

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'What do you like best or enjoy most about the county fair?'



"There's not enough advertising. It came awful fast. But probably the kids doing the 4-H with their animals. I think it's a good lesson for them."

Loretta Maxwell, Astoria



"I always enjoy the music — the different artists that come, especially at the Tillamook Fair. And the rides are amazing."

Cord Chase, Astoria



"Usually the live music. I just like to see it."

John Hreha, Astoria

Cannon Beach celebrates National Night Out

A chance for the community to get to know police

By LYRA FONTAINE
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — About 100 people gathered Tuesday night to talk with officers, meet neighbors,

see the new fire truck and learn more about safety initiatives at the third annual National Night Out.

"That's one of the reasons we do this event each year, to get to know all of you on a different level," Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said to the crowd. "It's not as easy to have a conversation with us when you're seeing us on the road at a traffic stop."

Food, raffle prizes and

more were donated by local organizations, including Seaside Rotary. The event also had a Home Depot woodworking station for kids, a Community Emergency Response Team booth for residents to sign up and free helmets.

There were about 40 people at the 2014 event and 60 people last year.

"Each year gets better and better," Schermerhorn said.

Schermerhorn thanked event attendees, including administrative specialist Valerie Mannix and officers Chris Wilbur, James Jordan, Joseph Bowman and Jodi Symonds.

"It's to meet new people we haven't met yet and we partner with Home Depot and the fire department so kids can see us on another level," Schermerhorn said. "We're just as human as they are."

In light of recent national tensions, Cannon Beach Police Department continues to partner with the Lower Columbia Diversity Project.

"We send chiefs or different officers to their meetings to build communication so we know what's going on in their communities and they know what's going on in our community," Schermerhorn said. The department is also working on strengthen-

ing the relationship between police and Cannon Beach's Hispanic community. A brochure on what residents can expect from a traffic stop was available at the event in English and Spanish.

"We're good at dealing with different events but it's important to continue to address that with the officers," Schermerhorn said.

The police department is planning a September "Burger with a Cop" event.

Campaigns clash over how tax measure revenue could be used

Some fear a 'blank check' to Legislature

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

Two sides of a proposed corporate sales tax on the November ballot are clashing over a fundamental tenet of

the measure — how the revenue can be spent.

Initiative Petition 28 — which is on track to be called Measure 97 on the ballot — would levy a 2.5 percent tax on certain corporations' Ore-

gon sales exceeding \$25 million.

Our Oregon, the nonprofit group backing the proposal, wrote in Section 3 of the initiative that revenue from the tax "shall be used to provide

additional funding for public early childhood and kindergarten through 12th grade education, health care and services for senior citizens."

Opponents of the measure argue that passing the tax is akin to writing a "blank check" to the state Legislature, because the ballot measure is not constitutionally binding.

That means that lawmakers may spend the estimated \$3 billion in annual state revenue from the tax for any purpose they see fit.

An opinion released Monday by the nonpartisan Office of the Legislative Counsel supports the opponents' claim.

"Section 3 would not bind a future Legislature in its spending decisions," wrote Chief Legislative Counsel Dexter Johnson in the opinion issued to state Rep. John Davis, R-Wilsonville. "If Measure 97 becomes law, the Legislative Assembly may appropriate revenues generated by the measure in any way it chooses."

Constitutional amendment

Only a constitutional amendment could restrict how the Legislature spends the money, legislative counsel concluded.

Katherine Driessen, a spokeswoman for Our Oregon, said the ballot measure "spells out very clearly where the revenue must go."

"As with any law, the Legislature would have to change the law in order to spend the money on anything else," Driessen said. "We believe

that with the billions needed to boost our schools and critical services, any Legislature would be hard-pressed to spend the money on anything other than those areas."

Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, co-chairman of the joint Legislative Committee on Ways and Means, said going against voters' wishes would stir up political backlash.

"They could use it (IP 28 revenue) for anything they want at their own peril," Devlin said. "If it passes, the voters would have spoken very clearly that they want these things improved."

The Legislature has modified ballot measures in the past to fix sections that didn't work or to add clarity, but generally has adhered to the intent of such laws, Devlin said.

For example, lawmakers have made several tweaks to Measure 91 legalizing recreational marijuana since voters approved the law in 2014.

"Obviously you'll run into some marijuana advocates who'll say we didn't follow what they'd hoped for, and you'll probably run into some people who weren't advocates who said we went too far, but I think the Legislature actually tried" to follow the spirit of the law, Devlin said.

Proponents of the measure and lawmakers already disagree on interpretations of the intent of Measure 97.

PERS costs

Lawmakers on the Ways and Means Committee have said some of the revenue from Measure 97 could be used to help offset some \$885 million

in projected cost increases to the state's public pension program, known as the Public Employees Retirement System.

"It could be used for reserves or PERS, if it's needed to," said Rep. Peter Buckley, D-Ashland, who co-chairs the committee with Devlin.

Driessen, Our Oregon spokeswoman, said using Measure 97 revenue for PERS would conflict with the intent of the initiative.

But lawmakers say that view denies the reality that PERS is part of the budgets for K-12, health care and senior services.

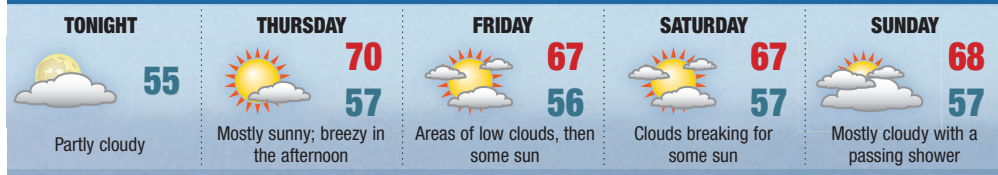
"I could put a certain amount into K-12 and say I'm not covering the PERS funds then the school districts don't have that much in additional resources because they do have to cover the PERS costs, so it isn't like there is a barrier between these two," Devlin said.

Lawmakers also want to have the flexibility to repurpose revenue in the event of an economic downturn or other financial crisis, in order to avert layoffs or cuts in basic services, Buckley said.

"You're going to get this from both sides," Devlin said of the battle over IP 28. "One side is going to say the Legislature can do whatever they want with this so then you shouldn't approve the measure. The other side is going to say: Voter, you're going to get everything you ever wanted if you vote for the measure."

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low 68°/57°
Normal high/low 68°/54°
Record high 88° in 1939
Record low 45° in 1969

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.05"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.05"
Year to date 40.39"
Normal year to date 37.24"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:42 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 6:01 a.m.
Moonrise today 6:59 a.m.
Moonset today 9:07 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 10	Aug 18	Aug 24	Sep 1

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Spiral galaxy known as M51 is just below the star that marks the Big Dipper's handle.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

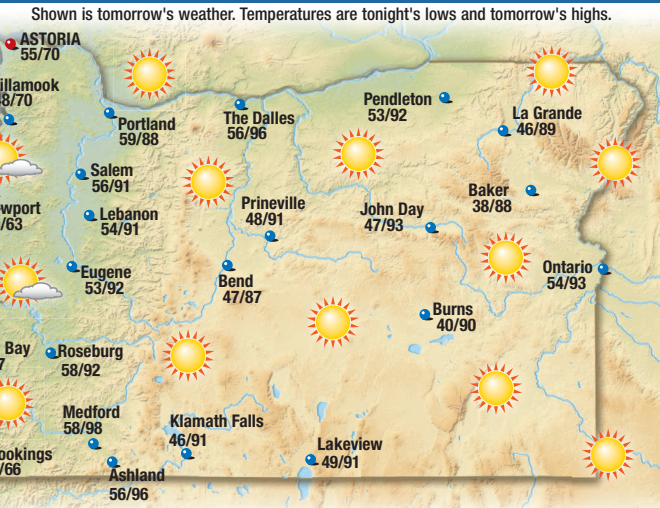
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
2:35 a.m.	8.7 ft.	9:23 a.m.	-1.1 ft.
3:40 p.m.	7.9 ft.	9:30 p.m.	1.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	92	73	t	89	72	pc
Boston	79	65	s	82	65	s
Chicago	88	70	s	92	74	pc
Denver	94	60	s	79	56	pc
Des Moines	87	73	pc	93	69	pc
Detroit	90	66	s	91	71	pc
El Paso	94	72	c	96	74	pc
Fairbanks	59	49	sh	69	55	c
Honolulu	86	77	sh	87	77	pc
Indianapolis	89	72	pc	91	70	pc
Kansas City	90	74	pc	94	73	pc
Las Vegas	100	82	t	97	81	t
Los Angeles	84	66	pc	83	66	pc
Memphis	96	77	t	97	79	pc
Miami	88	79	r	90	79	pc
Nashville	92	73	pc	91	72	t
New Orleans	94	80	t	92	80	pc
New York	80	67	s	81	68	s
Oklahoma City	99	75	s	100	74	s
Philadelphia	84	65	s	84	66	s
St. Louis	87	73	t	92	77	pc
Salt Lake City	95	66	s	94	71	s
San Francisco	71	54	pc	68	57	pc
Seattle	75	56	pc	80	57	s
Washington, DC	83	70	pc	85	72	pc

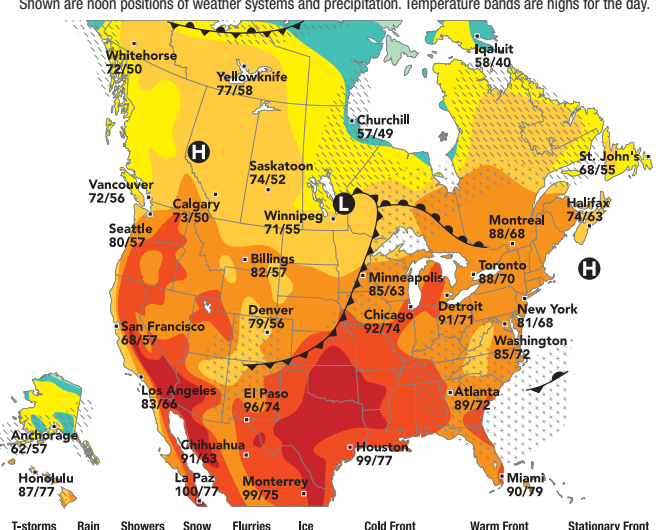
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	80	38	s	88	43	s		
Bend	81	47	s	87	53	s		
Brookings	72	52	pc	67	53	pc		
Eugene	84	53	s	92	52	s		
Ilwaco	65	55	pc	65	56	s		
Klamath Falls	86	46	s	91	50	s		
Medford	95	58	s	98	61	s		
Newberg	81	55	pc	88	52	s		
Newport	65	50	pc	63	51	s		
North Bend	67	53	pc	65	55	pc		
Olympia	78	49	pc	84	51	s		
Pendleton	83	53	s	92	57	s		
Portland	80	59	pc	88	59	s		
Roseburg	88	58	s	92	59	s		
Salem	83	56	s	91	55	s		
Seaside	67	53	pc	67	55	s		
Spokane	79	56	s	87	60	s		
Springfield	84	54	s	90	54	s		
Vancouver	80	58	pc	87	58	s		
Yakima	89	56	s	94	59	s		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



ON THE RECORD

DUII arrest

- At 1:11 a.m. Tuesday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Jacob Ray Farnham, 23, of Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants near Blue Ridge Drive in Astoria.

Theft

- At 12:23 a.m. Tuesday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Jacob Allen Cox-Brown, 22, of Astoria, for second-degree theft after he allegedly stole LED light bars on July 23 from a location on Industrial

Assault

- At 8:52 a.m. Friday, Warrenton Police arrested Gerald L. McGee, 27, of Seaside, for fourth-degree assault on the 800 block of Southeast Anchor Avenue.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 4-6-0-5
4 p.m.: 1-6-1-5
7 p.m.: 0-3-7-5
10 p.m.: 9-4-8-3

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 7-1-5

Tuesday's Keno: 02-03-08-09-14-26-29-30-31-33-39-54-55-58-60-62-67-69-74-79

Tuesday's Match 4: 04-06-14-23

Tuesday's Mega Millions: 03-12-36-54-70, Mega Ball: 12
Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

BIRTH

July 12, 2016

HARRIS, Brandi, and WHITE, Raymond, of Astoria, a boy, Robert Liam White, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

ria. Grandparents are Jeff and Trena Bainer of Astoria, Karrie and Brian Taylor and Robert Baughman of Tillamook and Duane and Tamy Malcolm of Warrenton.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Improvement Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY

Northwest Oregon Housing

Authority Board, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.

Astoria Design Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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