

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## 'How do you feel about flu shots? Would you get one?'



"Yes. Because I think it's necessary for younger kids and seniors. I took care of a senior, and I could easily give her the flu. If there is a shot that can prevent something, and there's a high percent of positive result, then that's a definite yes."

Terisa Misner, Svensen



"I think they're very good. I'm really susceptible to this stuff. I'm very religious about getting the shot."

Donna K. Wright, Astoria



"I think they're important. Some would disagree, but at our age every little leg up helps."

Jeff Campbell, Astoria

# Wildfires push Oregon hunters and hunted into new terrain

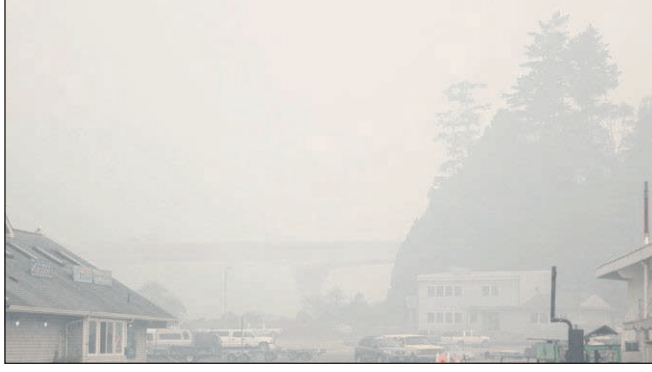
By MARK FREEMAN  
Medford Mail Tribune

MEDFORD — Wildfires will displace both hunters and the hunted this fall as burning forests and backwoods public-safety closures push men and beasts into new haunts.

Big-game animals such as deer and elk do fine in the face of wildfire, often showing uncanny abilities to stay ahead of encroaching flames or finding green oases amid a fire's roar. And while deer and elk won't be returning to burned areas around Prospect and Union Creek anytime soon, they likely will feel at home in the smoky areas immediately around wildfires and closed areas, biologists say.

"While they seem to know how to avoid the fires, we have no indication that they avoid smoke," says Mark Vargas, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Rogue District wildlife biologist.

"We've had many instances where there's a herd of elk a



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Smoke from the Chetco Bar Fire.

half-mile from a fire and smoke so thick you can't breathe," he says. "And there are the elk, foraging. It just doesn't alter their behavior."

So add a N95 smoke mask to your daypack essentials this fall, because successful deer and elk hunters likely will find themselves in precisely the smoky conditions they and other Oregonians have been trying to avoid in town for the past two months.

"I wouldn't give up on smoky areas," Vargas says.

"You can't avoid it. There's smoke everywhere."

### Closures

With more than 300,000 acres of wildfire area in southwest Oregon alone, area closures in the region are unprecedented. The entire Sky Lakes and Rogue-Umpqua Divide wilderness areas are closed to the public for the first time. Other fires have caused the public to be forced out of huge swaths of land in the Prospect and Union Creek areas, while

lower elevations continue to see public-access closures on private industrial lands.

The Chetco Bar Fire based largely in Curry County covers more than 190,000 acres, while the Miller Complex of fires in the Applegate Valley covers more than 36,000 acres.

While the closed wilderness areas will displace hundreds of hunters who look to get away from crowds, perhaps the most hunters will be impacted by the nearly 64,000 acres in the High Cascades Complex of fires.

Because many hunters will be forced out of their sometimes decades-old comfort zones, they will have to try new terrain to get their hunts in this fall.

"I know it can be an inconvenience," Vargas says. "But

there are usually plenty of areas to hunt.

"This is an opportunity to try out new areas," Vargas says. "I am."

For four decades the Vargas family has hunted blacktails in the Dixon Unit between Union Creek and Prospect. With his traditional hunting area and deer camp now off limits, Vargas will be looking to hunt new lands.

### Public access

Recent rains and even high-elevation snow has given hunters hope that nature will quell these lightning-ignited blazes and return public access to closed areas — particularly wilderness areas — if not for the start of the general elk season three weeks from now, then at least for the second half

of the general buck deer season for rifle hunters.

But those could be false hopes.

"There have been no inclinations to even discuss that," says Chamise Kramer, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest's spokeswoman.

"The closures aren't just about active fire, but also where equipment and firefighters are," Kramer says. "There are a lot of factors that come into play, a lot more than just weather and active fire."

Until then, it's smoke masks and Visine while plying the smoky woods for buck and bulls.

"Hopefully the weather cooperates and they open it," Vargas says. "If not, we'll be in the smoke."

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
55	73 54	64 49	62 49	61 49
Clear	Nice and warm with plenty of sunshine	Mostly cloudy, showers around; cooler	Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers	Cloudy with a passing shower or two

**ALMANAC**  
Astoria through Tuesday.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 72°/57°  
Normal high/low ..... 66°/48°  
Record high ..... 85° in 1967  
Record low ..... 38° in 1908

**Precipitation**  
Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 2.68"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.75"  
Year to date ..... 52.74"  
Normal year to date ..... 39.85"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 7:03 p.m.  
Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:10 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 2:24 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 11:49 p.m.

First Full Last New  
Sep 27 Oct 5 Oct 12 Oct 19

**UNDER THE SKY**  
Tonight's Sky: First Quarter Moon (7:53 p.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**  
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
8:41 a.m.	5.9 ft.	1:52 a.m.	1.1 ft.
7:36 p.m.	6.8 ft.	1:55 p.m.	3.3 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Thu.	W
Atlanta	90 69 s	90 69 s	s
Boston	81 68 pc	75 51 pc	pc
Chicago	74 51 s	74 55 s	r
Denver	57 45 c	58 44 r	r
Des Moines	70 50 s	76 53 s	s
Detroit	78 51 pc	70 52 s	s
El Paso	78 63 t	79 63 pc	pc
Fairbanks	53 39 pc	42 33 r	r
Honolulu	89 77 pc	89 76 pc	pc
Indianapolis	79 53 pc	73 53 s	s
Kansas City	69 50 pc	74 54 s	s
Las Vegas	86 66 s	87 66 s	s
Los Angeles	90 64 s	90 66 s	s
Memphis	89 68 s	81 61 s	s
Miami	89 77 sh	89 77 sh	sh
Nashville	90 65 s	80 56 s	s
New Orleans	90 74 s	92 76 s	s
New York	84 68 pc	78 56 pc	pc
Oklahoma City	64 55 t	72 56 c	c
Philadelphia	88 68 s	78 56 pc	pc
St. Louis	76 54 pc	77 56 s	s
Salt Lake City	68 48 s	68 48 s	s
San Francisco	88 60 s	81 58 s	s
San Jose	80 58 s	83 58 s	s
Seattle	89 70 s	78 57 s	s
Washington, DC	89 70 s	78 57 s	s

**REGIONAL WEATHER**  
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

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**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Thu.	W	City	Today	Thu.	W
Baker City	75 35 s	77 37 s	s	Olympia	80 49 s	84 53 s	s
Bend	76 42 s	79 47 s	s	Pendleton	79 49 s	82 52 s	s
Brookings	75 55 s	69 54 pc	pc	Portland	83 59 s	85 58 s	s
Eugene	84 50 s	84 52 s	s	Roseburg	88 52 s	89 54 s	s
Ilwaco	78 58 s	70 57 s	s	Salem	86 53 s	85 55 s	s
Klamath Falls	77 39 s	78 41 s	s	Seaside	81 56 s	75 56 s	s
Medford	88 51 s	87 53 s	s	Spokane	73 49 s	77 51 s	s
Newberg	86 54 s	83 56 s	s	Springfield	86 52 s	85 53 s	s
Newport	76 54 s	69 55 s	s	Vancouver	82 57 s	83 57 s	s
North Bend	78 53 s	69 56 s	s	Yakima	80 47 s	81 49 s	s

**TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER**  
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Legend: T-tornado, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front

## OBITUARIES

### Harry G. Bernier Gladstone

March 15, 1929 — Sept. 14, 2017



"Captain" Harry Bernier was born and raised in Astoria, Oregon, the son of Arnold G. Bernier (Estacada, Oregon) and Mary Constance Bell (Astoria, Oregon). Harry was a descendant of an early Oregon pioneer and Oregon statesman, Samuel Terry McKean, who came out on the Oregon Trail in 1847.

Harry was raised by his mother, Connie, his late uncle, Bumby Bell, and his grandmother, Polly McKean Bell, a Clatsop County historian.

Harry graduated from Astoria High School in 1948, enlisted in the Air Force, and served as an air traffic control operator during the European Operations following World War II, including the Berlin Airlift. He was accepted into flight school in 1952, and during the Korean War he flew F-86-D fighter jets, serving in the 445th Fighter Squadron. Later he served in the 497th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, supporting Strategic Air Command operations from Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington, as a first lieutenant.

He married Margaret L. Wallen in 1956, and had one child, Mark. He served as air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration at Boeing Field in Renton, Washington, in 1957, and then was back in the air flying cargo in C-46 and DC-3s in Alaska in 1958. From 1959 to 1966 he flew cargo, and then air retardant bombers (TBM's and B-26s), for forest fires in the western U.S.

In late 1966, he was recruited by Continental Air Service — Air America, and flew contracted military missions in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War until April 1971. He flew C-45s,

DHC-4s and C-123-Ks, supplying food and arms to insurgents fighting the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army, and in support of CIA operations in Southeast Asia. In 1971, he returned to

Astoria and started commercial fishing. He worked as a mate on ocean tugboats, and then got his master's license. He worked various shipping jobs up and down the West Coast. He was a cruise ship master in the Inland Passage, up the Columbia River, on the East and West coast of the U.S. and in the Caribbean. He worked in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, in support of the oil industry, assisted with the Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup in the late 1980s, and was master of a research vessel in

Puerto Rico in the early 1990s.

He was captain of the Oregon Responder during the New Carissa shipwreck off the Oregon Coast in 1999. Later in his career, he was a captain of the Portland Spirit on the Willamette River, and his last job, at 75, was piloting the Canby Ferry in Canby, Oregon. He was a life-long member of the American Legion Post 12 in Astoria, Oregon, and the Order of Elks No. 180 in Astoria, Oregon.

He is survived by his former wife, Patricia Brock Winter, formerly of Astoria, Oregon; his cousin, Thomas M. Bell of Portland, Oregon; son Mark (Bernier) Mousseaux, and granddaughter Kora Mousseaux, of Phoenix, Oregon; siblings Joy, June, Donna, Jack and John; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Bernier.

He resided in Gladstone, Oregon, with his cat, Kitty Kat, and is now free to fly and sail again.



Harry Bernier

## New Youngs Bay Bridge will close next week for repairs

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9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 to complete a variety of maintenance activities.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is closing the New Youngs Bay Bridge on U.S. Highway 101 from

Drivers can use U.S. Highway 101 Business as a detour.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### WEDNESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

### THURSDAY

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.  
Arcadia Beach RV park public meeting, 11 a.m., Cannon Beach Fire Hall, 188 E Sunset Blvd.

## MEMORIAL

### Sunday, Oct. 1

LUND, Barbara (Wascher) — Celebration of life at 1:30 p.m., Willamette Oaks Retirement Community, 455 Alexander Loop in Eugene. All are welcome.

## LOTTERIES

### OREGON

**Tuesday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 9-2-0-7  
4 p.m.: 6-5-0-2  
7 p.m.: 9-6-2-0  
10 p.m.: 4-8-6-7  
**Tuesday's Lucky Lines:** 02-05-10-14-20-22-26-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$20,000  
**Tuesday's Mega Millions:** 1-10-57-66-75, Mega Ball: 4  
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

### WASHINGTON

**Tuesday's Daily Game:** 2-1-9  
**Tuesday's Keno:** 06-08-12-16-20-21-35-36-39-42-49-50-60-62-63-64-65-72-76-78  
**Tuesday's Match 4:** 04-05-21-23

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