

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## 'How do you feel about the pot industry in Astoria?'



"I think it's fine. Making drugs illegal has never stopped anybody from using. We need to treat drug abuse as a health problem rather than criminalizing people who have substance abuse disorders."

Buddy Totten, Astoria



"I like it. It helps people be in a better mood."

Haylee Wood, Astoria



"I think it's a good thing. It's a legal product, and people are able to make a living working — and I think that's a good thing."

Cameron Brister, Astoria

## Richard H. Babcock

Astoria

Sept. 30, 1927 — Jan. 19, 2017



Richard H. Babcock passed away peacefully at the Astor House in Astoria, Oregon, on Jan. 19, 2017. Born on Sept. 30, 1927, Richard was 89 years old.

Richard was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, to Laurence and Minnie (Schmeling) Babcock, and was the first of four children: Richard, Donald Babcock (wife Mary), Bill Babcock (wife Marilyn) and Laurel McClenithan (husband Norman). He grew up helping his father on the family farm raising livestock and crops, and learned how to maintain the farm's equipment. In 1944, at 17, Richard was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, and served as a vehicle operator during the European Occupation. Following the war, Richard decided to re-enlist into the U.S. Army and make a career out of the military, and would later serve in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. Richard later retired as a sergeant first class in 1969 in Tacoma, Washington.

While stationed in Japan, Richard met his first wife and returned to the U.S. and would have two daughters, Carrie (Babcock) Cook (husband Robert) as well as Teresa (Babcock) Young (husband Roy). In December 1979, Richard married Arlene Footh Sutton and joined a blended family of five. In 1981, they welcomed

a daughter, Jamie (Babcock) Umbriaco.

While residing in Knappa, Richard loved to go hunting and fishing with his family and friends. Sturgeon fishing at Bug Hole in Brownsmead, or salmon and steelhead fishing in the Columbia River, were always on his mind. Richard was also an avid bowler, and made many friends while league bowling in Astoria. He was a talented songwriter and musician who loved to play bass guitar in a country western band. Richard loved his cars, and was willing to drive anywhere at the drop of a dime.

Richard was preceded in death by Arlene, his wife of 34 years. He is survived by his brother, Bill; sister, Laurel; three daughters, Carrie and Robert Cook of Lake Havasu, Arizona, Teresa and Roy Young of Tacoma, Washington, and Jamie and Daniel Umbriaco of Rainier, Oregon, and David Sutton of Oregon City, Oregon, Dennis and Leslie Sutton of Denison, Texas, Kathy and Jeff Sorensen of Bremerton, Washington, Robert and Debbie Sutton of Astoria, Oregon, and Douglas and Cheryl Sutton of Astoria, Oregon. Richard has 29 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Astoria Elks Lodge.



Richard Babcock

## Roberta Diane Riutta

Astoria

April 14, 1932 — Jan. 19, 2017

Roberta Diane Riutta, 84, of the Burnside community near Astoria, died on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017. After living a long and well-lived life, Roberta died peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Astoria on April 14, 1932, the daughter of Robert E. Basel and Evi Silver Basel Larson. Raised in the Alderbrook Community of Astoria, she attended Fernhill Grade School, Astor School, and was a graduate of Astoria High School. She was an Astorian from birth, and resided in the Burnside area since 1959.

Roberta was married to Gilbert Martin Riutta on Sept. 19, 1953, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Astoria. He passed away in 1977.

She worked as a telephone operator before raising her family. Following the death of her husband, she began work at Knappa Schools in the lunchroom as a cook. Her passion in life was loving and caring for her family.

Mrs. Riutta was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and the Oregon School Employees Association union. She also enjoyed a longtime membership in an Alderbrook Bunco Group, family events, baking, Scandinavian cooking, sewing and playing card games.

She is survived by her sister, Carol Wolfgram of Astoria; and was a loving mother to her sons, Keith Riutta of Portland, Jerry Riutta of Woodburn and Kenny Riutta (Anita) of Warrenton; daughters, Vicki Riutta Bidema (Cliff) of Boring, Diane Riutta Boardman (Tom) of Astoria and Julie

Riutta Anderson (Doug) of Lynchburg, Virginia. She was also a loving grandmother to Bryan and Adam Bidema, Amanda Colliander, Marja Ross, Alysson Riutta, Kirstin and Brock Riutta, Rory Boardman, Gilberta Hutchison, Nathan and Courtney Boardman, Rachel Milligan, Ashley Yoder and Andrew Anderson; and was also a loving great-grandmother to 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her loving husband, Gilbert, she was preceded in death by her mother, Evi Silver Basel Larson, her father, Robert E. Basel, and her sisters, Corrine Hedeon and Audrey Walman.

Viewing and visitation hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service, 1213 Franklin Ave., in Astoria.

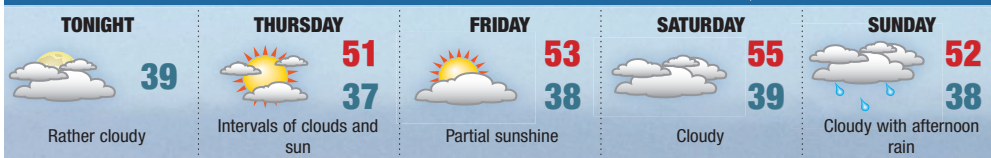
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., in Astoria, followed by a committal service at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton. A luncheon will follow at Peace Lutheran Church.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Lower Columbia Hospice and much appreciated caregiver, Jennifer Long, as well as for all of the thoughts and prayers from all others.

Donations may be made to the Knappa/Svenson/Burnside Fire Department, 43114 Hillcrest Loop, Astoria, OR 97103; or Lower Columbia Hospice, 2111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103.

Please sign our online guest book at [www.OceanViewAstoria.com](http://www.OceanViewAstoria.com)

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



## ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 43°/29°  
Normal high/low ..... 50°/38°  
Record high ..... 64° in 2006  
Record low ..... 17° in 1949

**Precipitation**  
Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 5.68"  
Normal month to date ..... 8.12"  
Year to date ..... 5.68"  
Normal year to date ..... 8.12"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 5:10 p.m.  
Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 5:52 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 3:24 p.m.

## UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** An hour before sunrise, the stars that appear during the early evening in summer also appear just before dawn in winter.

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

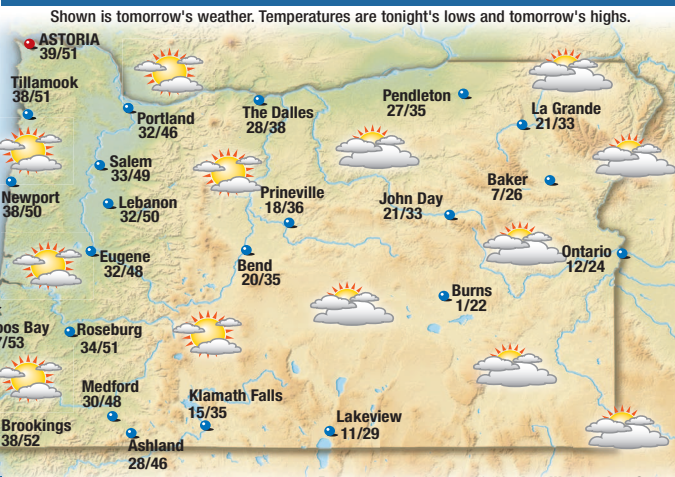
**Astoria / Port Docks**

Time	High	Time	Low
12:45 a.m.	7.8 ft.	6:06 a.m.	3.3 ft.
11:52 a.m.	9.2 ft.	6:58 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu.	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	72	50	pc	55	34	pc	
Boston	44	35	pc	51	36	pc	
Chicago	45	32	sh	35	24	sf	
Denver	30	11	pc	33	10	s	
Des Moines	35	25	sf	29	19	c	
Detroit	46	37	sh	41	30	sn	
El Paso	50	27	s	50	28	s	
Fairbanks	7	3	pc	31	14	pc	
Honolulu	80	70	s	81	64	pc	
Indianapolis	53	33	c	37	27	sf	
Kansas City	36	24	c	34	21	pc	
Las Vegas	49	34	s	48	34	pc	
Los Angeles	59	42	s	62	45	s	
Memphis	66	35	c	47	30	s	
Miami	81	65	pc	86	65	pc	
Nashville	60	37	sh	47	32	pc	
New Orleans	79	50	pc	60	42	s	
New York	49	42	s	51	36	pc	
Oklahoma City	48	24	s	47	24	s	
Philadelphia	53	44	s	55	36	pc	
St. Louis	50	33	pc	37	28	c	
Salt Lake City	30	20	sn	27	10	c	
San Francisco	55	42	pc	54	41	pc	
Seattle	45	37	c	48	36	c	
Washington, DC	62	46	s	57	37	pc	

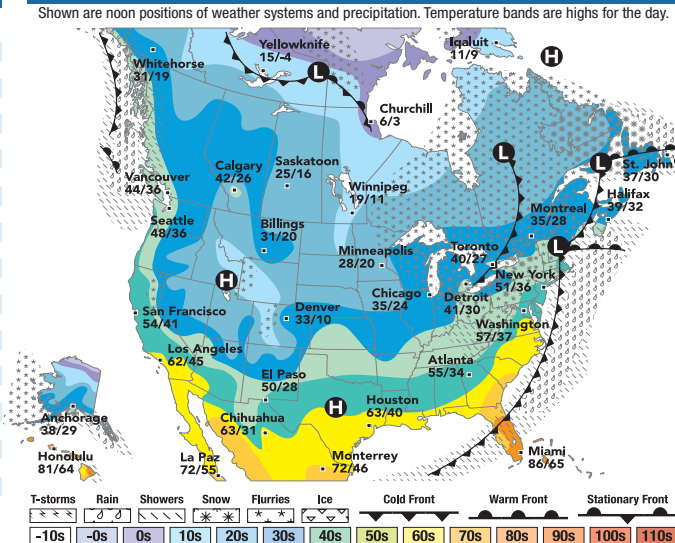
## REGIONAL WEATHER



## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	24	7	c	26	3	c	
Bend	35	20	pc	35	18	c	
Brookings	49	39	pc	51	36	pc	
Eugene	47	32	c	48	29	pc	
Ilwaco	49	43	c	51	42	c	
Klamath Falls	33	15	pc	35	11	pc	
Medford	44	30	c	48	29	pc	
Newberg	46	34	c	48	30	pc	
Newport	49	38	c	50	37	pc	
North Bend	51	39	c	53	37	pc	
Olympia	48	32	c	49	30	c	
Pendleton	35	27	c	35	23	c	
Portland	43	32	c	46	30	pc	
Roseburg	48	34	pc	51	32	pc	
Salem	49	33	c	49	30	pc	
Seaside	50	43	c	51	42	pc	
Spokane	33	22	c	31	23	c	
Springfield	48	32	c	51	30	pc	
Vancouver	43	33	c	46	30	pc	
Yakima	34	21	pc	34	22	c	

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



## Coast Guard will hold memorial for serviceman

The Daily Astorian

The U.S. Coast Guard will hold a memorial at 11 a.m. Tuesday for Lt. Devin Hepner, who died last week while training in Virginia.

The memorial at Sector Columbia River is open to the public.

Hepner, of Logan, Utah, was found unresponsive Jan. 16 in his barracks at

Training Center Yorktown, Virginia, and died later that day at a nearby hospital. Based in Astoria, Hepner served with Sector Columbia River's Marine Safety Unit Portland, which investigates spills, accidents and other suspicious activity. He was in Virginia for investigating officer training.

The memorial will take place in the hangar at Air

Station Astoria, located at 2185 S.E. 12th Place in Warrenton. To attend, reserve a spot by 4 p.m. Friday at <http://tinyurl.com/jjv6rju>. Military personnel attending the funeral are required to wear service dress blues with combination cover or service-equivalent uniform. Civilian attendees are asked to dress business casual.

## Benton County to remain in controversial logging lawsuit

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Benton County will remain in a controversial lawsuit over the management of some state timberlands.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times reported that the Benton County Board of Commission-

ers voted on Tuesday to remain a party in the lawsuit seeking \$1.4 billion from the state for failing to maximize logging revenues on forest trust lands.

The lawsuit claims state land managers failed in their duty to generate as much revenue as possible from the forest land trusts.

The state is supposed to manage the land for "the greatest permanent value," according to a 1939 law.

If the lawsuit is successful, Benton County could receive as much as \$30 million in damages, which is would share with seven taxing districts.

## MEMORIAL

**Saturday, Jan. 28**  
BRANTHOVER, Verna  
Elina — Funeral at 1 p.m.,

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary Chapel, 1165 Franklin Ave.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### WEDNESDAY

**Skipanon Water Control District**, noon, Pacific Grange, U.S. Highway 101 at Cullaby Lake Lane.  
**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

### THURSDAY

**Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce**, noon, 818 Commercial St., Suite 203.  
**Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee**, 1 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.  
**Cannon Beach Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

## LOTTERIES

### OREGON

**Tuesday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 2-3-3-9  
4 p.m.: 7-0-9-1  
7 p.m.: 6-5-1-7  
10 p.m.: 3-2-1-6  
**Tuesday's Mega Millions:**  
8-42-54-63-67, Mega Ball: 11  
Estimated jackpot: \$188 million

### WASHINGTON

**Tuesday's Daily Game:**  
7-3-3  
**Tuesday's Keno:** 04-08-12-13-18-21-24-28-29-30-33-41-42-49-52-54-55-61-77-79  
**Tuesday's Match 4:** 10-16-21-22

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