

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are you doing for the eclipse?



"Not sure yet."

Felicia Roberts,
Astoria



"I'm just going to hope to see it and look up. It'll be great to see it — from any angle would be really fascinating."

James King, Renton,
Washington



"We're (she and her husband, Tom) going to Tillamook or Forest Grove. I don't think we can see it as well here."

Ginger Reneque, Astoria

OBITUARY

Sandra Jean Norgaard

Caregiver

May 15, 1948 — Aug. 10, 2017

Sandi Norgaard, born May 15, 1948, in Astoria, Oregon, passed away Aug. 10, 2017, after a brief battle with cancer, at the age of 69 at Clatsop Care Center in Astoria, Oregon.

She married Jon Norgaard in 1968; they later divorced. They had two children, Tracy (Gary) Hardester and Thor (Kirsten) Norgaard. She has two grandchildren, Faith and Tristan Norgaard; two step-grandsons, Randy and Adam Hardester; and two great-grandchildren, Willow and Avery Hardester.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Sharon Larson of Spencer, Iowa; her parents, Clarence Hosler and Lila Bumala; and Harry Lofgren, her stepfather who raised her.

She graduated from Astoria High School in 1966. She loved watching her kids play sports, and was always at their games, cheering them on. She liked to watch her Portland Trail Blazers with her cat Dallas (not named for the Cowboys). She truly was a sports mom!

She was known on Denver Street for her

shouting out, at 5 p.m., "Tracy, Thor, dinner-time!" All the kids scattered, but met up after dinner until the street lights came on.

She had a special passion for the elderly. She wanted to make sure their quality of life was the best it could be, and was a very hard worker, and dedicated to her job, and never late. She worked for 17 years at Clatsop Care Center as a certified nursing assistant, medical assistant and resident assistant. She worked at multiple facilities around the county, including Crestview, Astor House, Neawanna by the Sea and numerous home health care jobs. Her co-workers, family and friends will miss her feisty straightforward flair for the truth.

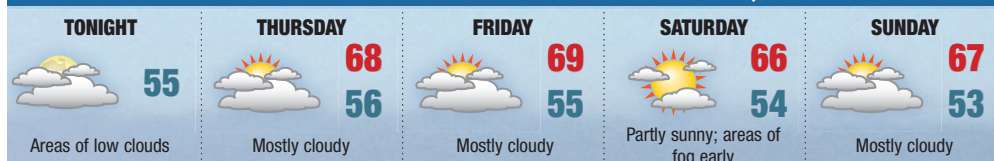
The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayer and support in many heartfelt forms.

There will be a potluck celebration of life on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion, 1132 Exchange St., in Astoria, Oregon.



Sandra Norgaard

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures
High/low 70°/47°
Normal high/low 69°/53°
Record high 89° in 1919
Record low 45° in 1982

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.37"
Normal month to date 0.42"
Year to date 50.04"
Normal year to date 37.36"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:23 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 6:17 a.m.
Moonrise today 1:01 a.m.
Moonset today 4:08 p.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Aug. 21: The 62-mile-wide umbra shadow of totality will pass over Depoe Bay, Salem, Madras and Lime. Outside of the umbra shadow, Portland, Eugene and Bend will have a 99 percent partial eclipse.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

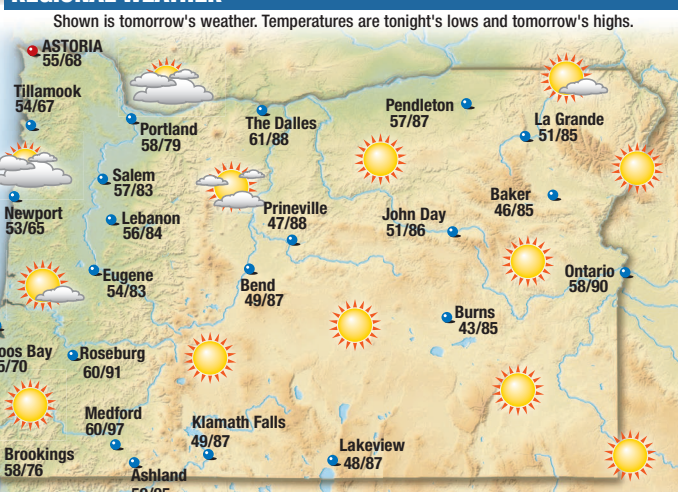
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10:44 a.m.	6.3 ft.	4:24 a.m.	-0.1 ft.
10:10 p.m.	8.5 ft.	4:05 p.m.	2.4 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	91 75 pc	91 75 t
Boston	82 62 s	79 65 pc
Chicago	85 72 pc	83 67 pc
Denver	76 55 pc	85 57 t
Des Moines	82 67 r	83 61 pc
Detroit	84 68 pc	83 69 t
El Paso	95 69 s	96 70 s
Fairbanks	62 47 c	60 43 c
Honolulu	88 72 pc	89 75 pc
Indianapolis	88 74 t	86 69 t
Kansas City	85 67 t	84 61 pc
Las Vegas	99 78 s	102 79 s
Los Angeles	77 62 pc	79 63 pc
Memphis	89 77 c	89 75 pc
Miami	92 80 pc	92 81 pc
Nashville	90 75 t	90 75 pc
New Orleans	89 76 t	92 77 t
New York	87 68 pc	81 72 pc
Oklahoma City	90 69 t	91 69 pc
Philadelphia	88 69 s	86 73 pc
St. Louis	90 76 t	89 69 pc
Salt Lake City	89 66 s	91 66 s
San Francisco	72 59 pc	74 59 pc
Seattle	78 58 s	75 57 pc
Washington, DC	89 74 pc	87 76 t

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

REGIONAL WEATHER

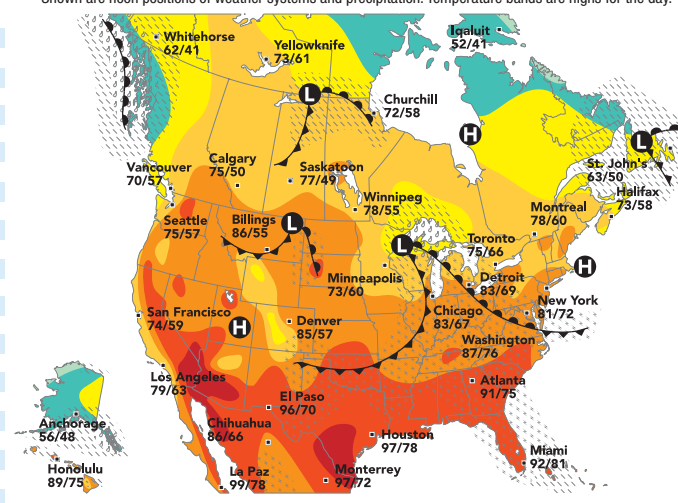


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City	Today	Thu.	W	City	Today	Thu.	W
Baker City	85 46 s	85 41 s		Olympia	76 52 s	77 52 pc	
Bend	86 49 s	87 49 s		Pendleton	88 57 s	87 56 s	
Brookings	74 58 pc	73 56 s		Portland	80 58 s	79 56 pc	
Eugene	85 54 s	83 52 pc		Roseburg	90 60 s	91 58 s	
Ilwaco	66 56 pc	65 57 c		Salem	85 57 s	83 56 pc	
Klamath Falls	86 49 s	87 49 s		Seaside	68 55 pc	66 56 c	
Medford	94 60 s	97 60 s		Spokane	82 55 s	83 57 s	
Newberg	84 55 s	82 53 pc		Springfield	87 56 s	85 53 s	
Newport	65 53 pc	65 51 pc		Vancouver	80 56 s	78 54 pc	
North Bend	69 55 pc	69 54 pc		Yakima	92 55 s	90 56 s	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



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More than 50,000 no longer eligible for Oregon Health Plan

State required to check status every year

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — More than 51,000 people may have received state health benefits despite no longer qualifying for them, according to records provided by Gov. Kate Brown's office this week.

As of Aug. 7, 51,034 Oregon Health Plan patients have been determined no longer eligible for the program, but it's not clear how long they may have been receiving benefits without qualifying.

The Oregon Health Plan is the state's Medicaid program and provides health care to the poor and other qualifying groups. About 1 million Oregonians receive coverage through the program, which Oregon significantly expanded under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Under federal law, the state is required to check Medicaid patients' eligibility every year, but Oregon has fallen behind.

The state is transitioning to a new "integrated eligibility" system that officials say will make doing the annual redeterminations for the Oregon Health Plan and other government benefits

more straightforward.

The state is still working through what it says is a final group of about 115,000 people who have yet to be re-checked and moved to the new eligibility system.

As of Aug. 7, 51,034 people out of that group of 115,233 people have been found ineligible, which is about 44 percent.

Typically, every year, about a quarter of Oregon Health Plan patients are found to be no longer eligible for the program, according to health agency officials.

The agency has said the 115,233 patients have complex characteristics and that their rates of continued eligibility may not adhere to typical patterns. In other words, agency officials maintain that it is difficult to predict how many more people of that group may be determined ineligible for the program.

The agency has 11,686 more people to process by Aug. 31, the deadline the governor has given it to finish the redetermination work.

Two spokesmen for the Oregon Health Authority did not respond to a request for comment by deadline Tuesday on the figures, which were current as of Aug. 7 and provided to the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group by the Governor's Office on Monday.

The agency has been providing the governor with

weekly updates on the eligibility numbers since mid-May, when a warning from the state's top auditor brought more public scrutiny to the fact that the qualifications of thousands of people in Oregon's program remained unclear.

The Medicaid eligibility issues have been seemingly overshadowed by recent news that the state's health agency had developed plans earlier this year to publicly discredit FamilyCare, a Portland-area Medicaid provider.

Last week, Brown asked the health agency's director, Lynne Saxton, to resign in the wake of news that Saxton had apparently approved of aspects of the plan or directed staff to develop the plan. However, it is not clear how much of the public-relations strategy, which ranged from influencing legislators to connecting disgruntled FamilyCare patients, was implemented.

Saxton's last day is Aug. 31.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the state Senate General Government and Accountability Committee, state Sen. Chuck Riley, D-Hillsboro, says he plans to call the Oregon Health Authority before the committee to testify in September.

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Campfires prohibited at state beaches

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Campfires and open flames will be prohibited on all state beaches beginning today.

Oregon State Parks announced the indefinite ban mainly due to high fire danger but also because of the mas-

sive number of people visiting the state for Monday's total solar eclipse, Nehalem Bay State Park Ranger Ben Cox said.

While a number of rangers will head south Monday to assist at parks located inside the eclipse's path of totality,

some will stay behind to monitor beaches along the North Coast.

Cox also warned beachgoers to stay away from the shorelines during the eclipse as high and low tides may swiftly rise and lower by as much as 9 feet Monday morning.

Cannon Beach gets fire grant, donation

By **KAELIA NEAL**
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District received a \$9,030 grant and a generous donation of \$50,000.

The Fire District applied for the Volunteer Fire assistance grant in April through the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The grant aids fire departments in rural areas in

improving their protection capabilities.

By completing 602 in-kind match training hours, the fire district matched the grant for a total project cost of \$18,060.

"It will help us fight some of these fires in the wildland area — anything outside the city limits," Fire Chief Matt Benedict said.

The fire district also received a donation of \$50,000 from the John Harrington Trust. Harrington was a resi-

dent of Cannon Beach.

A portion of the donation — \$31,428 — is being used to purchase the Zoll Medical X Series monitor and defibrillator.

"It (the monitor) helps with the standardization of equipment between the two agencies — the fire department and medic's ambulance," Benedict said.

"This monitor will allow me to use my paramedic skills to its full abilities," he said.

DEATHS

Aug. 15, 2017

JOHNSON, Michael Alan, 63, of Hammond, died in Hammond. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

JAMESON, George Dwayne, 81, of Warrenton, died in Scappoose. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-2-1-2
4 p.m.: 5-2-1-2
7 p.m.: 1-6-2-7
10 p.m.: 5-0-4-1
Mega Millions: 7-16-20-66-73, Mega Ball: 7
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-0-2
Tuesday's Keno: 01-07-13-15-16-24-25-32-36-43-55-56-60-61-69-71-74-76-77-78
Tuesday's Match 4: 06-15-18-21

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