

Group aims to preserve historic 134-year-old Springfield bridge

One of the oldest bridges in Oregon

By ELON GLUCKLICH
The Register-Guard

SPRINGFIELD — At 134 years of age, it's one of the oldest bridges in Oregon.

But since 1989, the Hayden Bridge — a railroad bridge alongside the much newer bridge that carries Marcola Road over the McKenzie River — has been little more than a thrill spot for teenagers who climb on it and leap into the water.

An Iowa nonprofit organization wants to change that.

The North Skunk River Greenbelt Association hopes to raise nearly \$100,000 to re-deck the wrought and cast iron truss bridge, according to recently filed documents with the city of Springfield. The bridge may date back as far as 1882.

The nonprofit wants to add side railings and security gates to transform the structure into a "heritage bridge" that recalls its past as a rail line for hauling logs from the Mohawk Valley.

"It has a lot of historical significance," Julie Bowers, the nonprofit's executive director, said. "The more we learn

about it, the more we realize what a jewel it is in terms of historic preservation."

Since forming in 2010, the North Skunk River Greenbelt Association has restored or crafted plans to restore more than 30 historic bridges across the country, mostly in the Midwest and East Coast.

Bowers said she stumbled on Hayden Bridge in a 2014 news article about Weyerhaeuser Co.'s plan to demolish it. The company had long owned the bridge and a small parcel of land at either end of it. She contacted the company soon after and flew out to Springfield to discuss ways to save it.

Weyerhaeuser considered dismantling the bridge and moving it to Delaware, Bowers said, at an estimated cost of \$1 million. The company was eager to move it because of the liability caused by bridge jumpers, she said, but the cost to move it was prohibitive.

"After it became clear they were not going to pay to remove the bridge from the McKenzie, then we stepped up and said, 'Why don't you let us purchase it and see what we can do?'" Bowers said.

Weyerhaeuser in June sold the two narrow strips of land on either side of a bridge for \$1, and gave the association the bridge. Plus, Weyerhaeuser threw in a \$25,000 dona-

tion for restoration work.

The nonprofit's members include a certified engineer, and the owner of a Michigan metal fabrication company that specializes in bridge restoration. They'll perform the upgrades, once the association can raise the full \$100,000, Bowers said.

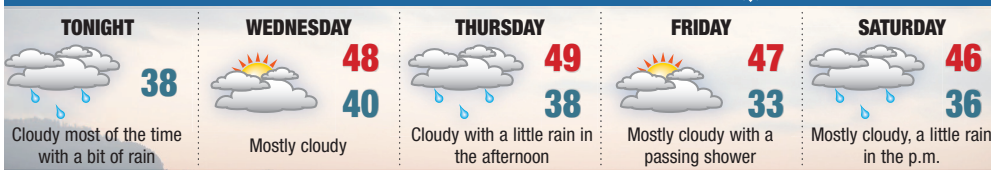
Oregon has many bridges that were built for rail lines to haul logs or lumber from remote valleys. Two of the best known in Lane County are east of Cottage Grove on the Row River Trail, a former rail line converted in the 1990s to a bike and pedestrian path. The two iron bridges were restored by government agencies as part of the rails to trails project.

Bowers' nonprofit typically works with local governments and communities to raise money for its restoration work.

In financial filings, it reported revenues of \$251,000 for 2014. It spent \$263,000 that year, almost all on bridge projects. Bowers was paid a minimal salary of \$9,622 that year.

Bowers hopes to start some of the early site work for the Hayden Bridge project in 2017, but the group is waiting for land-use approval from the city of Springfield and Lane County.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures
High/low 51°/36°
Normal high/low 48°/37°
Record high 64° in 1980
Record low 19° in 1924

Precipitation
Monday 0.94"
Month to date 9.70"
Normal month to date 8.34"
Year to date 86.20"
Normal year to date 65.96"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:36 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:58 a.m.
Moonrise today 6:16 a.m.
Moonset today 3:54 p.m.

New First Full Last
Dec 28 Jan 5 Jan 12 Jan 19

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Johannes Kepler's birthday (1571).

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

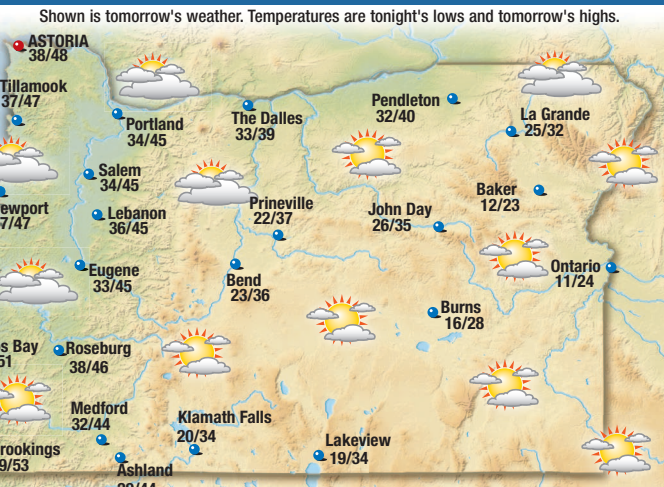
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1:08 a.m.	7.9 ft.	6:29 a.m.	3.3 ft.
12:14 p.m.	9.3 ft.	7:20 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	72 48 c 66 58 r	
Boston	53 32 sh 42 30 s	
Chicago	34 24 c 42 29 pc	
Denver	51 32 s 44 20 pc	
Des Moines	42 29 s 44 29 pc	
Detroit	35 28 sf 37 31 pc	
El Paso	60 40 pc 66 40 pc	
Fairbanks	4 1 sn 4 -14 c	
Honolulu	81 70 s 80 69 sh	
Indianapolis	39 26 s 45 29 pc	
Kansas City	47 29 s 48 30 s	
Las Vegas	51 37 s 56 42 s	
Los Angeles	70 49 s 73 52 s	
Memphis	54 38 pc 59 41 r	
Miami	83 70 pc 83 68 pc	
Nashville	53 33 pc 58 45 r	
New Orleans	76 63 pc 75 64 c	
New York	59 35 sh 42 32 s	
Oklahoma City	54 37 pc 61 33 pc	
Philadelphia	64 35 pc 43 32 pc	
St. Louis	47 32 s 52 34 pc	
Salt Lake City	27 26 pc 34 18 c	
San Francisco	55 42 s 58 44 s	
Seattle	45 37 sh 46 38 c	
Washington, DC	68 37 pc 48 35 s	

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

REGIONAL WEATHER

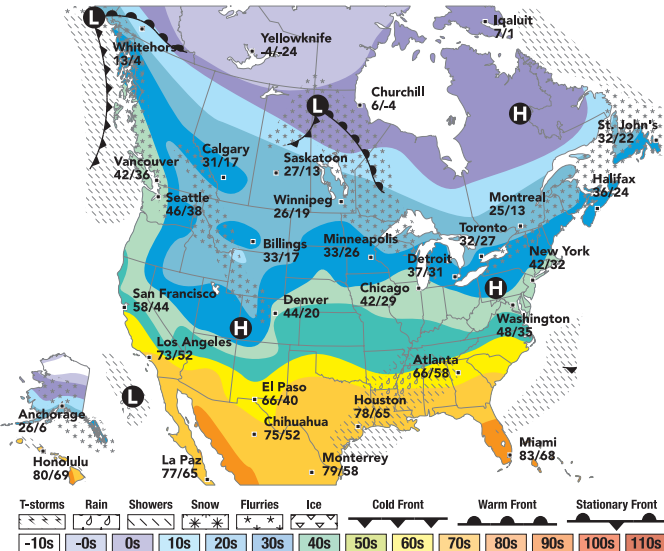


REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	22 12 sn 23 7 pc	
Bend	39 23 sn 36 22 pc	
Brookings	50 39 r 51 37 c	
Eugene	48 33 r 45 31 c	
Ilwaco	48 41 sh 48 43 r	
Klamath Falls	38 20 c 34 13 c	
Medford	43 32 r 44 28 pc	
Newberg	46 33 r 43 33 c	
Newport	47 37 r 47 39 c	
North Bend	52 38 r 51 37 pc	
Olympia	43 34 sh 44 35 r	
Pendleton	41 32 c 40 28 pc	
Portland	47 34 r 45 34 c	
Roseburg	48 38 r 46 33 c	
Salem	48 34 r 45 32 c	
Seaside	48 41 r 48 42 c	
Spokane	33 23 sn 31 22 c	
Springfield	48 36 r 45 32 c	
Vancouver	46 34 r 44 35 c	
Yakima	39 24 sf 39 24 pc	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



Oregon state trooper wounded by suspect with troubled home life

Officer remains in critical condition

By STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — A Christmas Day shooting that left a woman dead triggered a car chase and gunbattle in suburban Portland that critically wounded an Oregon State Police officer and killed the slaying suspect, who had a troubled home life, authorities and court records said.

Trooper Nic Cederberg, 32, an U.S. Army veteran who has been with the department for seven years, underwent surgery Monday and remains in critical condition, state police said on their Facebook page.

The incident began when police in King City found the woman's body after responding to a call about shots being fired late Sunday, Washington County sheriff's Sgt. David Thompson said.

The suspect, James Tylka, 30, was seen driving away and officers pursued him, police said. The chase ended with an exchange of gunfire about 20 miles south of Portland.

Authorities did not release other information about the chase and shootout, except that officers from three police departments were involved and have been placed on paid administrative leave, a routine move.

But details emerged about Tylka's problems at home. He was locked in a protracted dispute with his former wife over custody of their son and child support payments, according to court records.

Social media and court records indicate he was married to Kate Armand and that the couple had a baby girl.

Tylka posted a photo on Facebook early this month of the couple kissing in happier times and commented: "We aren't divorced." Someone responded that she hoped they would work things out.

Police have not released the name of the woman he is believed to have killed, but Megan Armand told media outlets that the victim was her sister, Kate.

"We are still in shock and devastated from last night's events," she said in a statement. "My heart is broken from the loss of my only sister. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the wounded OSP officer and his family."

Several Facebook posts by Kate Armand's friends expressed grief, describing her as a good person and an amazing mother to the nearly 1-year-old girl.

Tylka updated his Facebook profile photo shortly before his death, displaying a picture of the couple. He also updated his cover photo, showing his two children, a boy and a baby daughter.

Tylka's ex-wife, Sabrina Starks, had filed for immedi-

ate temporary custody of their son in September, saying the boy was in danger of potential abuse. She said Tylka spoke about suicide in September 2015, drawing a call to police, before leaving town for four months.

Starks wrote in the custody request that they agreed to joint custody in May but he had been acting irrationally, impulsively and aggressively, constantly pressuring the boy for updates about what she was doing.

She said the boy was crying when she picked him up on Sept. 5 and that he told her Tylka yelled at him and a grandmother.

"I asked him what he meant. (The boy) stated, 'If I don't tell Daddy what you do, he yells at me and sends me to the corner. I told him no, and he yells until I tell him,'" she wrote.

A judge denied Starks' request for immediate temporary custody. They divorced in April 2011, court records say, but it's not clear when Tylka married Kate Armand. Starks mentioned the marriage in her custody request, however.

Mike Rowe, a spokesman for the police department in Beaverton, said Tylka was a cadet there between 2004 and 2006. Rowe said he does not know why Tylka left the program.

Earlier this month, an auto dealer filed a small claim against Tylka, saying he owes \$450 for a down payment of a vehicle.

Nuclear plant resuming operation

Associated Press

RICHLAND, Wash. — The Northwest's only nuclear power plant is reconnecting to the regional power grid after an unplanned shut down.

The Tri-City Herald reported that the 1,190-megawatt Columbia Generating Station resumed late Saturday night.

Energy Northwest says power levels are slowly rising and should reach 100 percent within 72 hours of restarting.

The plant shut down following a malfunction at a substation.

The newspaper reported that the malfunction caused the line that connects the plant's main output transformers to the substation to reject the load. A primary breaker opened too slowly and a secondary system kicked in and opened other breakers, causing the plant to separate itself from the grid and shut down.

Columbia Generating Station sends enough power to the Northwest grid to power a city the size of Seattle.

Free fishing weekend in Oregon

The Daily Astorian

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is kicking off the fishing year with a free fishing weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

No licenses, tags or endorsements are needed on those days, but all other fishing regulations apply.

Oregon offers some great

opportunities during the winter months: Recreational crabbing is now open along the entire Oregon Coast; the winter steelhead season is heating up; and some lower elevation lakes and ponds were stocked with trout as late as this month.

"Spending a day outside with the family, enjoying Oregon's natural beauty, is a great

way to spend a day together no matter what time of year," Richard Hargrave, a Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesman, said in a release.

There are some special considerations when heading outdoors during the winter months. For information, check out ODFW's weekly Recreation Report at www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/index.asp

DEATHS

Dec. 24, 2016
JONES, M. Eileen, 96, of Warrenton, died in Longview, Washington. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 25, 2016
JONES, Christopher Mykael, 41, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.
CROCKER, Nancy M.,

63, of North Port, Florida, formerly of Clatskanie, died in Portland. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 25, 2016
TRUMAN, Jon Elwyn, 77, of Astoria, died in Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Astoria Parks Board, 6:30 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

THURSDAY
Astoria City Council, 10 a.m., special meeting on marijuana

store appeal, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-9-5-5
4 p.m.: 5-5-2-5
7 p.m.: 8-9-7-5
10 p.m.: 7-5-7-8
Monday's Megabucks:
7-10-20-27-30-38
Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million

WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game:
2-6-7
Monday's Hit 5: 01-13-29-33-36
Estimated jackpot: \$270,000
Monday's Keno: 09-11-19-24-26-31-32-37-39-41-44-51-60-62-69-70-72-76-77-78
Monday's Lotto: 08-14-16-32-33-37
Estimated jackpot: \$1 million
Monday's Match 4: 03-04-11-13

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