

# Black bears seen in Warrenton

Four sightings, all at night

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WARRENTON — It's rare to see black bears in Warrenton and Hammond, but in the last few days residents have reported multiple sightings as well as tipped over and destroyed trash cans.

So far there have been four sightings total, all at night, two confirmed by police officers.

One recent night, a Warrenton Police officer spotted a bear running down the road and followed it in his squad car. Video from his patrol car (which can be viewed on the department's Facebook page), shows the bear skittering down the road, the underside of its paws flashing in the gleam of the patrol car's lights. Eventually it crosses in front of the car and ducks into



Two large adult black bears stand on a street in Ilwaco's Sahalee neighborhood in 2014. Black bears have been spotted recently in Warrenton and Hammond.  
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the brush alongside the road, disappearing from sight.

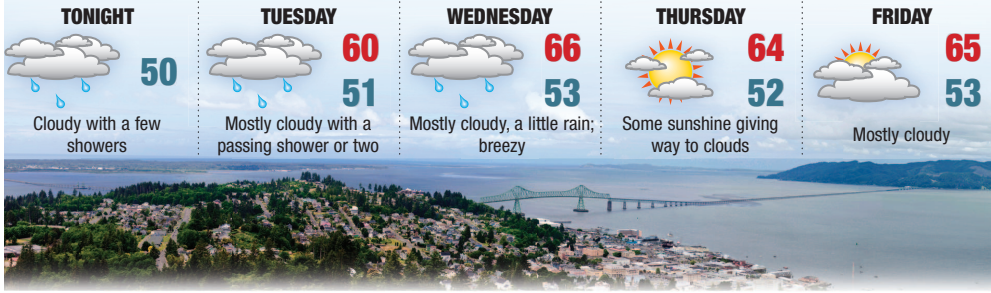
The sightings could indicate multiple bears in the area. Or, said Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman, "It may be one black bear that can really cover a lot of ground."

In Workman's eight years as chief, he can only remember one confirmed black bear sighting. Usually, he and other police officers are more worried about cougar sightings in the area. The department contacted the Oregon Department of Fish and

Wildlife to get guidance on what to do about the bear, or bears, but hasn't heard back yet.

"Four sightings in a few days, that's a little concerning to me," Workman said. Bears don't typically set out to hurt people, he added, but he worries what could happen if bears start to make a habit out of visiting Warrenton and Hammond's garbage and recycling cans. Any bear that becomes trapped while foraging in human territory, or thinks it is trapped, could be dangerous.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



### ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 55°/49°  
 Normal high/low ..... 57°/43°  
 Record high ..... 68° in 1949  
 Record low ..... 28° in 1935

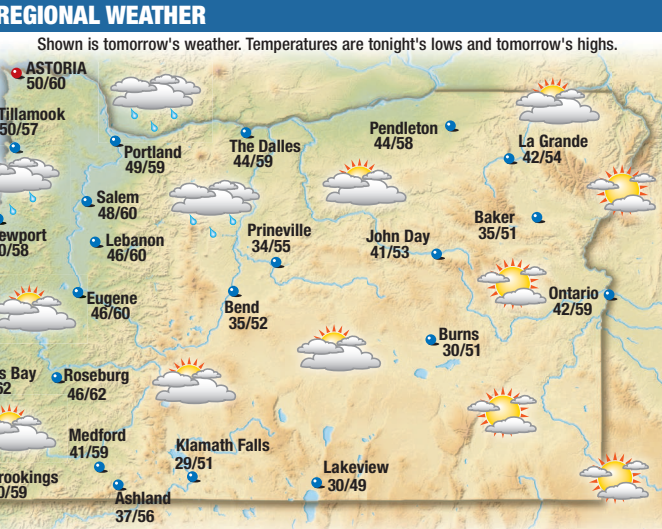
**Precipitation**

Sunday ..... 0.75"  
 Month to date ..... 15.72"  
 Normal month to date ..... 5.70"  
 Year to date ..... 58.69"  
 Normal year to date ..... 46.19"

### SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 6:02 p.m.  
 Sunrise Tuesday ..... 7:57 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 8:39 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 7:02 p.m.

First Full Last New  
 Nov 7 Nov 14 Nov 21 Nov 29



### UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Capricornus the Sea-Goat will stand almost due south at nightfall.

### TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

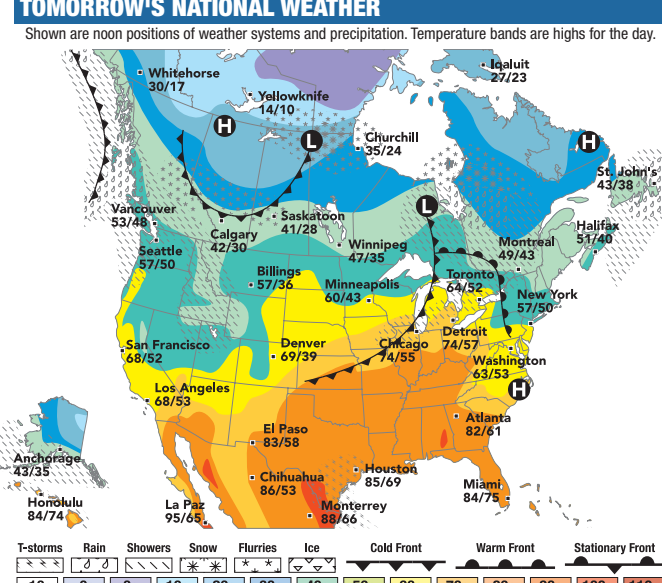
Time	High	Time	Low
3:17 a.m.	7.6 ft.	8:52 a.m.	2.2 ft.
2:38 p.m.	8.7 ft.	9:32 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	87 61 s	82 61 s
Boston	51 36 s	52 45 s
Chicago	60 57 pc	74 55 pc
Denver	75 42 s	69 39 pc
Des Moines	72 53 pc	73 55 pc
Detroit	54 47 pc	74 57 pc
El Paso	86 58 s	83 58 pc
Fairbanks	32 15 s	28 11 s
Honolulu	83 74 pc	84 74 pc
Indianapolis	63 58 pc	79 59 pc
Kansas City	79 61 pc	78 63 pc
Las Vegas	74 54 pc	72 55 pc
Los Angeles	68 56 pc	68 53 pc
Memphis	87 62 s	87 63 s
Miami	85 73 pc	84 75 pc
Nashville	86 61 s	88 60 s
New Orleans	87 65 s	87 70 pc
New York	53 41 s	57 50 s
Oklahoma City	84 61 pc	82 66 s
Philadelphia	58 41 s	62 49 s
St. Louis	77 64 pc	84 64 s
Salt Lake City	59 42 pc	54 36 pc
San Francisco	67 57 sh	68 52 pc
Seattle	56 48 r	57 50 c
Washington, DC	61 46 s	63 53 s

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	52 35 pc	51 29 pc	Olympia	56 47 r	56 46 sh
Bend	51 35 c	52 36 c	Pendleton	57 44 pc	58 41 c
Brookings	55 50 r	58 50 c	Portland	58 49 r	59 49 c
Eugene	59 46 r	60 45 c	Roseburg	60 46 c	62 46 c
Ilwaco	58 53 r	59 55 sh	Salem	58 48 r	60 46 c
Klamath Falls	47 29 r	51 25 c	Seaside	57 52 r	59 54 sh
Medford	56 41 r	59 39 c	Spokane	50 42 c	50 40 c
Newberg	56 46 r	58 45 c	Springfield	58 46 r	60 45 c
Newport	57 50 r	58 51 c	Vancouver	56 48 r	57 48 c
North Bend	59 49 r	62 51 c	Yakima	59 38 c	60 41 c



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## OBITUARIES

### Gloria Ziak DeGroot Stevenson, Washington July 25, 1924 — Oct. 16, 2016

The heavens received a lovely new star as Gloria Ziak DeGroot passed onward on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, at her home in Stevenson, Washington.

She was born to Robert and Katie Ziak in Astoria, Oregon, and was one of five children. Her parents and three brothers (Kewpie, Francis and Don) preceded her in death, and her surviving brother is Gary of Knappa, Oregon.

Gloria moved to Stevenson in 1955 and married George DeGroot in 1972. Their marriage took place at the Rock of Gibraltar, and for their honeymoon they traveled three weeks throughout Europe. They continued their love of travel throughout their marriage, visiting Russia twice, Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, various Mexican locations, Tahiti, Bora Bora, Caribbean islands, the Panama Canal, Canada and Northwest destinations. They loved the architecture, art and outdoor beauty of their places of travel.

They built a business in housing development in Skamania County, and also liked being involved in local politics. They were instrumental in landing the site selection for the Skamania County Interpretive Center, and also in its support. George passed in 2010.

Gloria was the county chairman for the Cancer Society fund drive for many years throughout the 1960s, and helped at many county functions as needed. Over those years she also worked at the Hemlock Tree nursery, Hegawald's plywood mill and the Camas Crown-Zellerbach paper mill.

She was raised on the farm in Knappa, Oregon, and recalled one memory of how her hands would really hurt as she delivered milk to the neighboring families on her way to school. Several bottles were placed in a wired rack, and the heaviness of the wires pinched her.

As a teen she had summer work in a logging camp serving the loggers their dinners in the dining hall. She claimed she had to usually balance five plates on her two arms to get everyone

served quickly.

Gloria had a lovely singing voice, but most never knew it. She always claimed it was never as good as her mother's! She also was a talented artist in all media, and a great designer.

Her personal style was always "on point" in a colorful, classy way, from earrings to shoes. One always knew Gloria would be looking sharp! It also reflected in her own home, as her lovely style was evident in her selections of interior details and throughout her flower gardens. Those who knew her landscaping knew she had a very strong green thumb.

She was an outstanding cook, and excellent at canning. Her presentations were always beautiful to look at. And, there wasn't an animal or pet that went hungry if she knew they needed a meal. She was very loving to all nature's creatures. She once rescued an abandoned dog, named him Rambo, and he became her best pal for 15 years.

Gloria was smart, kind, loving, gracious and a generous woman who had class and dignity. She was a wonderful mother to her two children Robert Talent (Linda) and Elana Carpenter (Dave), both of whom claim that she was one of the best!

She has four grandchildren, Erik Talent, Tavine Blair, Rhett Carpenter and Cort Carpenter; and two step-grandchildren, Sean and Andy Comfort. There are also several great-grandchildren.

There will be no formal service, and a scattering of ashes for George, Gloria and Rambo will take place at a later date. However, because of her love of animals, the family suggests that any contribution in her memory should go to the animal shelter: Home at Last, 200 River Road, The Dalles, OR 97058 (541-296-5189).

"Whenever we go to heaven, all the cats, dogs and wild creatures, along with everyone who loved us, will be there waiting at the gates."

Rest peacefully, Dear Mother. You will be missed, but always in our memories.



Gloria DeGroot



## Police searching for missing woman

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Police are looking for an Astoria woman who went missing on Sunday.

Patricia A. Blake, 68, was last seen in the area of Third Street and Duane Street on Sunday around 1:15 p.m. According to police, she has

medical issues that require regular medical prescriptions and attention.

Blake is about 5 feet 8 inches tall and 170 pounds. She was last seen wearing a knee-length, hooded yellow wind breaker/rain jacket, turquoise sweatpants, an olive green stocking cap and wire

rim glasses. Blake is not able to drive and her only family in the area consists of her husband.

Anyone who has seen Blake or has any information about her whereabouts are asked to contact the Astoria Police Department at 503-325-4411.

## MEMORIAL

**Monday, Oct. 31**  
 McCONNELL, Evelyn (Nygaard) — Memorial at 11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 3973 N. Cedar Ave.,

in Fresno, California. McConnell, 86, of Fresno, formerly of Astoria, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, in Fresno, surrounded by her family.

## BIRTH

Oct. 21, 2016

SMITH, Kortni and Dillon, of Seaside, a girl, Kadyn Amari Noelle Smith, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Rick and Donna Goebel of Seaside, Scott and Nancy Scheffey of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Jack and Tracy Smith of Bedias, Texas.

## DEATH

Oct. 17, 2016

PLOTKIN, Lise Arnold, 63, of Beaverton, formerly of Astoria, died in Beaverton. Holman's Funeral and Cremation Service of Portland was in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TUESDAY**  
**Seaside Community Center Commission**, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.  
**Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Board**, 4:45 p.m., special meeting, District Office, Room 207, 750 Commercial St.  
**Port of Astoria Commission**, 5 p.m. workshop, new Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.  
**Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101

Business.  
**Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Maritime Memorial Committee**, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn Express conference room, 204 W. Marine Drive.  
**Seaside Improvement Commission**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
**Gearhart City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

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