Breitmeyer earned a bachelor's in biology education. While both his parents attended community college, his first introduction was after graduate school at Arizona State University, where he earned a master's in zoology. After graduation, he spent a decade as a science teacher at Yavapai College in central Arizona.

His wife, Alana, who helps teach other instructors to work

online at St. Charles, is staying until next spring to earn a better retirement package, along with his daughter, Sophie, a junior in high school hoping to graduate early before moving to Astoria and enrolling in college in the Pacific Northwest. He described himself as a scientist, his wife as a mathematician and his daughter as an artist.

Breitmeyer, who can sometimes be seen around town walking his rescue dog Maize, said he is settling into town, exploring, house-hunting and learning the state of the college.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
60	68 57	69 57	70 58	70 58
Partly cloudy with a shower in spots	Beautiful with clouds and sun	Some sun; breezy in the afternoon	Times of sun and clouds	Times of clouds and sun

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Wednesday.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 73°/54°  
Normal high/low ..... 68°/54°  
Record high ..... 86° in 1946  
Record low ..... 41° in 1930

**Precipitation**  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 1.10"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.75"  
Year to date ..... 40.32"  
Normal year to date ..... 36.91"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 8:58 p.m.  
Sunrise Friday ..... 5:46 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 10:00 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 7:47 a.m.

Last New First Full  
July 26 Aug 2 Aug 10 Aug 18

**UNDER THE SKY**

Tonight's Sky: Constellations Sagittarius and Scorpien are due low south.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
3:11 a.m.	8.7 ft.	10:00 a.m.	-1.2 ft.
4:25 p.m.	7.9 ft.	10:15 p.m.	1.5 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Fri.	W
Atlanta	96 72 t	93 75 t	t
Boston	86 70 s	93 73 t	t
Chicago	96 75 pc	96 76 t	t
Denver	94 65 t	92 65 t	t
Des Moines	96 77 s	92 78 pc	pc
Detroit	94 77 pc	94 72 t	t
El Paso	101 75 pc	102 77 pc	pc
Fairbanks	57 50 r	60 50 r	r
Honolulu	86 75 pc	86 76 pc	pc
Indianapolis	90 75 pc	91 76 t	t
Kansas City	96 77 s	97 78 s	s
Las Vegas	109 86 pc	111 87 s	s
Los Angeles	91 67 s	93 68 s	s
Memphis	98 80 s	98 79 s	s
Miami	90 79 sh	89 78 pc	pc
Nashville	95 75 s	95 75 s	s
New Orleans	93 79 t	95 78 s	s
New York	89 74 s	93 76 t	t
Oklahoma City	98 74 s	98 75 s	s
Philadelphia	90 73 s	95 77 pc	pc
St. Louis	96 81 s	100 81 s	s
Salt Lake City	102 78 pc	99 68 s	s
San Francisco	70 55 pc	72 54 pc	pc
Seattle	81 58 pc	71 58 pc	pc
Washington, DC	90 74 s	96 79 pc	pc

**REGIONAL WEATHER**

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

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Fri.	W	City	Today	Fri.	W
Baker City	94 50 s	80 40 s	s	Olympia	84 57 pc	70 52 pc	pc
Bend	84 48 s	76 42 s	s	Pendleton	94 63 s	83 54 s	s
Brookings	64 53 pc	68 53 pc	pc	Portland	88 62 pc	76 58 pc	pc
Eugene	82 55 pc	80 51 s	s	Roseburg	79 57 pc	81 55 s	s
Ilwaco	66 58 c	65 57 pc	pc	Salem	84 59 pc	78 55 s	s
Klamath Falls	84 44 s	82 42 c	c	Seaside	67 59 c	66 56 pc	pc
Medford	90 58 pc	87 56 s	s	Spokane	90 62 pc	77 54 sh	sh
Newberg	83 57 pc	74 51 pc	pc	Springfield	81 55 pc	79 50 s	s
Newport	65 54 c	65 52 s	s	Vancouver	85 61 pc	73 55 pc	pc
North Bend	66 55 c	68 54 s	s	Yakima	95 63 pc	85 54 s	s

**TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER**

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

# State says groundwater contaminated with oil after Mosier crash

Associated Press

PORTLAND — A monitoring well installed after last month's train derailment near Mosier has detected oil contamination in the groundwater.

The state Department of Environmental Quality tells Portland station KATU that drinking water is not affected in the Columbia River Gorge town because those wells are uphill from

where the oil train derailed in June.

The agency said Wednesday that four monitoring wells were installed after the wreck, and one revealed significant oil contamination.

The department plans to install a treatment system that injects air into the underground water. The oxygen will stimulate the existing microbes that live in the water to break down the oil.

# Chinook catch limit raised off Westport in Washington

The Daily Astorian

Beginning Saturday, anglers can keep two Chinook daily, but must release coho, off Westport in marine waters stretching from the Queets River to Leadbetter Point.

The fishery has sufficient Chinook remaining within the guideline to increase the daily limit with-

out much risk of having to close early. Through Sunday, anglers had caught 13.9 percent (2,305 fish) of the 16,600 Chinook guideline for Marine Area 2. The current limit is one salmon.

For more information, contact Wendy Beehley, ocean salmon manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at 360-249-1215.

## OBITUARIES

### Leonard Richard "Dick" Mattson



Warrenton  
Dec. 8, 1934 — June 27, 2016

Dick Mattson passed away unexpectedly June 27, 2016, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Dick was born Dec. 8, 1934, in St. Mary's Hospital in Astoria, Oregon, to Hjalmer and Mae Mattson.

Dick attended Warrenton schools and was the valedictorian at his high school graduation.

First and foremost, Dick was a Christian. His greatest pleasure was praying for others. He would close his eyes and let the spirit guide his words.

Dick worked since the age of 12, when his father started the family business, the Airport Crabpot Co. Dick and his brother, Jim, eventually purchased the company from their father and made it very successful, selling crab pots from California to Alaska and having 27 employees at one time.

Dick served two years in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Orleans, France, and a short time in Beirut, Lebanon.

Dick was an outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, trapping, clam digging and hiking. Several of the ideas he submitted through the years to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve their regulations were adopted. Dick worked hard to get his elk each year.

He and his brother, Jim, made numerous camping trips to the Cascades, Eastern Oregon and Idaho. They also made a trip to the Olympic National Forest and British Columbia.

Dick loved sports. He was a Portland Trail

Blazers and Seattle Seahawks fan, and enjoyed watching golf tournaments on TV.

Reading was a passion of Dick's. He had a large collection of historical books featuring Indians, explorers, pioneers and adventurers of all sorts.

When Dick's home burned down, he designed and supervised the building of his new home, and immediately started collecting books for his new library.

Dick enjoyed writing articles about "The Good Old Days" for the Columbia Press, and had notebooks of stories and poems he had written about his own experiences and thoughts.

Gardening was another interest of Dick's. He loved working in his yard, and had thousands of daffodils blooming each spring.

Dick was preceded in death by his father, Hjalmer Mattson; his mother and stepfather, Mae and James Rhoades; a brother, Arthur Roy Mattson; and a sister, Helen Sodervick.

He is survived by his brother, Jim Mattson (Helen); his sister, Judy Mattson; nieces Jeanne Ball (Gary), Karen Layton (John), and Margie Merritt; nephews Raymond, John, Bob and Dave Sodervick; Aunt Helen Salli; and several cousins in Minnesota and California.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Go to [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to share memories and sign the guest book.

A memorial service is pending.



Leonard "Dick" Mattson

## MEMORIAL

**Friday, July 22**  
LEWIS, Vance Edward — Memorial at 9 a.m. at the Lake Church, 9015 Vernon

Road, No. 10, in Lake Stevens, Washington. A private family service will be held over the weekend in Astoria.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**THURSDAY**  
Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
Seaside Transportation Advi-

sory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., 163 E. Gower St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Wednesday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 2-1-9-9  
4 p.m.: 1-2-6-1  
7 p.m.: 2-4-7-0  
10 p.m.: 3-7-1-7  
**Wednesday's Megabucks:**  
1-6-16-31-34-46  
Estimated jackpot: \$7.7 million  
**Wednesday's Powerball:**  
6-25-35-58-66, Powerball: 5  
Estimated jackpot: \$390 million

**WASHINGTON**  
**Wednesday's Daily Game:**  
1-6-5  
**Wednesday's Hit 5:** 05-19-20-23-28  
Estimated jackpot: \$130,000  
**Wednesday's Keno:** 03-04-10-12-20-21-23-37-42-44-48-53-60-65-66-68-71-74-75-76  
**Wednesday's Lotto:** 05-14-21-25-34-35  
Estimated jackpot: \$2.7 million  
**Wednesday's Match 4:** 03-07-12-16

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