

Housing, homelessness drive Gearhart concerns

City to enter into county agreement

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GEARHART — In a city where the median home price reaches \$424,000, housing issues take center stage.

Before Wednesday night's City Council meeting was over, the council had taken in a request for funding from Helping Hands Re-entry and resolved to enter into an agreement with the county and other cities on a \$100,000 housing study.

In June, County Manager Cameron Moore suggested Gearhart partner with other cities to learn more about housing issues. A similar six-month study by Tillamook County identified specific data about the area's housing market and possible solutions.

The Clatsop County agreement recognizes the "lack of housing options is creating barriers to continued economic growth."

Businesses are struggling to retain and attract employees because they cannot find housing or cannot afford the housing that might be available, according to the agreement.

Cannon Beach, Seaside, Warrenton, Astoria and Gearhart have been asked to provide \$10,000 toward the estimated \$100,000 cost of the project. The county will pledge \$50,000.

According to the agreement, the county will hire a consultant to assist in understanding the type, size, location and price of housing needed to meet the current and future needs of county residents, along with market forces, regulations and local barriers that impact housing development.

"This is a good opportunity for partnership with the county and cities of Clatsop County," City Administrator Chad Sweet wrote in a staff report.

City Attorney Peter Watts said there is a general consensus



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Alan Evans, CEO and founder of Helping Hands Re-entry, addresses the Gearhart City Council.

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of a housing emergency in the county, and growing pressure for cities to conduct these types of studies.

Cost savings will come from teaming with the county, rather than preparing an independent study, he added.

Funding for the housing study partnership will come from the city's hazard mitigation fund, Sweet said. The fund contains \$14,950.

Mayor Matt Brown and City Councilors Paulina Cockrum, Dan Jesse and Sue Lorain voted to support the partnership. Councilor Kerry Smith was absent.

Request for shelter funds

In a public comment period before the regular meeting, Alan Evans, chief executive officer and founder of Helping Hands, requested support for his organization. Helping Hands provides shelter and re-entry services through 11 facilities with 190 beds a

night in four counties. In Seaside, Helping Hands provides up to 60 beds a night.

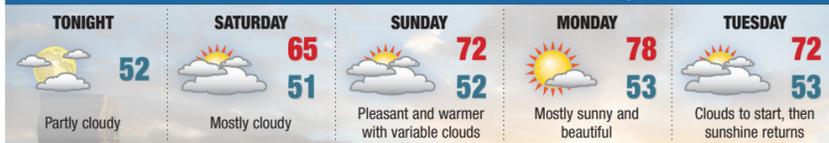
"All the cities provide assistance and we've always wondered how come Gearhart hasn't offered us an opportunity to apply," Evans said. "I had a conversation with somebody who said, 'Have you asked?' The answer is 'No, I haven't.'"

Evans cited an increase in need and a housing crisis "like we've never seen before in the last year."

"We've had an increase of 6 percent in the last year in children needing services. In our community," he said. "We had an 18 percent increase in the elderly needing assistance in this community. And a 35 percent increase in people needing services in the last two years."

Evans delivered a letter and annual report to councilors, who agreed to consider the request at a future budget session.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures	High/Low
High/low	69°/57°
Normal high/low	69°/51°
Record high	87° in 1958
Record low	38° in 1992

Precipitation	Amount
Thursday	0.17"
Month to date	0.17"
Normal month to date	0.42"
Year to date	50.23"
Normal year to date	38.52"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	7:41 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	6:46 a.m.
Moonrise today	9:14 p.m.
Moonset today	9:19 a.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Ursa Major is low above northern horizon before midnight.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

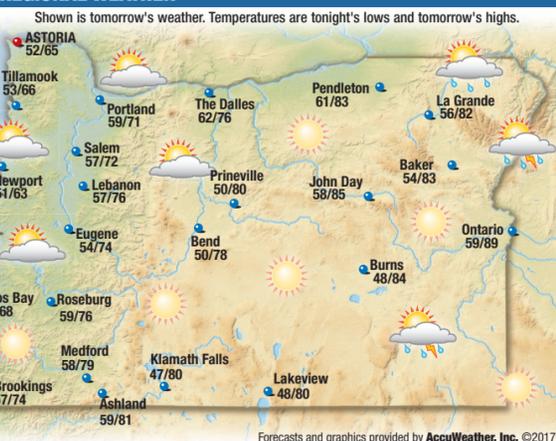
Astoria / Port Docks	Time	Low
3:56 a.m.	7.9 ft.	0.1 ft.
4:09 p.m.	8.5 ft.	-0.1 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	79	61	s	79	60	s		
Boston	74	55	pc	69	50	pc		
Chicago	66	52	pc	70	50	s		
Denver	89	58	pc	90	61	s		
Des Moines	86	60	s	85	62	pc		
Detroit	67	48	c	67	48	s		
El Paso	93	67	c	91	66	s		
Fairbanks	64	41	c	62	42	pc		
Honolulu	88	76	pc	88	76	pc		
Indianapolis	77	55	pc	74	51	s		
Kansas City	83	59	s	83	62	pc		
Las Vegas	90	73	pc	85	72	t		
Los Angeles	82	64	pc	82	66	pc		
Memphis	80	60	s	81	59	s		
Miami	93	81	pc	88	80	r		
Nashville	78	56	s	79	54	s		
New Orleans	84	69	s	86	70	s		
New York	73	56	pc	70	55	pc		
Oklahoma City	83	60	s	84	60	s		
Philadelphia	73	56	pc	71	55	pc		
St. Louis	83	61	s	81	58	pc		
Salt Lake City	93	67	t	86	63	s		
San Francisco	73	62	pc	74	61	pc		
Seattle	71	56	c	64	57	sh		
Washington, DC	76	58	pc	73	56	pc		

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

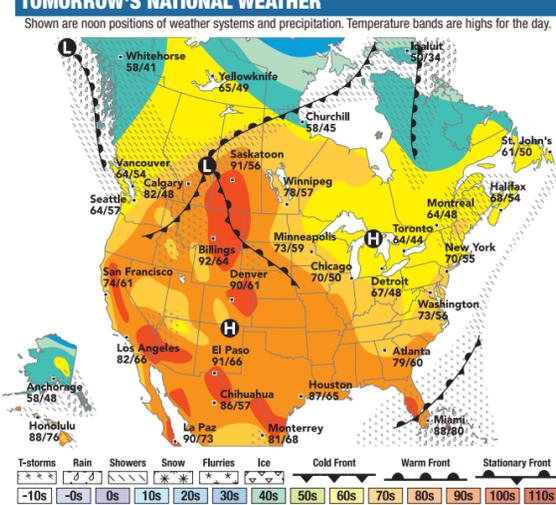
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Sat	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	85	54	pc	83	50	pc					
Bend	79	50	pc	78	47	pc					
Brookings	69	58	c	71	59	pc					
Eugene	74	54	c	74	53	pc					
Ilwaco	66	55	c	63	54	c					
Klamath Falls	79	47	pc	80	46	pc					
Medford	77	58	pc	79	55	pc					
Newberg	74	54	c	71	53	pc					
Newport	64	51	c	63	52	pc					
North Bend	66	52	c	68	54	pc					
Olympia	73	50	c	64	50	c					
Pendleton	86	61	pc	83	56	pc					
Portland	74	59	c	71	57	pc					
Roseburg	75	59	c	76	57	pc					
Salem	75	57	c	72	54	pc					
Seaside	67	53	c	64	54	c					
Spokane	84	59	pc	77	51	pc					
Springfield	76	56	c	76	54	pc					
Vancouver	74	56	c	70	56	pc					
Yakima	88	56	pc	80	48	pc					

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



OBITUARIES

Rosalie 'Rosie' Elizabeth Walker Wilson

Astoria

June 18, 1923 — Aug. 21, 2017

On Aug. 21, following the solar eclipse, our beautiful mother, Rosalie, peacefully joined her Lord and savior. We are certain she is now reunited in glory with all of those she loves on the ultimate side of life.

Mom was born on June 18, 1923, to Alonzo and Maurine Walker in DeLand, Illinois. Her family came west in 1932, settling in the Longview-Kelso area, where she graduated from high school in 1940.

On Aug. 14, 1948, she married Bill D. Wilson. They moved for a brief time to Fresno, California, returning to the Northwest in 1951, settling in Astoria, where they raised their family of three daughters and a son. Mom chose to remain a homemaker until Lewis started school, and then became a cafeteria lunch lady at Lewis and Clark Elementary. Progressing to a position as teacher's aide for the special education class, Mom found the interaction with those children to be very rewarding.

In 1970, Rosalie and Bill bought the Driftwood Inn in Cannon Beach. Mom took a job as a clerk at Cannon Beach Lumber, where she enjoyed working alongside her son, Lewie. She retired in 1988 and returned to Kelso to care for her mother. Returning to Astoria until she passed, Mom tremendously enjoyed all flowers, her family, cats, gardening and activities at the Astoria First Baptist Church. In her 94 earthly years she was a crocheting machine!



Rosalie Wilson

Preceded in death by her son Lewis, daughter Iris, and former husband Bill, Mom is survived by two daughters, Leighland Heinrichs (Frank) of Seaside and Janell Hunnicutt of Snohomish,

Washington. Also surviving are her son-in-law Don Roessler, a true son to her, and nine grandchildren: Scott Cadonau, Kevin Cadonau (Cheryl), Eric Hellberg (Rosalee), twins Ross Hunnicutt and her namesake, Rosalie Hunnicutt, Billy Roessler, Andrew Wilson Hecox, Rebecca Seybold (Don) and Amanda Walker (Chuck). Also, there are 11 great-grandchildren: Ian, Justin, Hayley, Jack, Kam, Tyler, Johnny, Vivian, Lucas, Marley, Phoebe, and a 12th baby, due in February. Many of her nephews and nieces and their families also remain.

Mom loved the color red, so please join us at her "Wear Red For Rosie Celebration of Life" on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at 1 p.m., at the Astoria First Baptist Church, 349 Seventh St.

Remembrances may be made to the Baptist church in her name as continued support for their many community activities, dinners and AA meetings. As an alternative tribute to our mother, please buy a loved one or yourself some flowers to enjoy in this moment.

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40:8.

Please sign our online guest book at www.OceanViewAstoria.com

Alfred Lynn 'Packy' Riser

Astoria

March 31, 1946 — Aug. 30, 2017

Alfred Lynn "Packy" Riser passed away on Aug. 30, 2017, in Longview, Washington. Lynn was born on March 31, 1946, in Astoria, Oregon, to Alfred Cleo Riser and Evelyn Loretta Riser. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1964.

He was a logger by trade, and started working for Crown-Zellerbach in 1966. After 21 years with Crown, he then moved on to work for Nygaard Logging for 12 more years. He also co-owned and operated Royal Cab for many years.

Lynn was an avid sport fisherman and clam digger. He also enjoyed chopping wood. You could often find him sitting over a cup of coffee at the Short Stop, where he would visit his daughter daily. He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren, and had a special bond with his grandson, Jander. He was his mentor, best friend and clam digging buddy.

Lynn was married three times, and had five children. He first married Gayle Parker, who blessed him with his daughter, Christina Riser,

and his son, Daniel Lynn Riser. His second marriage, to Jeanette Lindros, gifted him his youngest daughter, Jennifer McDonald. When he married his third wife, Cathy Riser, he gained two more, his stepchildren Jeanne Reeves and Travis Weichal, whom he helped raise.

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry Riser, wife Cathy Riser, and granddaughter Jade Morgan.

He is survived by his children, Christina Riser, Danny and Laurie Riser and Jennifer and John McDonald; his stepchildren, Jeanne Reeves and Travis Weichal; his grandchildren, Renee and James Blackburn, Jander and Karla Pineda, Cali and Parker Riser, Corey Lyon McDonald and Mark McDonald, and Jeanne's boys, Jake and Josh; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His brother, Jim, and sister-in-law, Becky, as well as his sister, Loretta Palmrose, also survive.

Lynn had asked to be cremated, and requested there not be any funeral services.



Alfred Lynn Riser

CORRECTIONS

First name incorrect — Coast Guard pilot Lt. Tripp Haas was incorrectly referred to as Chip in a 1A story Wednesday on local air crews returning from Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

Rummage sale dates — A rummage sale to benefit the Astor Elementary School library will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 16

and Sept. 17. A story on 2A Thursday incorrectly said the sale is this Saturday and Sunday.

Immigration workshop date — An Immigration 101 workshop will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Columbian Theater in Astoria. A story on 3B in today's Community section, which is printed in advance, incorrectly said the event is this Saturday.

DEATHS

Sept. 7, 2017

LAMPI, Kenneth Eddie, 95, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MELHOFF, Frances Ruth, 79, of Warrenton, died in Wheeler. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory of Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 6, 2017

HARRIS, Lucille "Lucy," 64, of Stanfield, former longtime Knappa resident, died at home. A private family celebration will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com

ON THE RECORD

DUI

• At 11:04 a.m. Thursday, Darlene Cooley, 75, of Seaside, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department at 225 South Roosevelt

Drive and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. The car she was driving allegedly slammed into a truck in the McDonald's parking lot.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Thursday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 2721

4 p.m.: 0558

7 p.m.: 6083

10 p.m.: 5512

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 03-08-11-13-19-24-26-32

Estimated jackpot: \$56,000

WASHINGTON

Thursday's Daily Game: 6-6-8

Thursday's Keno: 07-08-09-12-20-23-25-29-37-

41-46-53-57-58-59-63-65-68-75-78

Thursday's Match 4: 01-17-19-24

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department Board,

6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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