Foster Memorial Fund established

Family provides \$20,000 gift to support festival

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The Astoria Music Festival has announced the establishment of the Michael Foster Memorial Fund to honor the memory of the Astoria resident, founding board member and longtime arts advocate who died in December.

Foster's family has made a \$20,000 leadership gift, which has already matched by pledges.

"The importance of Michael's lifelong commitment to arts and education in Astoria cannot be overstated," Deac Guidi, the music festival's new board president, said. "From the Liberty Theater restoration and establishment of art galleries, to teaching generations of Astoria High School students and raising millions of dollars for scholarships, to helping found the Astoria Music Festival and serving on its board for nearly 15 years, Michael Foster left a lasting legacy to his hometown and the entire state.'

Spring Chinook fishing season extended

The fund, he said, will provide continued support for the Astoria Music Festival as a memorial to Foster's commitment to art and music.

The Astoria Music Festival will commemorate its 15th season with the Michael Foster Memorial Concert on June 17 in the Liberty

The concert will feature a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, one of Foster's favorite pieces of music. Festival Artistic Director Keith Clark will lead the orchestra and chorus Opera soloists.

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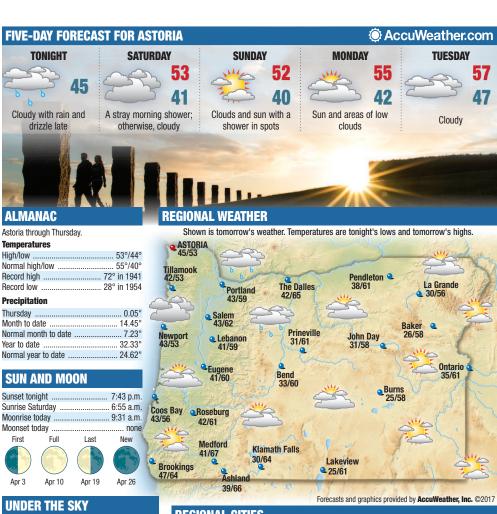
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Spring Chinook fishing season on the Lower Columbia River has been extended through April 10.

Oregon and Washington state fishery managers agreed to the extension Thursday in response to poor fishing conditions that have limited harvest so far this season.

Fishing for the spring Chinook will be allowed from Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock. Angling from banks will be allowed from Beacon Rock to the Bonneville Dam, but the closure near the mouth of the Lewis River will remain in effect.

Managers will meet ahead of the newly extended deadline to discuss an additional extension.

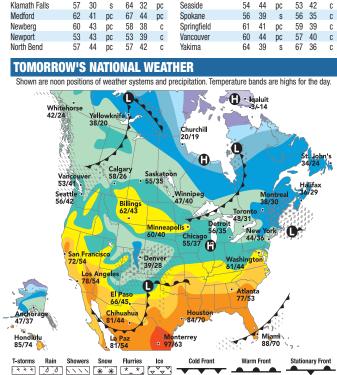


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Source: Jim Todd OMSI

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Trump adviser says no more **EPA** attacks on farmers

By DON JENKINS EO Media Group

President Donald Trump's top agricultural adviser says the new administration won't tolerate federal support for advocacy campaigns What's Upstream.

Ray Starling, special assistant to the president for agriculture, trade and food assistance, outlined the White House's farm policy priorities in a speech this month at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

"This administration will not allow the EPA to give taxpayer dollars to activist groups who then turn around and put up billboards that attack our farmers and ranchers," said Starling, a former general counsel for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The promise cheered Gerald Baron, director of Save Family Farming, which was formed last year to respond to claims by What's Upstream that farmers are unregulated polluters who let cows wade in rivers.

"This indication from Ray Starling is important. It gives us optimism some of these things will be dealt with," Baron said.

Between 2011 and 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency financially supported What's Upstream, which was organized by the Swinomish Indian Tribe and several environmental groups. They hoped to influence Washington state lawmakers to vote for stricter limits on farming near waterways.

The campaign included a website, radio ads and a letter-writing campaign, but billboards in Olympia and Bellingham attracted the attention of federal lawmakers. The EPA withdrew its support soon after Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kansas, called the billboards "disturbing" and "malicious."



Don Jenkins/EO Media Group

A billboard in Olympia advertises a website that advocates for stricter regulations on farmers.

Audit pending

The tribe, funded by an EPA grant passed through the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, had a budget of some \$655,000 for the campaign. The EPA's inspector general has yet to release a congressionally requested audit into how the money was used.

Some federal lawmakers accused the EPA of breaking a federal law prohibiting the grant from being used to lobby policymakers. The Washington Public Disclosure Commission recently ruled What's Upstream didn't need to report its political activities. Although the campaign advocated mandatory 100-foot buffers, it did not cite a specific bill and did not need to register as a lobbying effort, according to the commission.

commission The responding to a complaint from Save Family Farming that named a tribe official, Seattle lobbying firm Strategies 360 and then-EPA Northwest Administrator Dennis McLerran. The Trump administration has not yet appointed a new region administrator.

Baron said Save Family Farming will ask McLerran's successor to get back federal money spent on What's Upstream and ensure the tribe doesn't resume the campaign.

"Given the severe disappointment with the state taking this issue seriously, it's gratifying the federal government with the new administration is considering this a pretty serious issue," Baron said.

Supports trade

Starling said the White House supports trade. Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which many farm groups supported. "The president is committed to negotiating agreements that secure open and equitable access to foreign markets," Starling said.

Starling did not talk about immigration policy, but said farm labor will be another top

"We are getting to a point of push comes to shove when it comes to access to a reliable workforce. That is something we definitely have to work on for agriculture," he said.

Starling said farmers and ranchers have been the victims of "one regulatory proposal after another.

'We have to halt the regulatory onslaught," he said. "The administration will never lose sight of the fact that the No. 1 farm preservation tool we have is farm profitability, not buzzwords, not catch phrases, or a federal grant program."

Four people injured in Astoria car crash

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Four people were injured, two of them seriously, when a car rolled down a hill off Lief Erikson Drive near 51st Street on Thursday morning

A blue 1995 Nissan Path-

finder likely struck the end of a protective highway guardrail on the north side of the road just before 10:30 a.m., rolled over into a yard of a home and came to rest on its in Portland.

side 40 feet down the hill.

All of the car's occupants were taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital. The according to the Astoria Fire two with more serious inju-Department. The vehicle then ries were later flown in a Life Flight helicopter to a hospital

ON THE RECORD

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• At 8:58 p.m. Wednesday, Joshua Guy Allison, 34, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department at the corner of North Main Avenue and Northwest First Street for driving under the influence of intoxicants. His

blood-alcohol content was .051 and he failed a field sobriety test. Allison was also cited for having a broken taillight.

MEMORIAL

Monday, April 3 BOJANOWSKI,

Fran-Viewing cis "Frank" from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home, 302 West 11th St. in Vancouver, Washington. Bojanowski, 69, of Vancouver, formerly of Astoria, died Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in Vancouver.

Tuesday, April 4 BOJANOWSKI, Francis "Frank" — Rosary at 8:20 a.m., Mass at 9 a.m., luncheon and eulogy at

10 a.m., St. James Cathedral, 218 W. 12th St. in Vancouver.

Wednesday, April 5 BOJANOWSKI, Francis "Frank" — Graveside service at 1 p.m., Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

DEATHS

March 24, 2017

HANER, Janice I., 73, of Portland, formerly of Seaside, died in Portland. Wilhelm's Portland Memorial Funeral & Cremation is in charge of the arrangements.

March 30, 2017

MILLS, Clarence Burton Jr., 94, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY Astoria City Council, 7 p.m.,

City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY Seaside Library Board, 4:30

p.m., 1131 Broadway. Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m., workshop, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.

Clatsop County Fair Board, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop County Fair and Expo, 92937 Walluski Loop. **Astoria Library Board,** 5:30

p.m., Flag Room, 450 10th St. **Oregon Department of Forestry Recreation Advisory** Committee, 5:30 p.m., ODF Astoria District Office, 92219 Highway 202.

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.

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON Thursday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 0-8-8-9

4 p.m.: 5-4-7-0 **7 p.m.:** 2-7-9-4

10 p.m.: 9-0-6-1

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