

Brown turns down debate with Pierce in Astoria

Pierce accepted the invitation

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Gov. Kate Brown has turned down a debate with challenger Bud Pierce in Astoria.

A partnership including EO Media Group, the parent company of The Daily Astorian, proposed a debate between Brown and Pierce to occur between Sept. 20 and Oct. 20 at the Liberty Theater. Other partners were Pamplin Media Group, The Columbia Forum and KOIN 6 News.

Pierce's campaign accepted Sept. 1, a day after receiving the proposal. Brown's campaign declined the debate Monday.

"The Daily Astorian's debate proposal, while very much appreciated, is too dif-

ficult to schedule before the mid-October deadline," said Chris Pair, a spokesman for Brown's campaign. "Gov. Brown regrets not being able to accept this opportunity and looks forward to engaging with the North Coast in the future."

Brown and Pierce are scheduled for five debates: Sept. 24 in Bend, Sept. 30 in Portland, Oct. 6 in Eugene, Oct. 13 in Medford and Oct. 20 in Portland. Brown, a Democrat, was last in Clatsop County as a keynote speaker at Clatsop Community College's graduation in June 2015. Pierce, a Republican, last toured through the county in May.

The debate in Astoria would have been live-streamed, moderated by a media panel and covered three main topics. One topic would have included specific concerns of coastal residents.

"We are greatly disappointed that the governor has chosen not to participate in a debate here in Astoria on coastal issues," said David Pero, the editor and publisher of The Daily Astorian. "Many of the coastal issues aren't just regional, they have state-wide impact, and we remain greatly interested in hearing how each of the candidates would address those questions. Those issues unfortunately have gone unanswered throughout the campaign and participating in a debate here would have allowed coastal residents the opportunity to judge the candidates and their responses themselves."

During the last governor's race in 2014, Clatsop County narrowly went to Republican Dennis Richardson, largely based on former Gov. John Kitzhaber's plan to phase gillnetting off the main stem of the Columbia River.

New Astoria library director chosen

By ERICK BENDEL
The Daily Astorian

Astoria has found its new library director: Jimmy Pearson, the senior librarian at the Denver Public Library System.

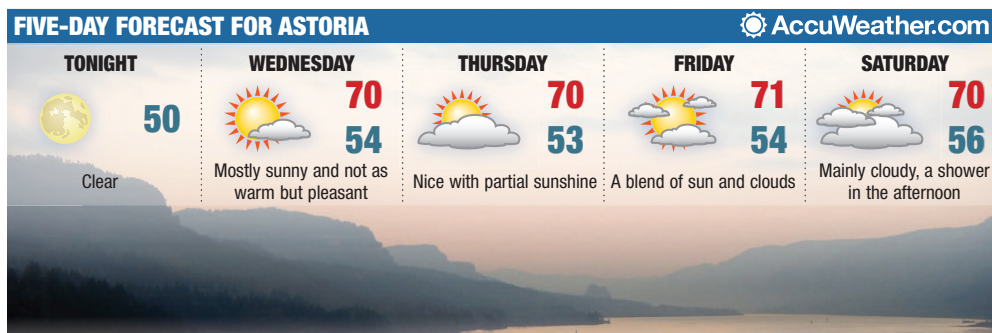
Pearson, who prevailed over 30 other applicants,

accepted the offer late last week and is expected to step into the position Oct. 17. City Manager Brett Estes said.

The previous library director, Jane Tucker, retired at the end of May after 17 years in the job. Anne Odom, a senior library assistant, will continue serving as interim

manager until Pearson takes over.

Pearson will oversee the daily operations of the library, including circulation, programs, staff training and development, collection development and community outreach and relations, according to a release.

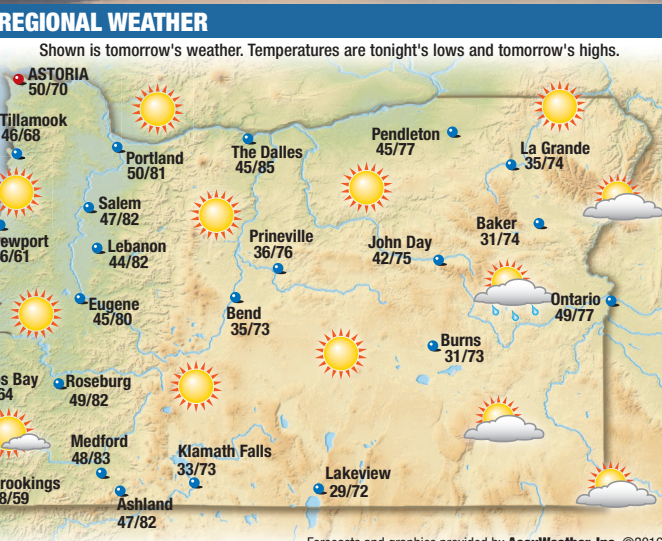


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Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	78°/45°
High/low	78°/45°
Normal high/low	68°/50°
Record high	88° in 1924
Record low	38° in 1986

Precipitation	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.07"
Normal month to date	0.72"
Year to date	41.91"
Normal year to date	39.07"



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	7:30 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	6:53 a.m.
Moonrise today	5:49 p.m.
Moonset today	3:09 a.m.

Full Last New First

Sep 16 Sep 23 Sep 30 Oct 8

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Mercury will be at inferior conjunction with the sun. Mercury will pass into the morning sky.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

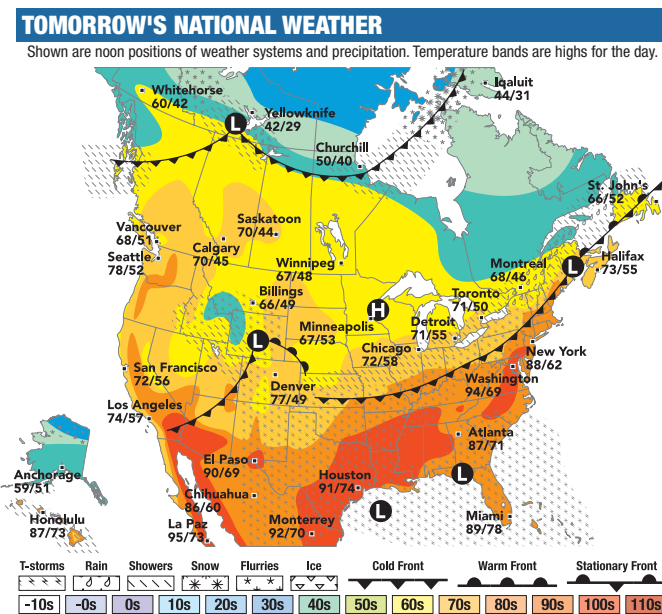
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12:45 p.m.	7.4 ft.	6:23 a.m.	-0.4 ft.
none	6:34 p.m.		1.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	87 71 pc	87 71 t
Boston	79 65 s	84 58 pc
Chicago	81 64 pc	72 58 pc
Denver	71 50 c	77 49 pc
Des Moines	69 55 t	73 61 pc
Detroit	82 64 pc	71 55 pc
El Paso	90 67 pc	90 69 c
Fairbanks	45 34 r	53 41 c
Honolulu	86 74 c	87 73 sh
Indianapolis	83 65 pc	80 63 pc
Kansas City	78 61 t	75 65 c
Las Vegas	89 62 pc	87 67 s
Los Angeles	70 57 r	74 57 pc
Memphis	84 75 s	94 76 t
Miami	87 77 r	89 78 t
Nashville	92 69 s	92 69 pc
New Orleans	90 80 t	91 79 t
New York	82 68 s	88 62 pc
Oklahoma City	90 69 t	83 68 t
Philadelphia	85 69 s	90 66 pc
St. Louis	89 70 pc	83 69 c
Salt Lake City	82 57 pc	71 51 c
San Francisco	71 56 pc	72 56 pc
Seattle	76 52 s	78 52 s
Washington, DC	88 71 pc	94 69 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	71 31 s	74 30 pc
Bend	66 35 s	73 40 pc
Brookings	66 49 s	62 48 pc
Eugene	83 45 s	80 44 s
Ilwaco	73 53 s	66 55 s
Klamath Falls	71 33 s	73 32 s
Medford	85 48 s	83 47 s
Newberg	81 45 s	80 45 s
Newport	70 46 s	61 48 s
North Bend	73 47 s	64 47 s



OBITUARIES

Kenneth Lawrence O'Toole

Springfield

April 29, 1947 — Aug. 6, 2016

Ken O'Toole, 69, of Springfield, editor and reporter of various community and daily newspapers in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Texas, was born in Seaside, Oregon, April 29, 1947, to Lawrence and Louise Toole. Ken died Aug. 6, 2016.

He was raised on Highway 53, outside Nehalem, and graduated from Seaside High School in 1965. He received his bachelor's degree in 1970, and a master's in 1983, in journalism at the University of Oregon.

He was editor at newspapers in Camas, Washington; Ketchikan, Alaska; Orange, Texas; Ashland, Oregon; Burley, Idaho; and Tillamook, Oregon. He also worked at The Daily Astorian. While earning his master's degree, he worked part time at the Eugene Register-Guard, and was a graduate fellow at the U of O Journalism School.

His passions included his fiancée Linda Eden, whom he met while attending U of O. They met in a tennis class and it proved to be a lasting love match. Then there was his shaggy English sheepdog, Rockefeller, who accompanied him on 13 years of adventures. And then there was the series of English sports cars, a couple of MGBs, and an eye-catching, bone-shaking Morgan ... impractical, and often unreliable. But, as he'd say, true love never runs smoothly. Later, a Jeep CJ-5 and a Wrangler proved to be longer lasting, and every bit as cool.

As time permitted, his childhood cabin outside

Nehalem was a welcome refuge. He never regretted taking an 18-month respite from journalism. He cleared brush and replaced floors at the cabin, and enjoyed long bike rides to the beach.

Journalism, although it never paid that well, was another passion. He won numerous first place awards for writing, reporting and page design. But he believed the real reward was in interaction with the community, spotlighting people who deserved recognition, and in providing access for an exchange of opinion and information. He also enjoyed the crafting of a well-written sentence, the snap of a witty headline, and the balance and reasoning that leavens a thoughtful editorial.

Personally, he could easily turn on the Irish wit and blarney for comic or ironic effect. Although he always maintained that "no good turn goes unpunished," he remained optimistic. He seldom spoke of his faith, but believed it was better to try to live it than spout it. He'd joke that it's always important to set an example ... even if it's a bad one.

He was confident in the miracle of the Resurrection.

Ken is survived by his fiancée, Linda Eden of Springfield; his aunt and uncle, Claire and Joseph Bettencourt of Hermiston; and a number of cousins.

Linda and family are deeply grateful for every kindness and support given. Ken will be greatly missed by family and friends.



Kenneth O'Toole

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 7 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer — Molalla at Seaside, 7 p.m.
Boys Soccer — Seaside at Molalla, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Fort Vancouver at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Yamhill-Carlton, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7 p.m.; Regis at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Kalama at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Tacoma Baptist

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Warrenton at Vernonia Tournament, 9 a.m.

Girls Soccer — North Bend vs. Astoria, at Newport, 1 p.m.

Boys Soccer — North Bend vs. Astoria, at Newport, 3 p.m.

Cross Country — 3-Course Challenge, Camp Rilea, 10 a.m.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• Troy Searls, 41, was arrested Friday at the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and two counts of violating a release agreement. Searls had approached deputies about damage to his finger during an altercation at the Big O Saloon, but was found to be under the influence of a narcotic and arrested. He had been arrested the day before for driving while under the influence of intoxicants after the

altercation at the saloon on Highway 202.

• Justin Pickett, 37, was arrested Saturday by the Sheriff's Office on one count each of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

• Thomas Clift, 61, was arrested Sunday by the Astoria Police Department on one count each of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

• Brooke Smith, 20, was arrested Sunday by Astoria Police for driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

tee, 9 a.m., 163 E. Gower St.
Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Board, 10 a.m., OSU Seafood Lab Center, Room 231, 2001 Marine Drive.
Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

WEDNESDAY
Cannon Beach Parks Commit-

DEATH

Sept. 7, 2016
MARTENS, Ashlee Renee, 25, of Astoria, died in Astoria.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTH

Aug. 21, 2016
O'BRIEN, Alicia and Brendan, of Ilwaco, Washington, a boy, Bentley Allen O'Brien, born at Columbia Memorial

Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Nancy and Rick Lessenden of South Bend, Washington, and Colleen O'Brien of Ilwaco.

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