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Fire crews work to protect Multnomah Falls and the Multnomah Falls Lodge, which was built in 1925, from the Eagle Creek Fire in September.

Multnomah Falls closed for the foreseeable future

Damage from massive fires

By ANNA KING
Northwest News Network

Now that the fall rains have begun, the fire danger at Multnomah Falls has declined. But Oregon's popular gem still won't open anytime soon. The famous landmark sees more than 2 million visitors per year according to the U.S. Forest Service. But it's been closed since the massive wildfires hit the

Columbia River Gorge in September. Experts say the falls and the old highway that leads up to it are highly dangerous. And much of it has to do with moss. The moss has been burnt away by the fires — and that used to be the glue holding basalt cliffs together on these steep slopes. Rachel Pawlitz is with the U.S. Forest Service that manages the falls and the popular hiking areas around it. "One of the biggest risks to the visitors here is the combined effect of the moss

having burned off which was a glue holding it together, and the freezing and thawing effect over the winter which will just create cracks in the rock," Pawlitz said. "Those two things together will just cause rocks to peel off the side of the cliff and fall at intervals that we can't predict." Although cleared often, fresh rocks — some the size of basketballs — litter the old highway up to the falls. And Pawlitz said rocks could also fall on the viewing platforms and parts of the popular lodge.

County commission meetings will air live on TV, website

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners meeting will be broadcast live Wednesday night.

Charter Communications recently installed the infrastructure for broadcasting, ending a six-year process. Viewers can access the meeting on public access channel 190 and on the county website.

Commissioners approved a \$90,000 contract in 2016 to upgrade audio and install video capabilities in the Judge Guy Boyington Building in Astoria, where commissioners meet. Video cameras, a projector and retractable screen, audio improvements and other upgrades had already been added to the building. Delayed video footage of meetings has

been posted on the county website and YouTube since last year.

Charter originally planned to install the cable infrastructure in December. But the company was anticipating that the broadcasts would take place at the county's nearby office building on 800 Exchange St., which already has cable capabilities, Clatsop County Manager Cameron Moore said. Installation of other infrastructure also added to the delay.

County officials had already reached a franchise agreement with Charter in 2015 following several years of negotiations. Charter paid \$39,000 to cover the cost of the channel as part of the agreement.

The county is in the early stages of developing policies for the types of programming that will be allowed on the

channel, Moore said. "It's not something we've done before. We want to do it carefully," he said. "We just need to be clear and consistent."

Commissioner Lianne Thompson has proposed allowing organizations such as the American Red Cross, Clatsop Community College, Clatsop County Public Health and a number of environmental organizations to broadcast on the channel.

"I want people to be able to see what's going on," Thompson said. "I want members of the community to have this tool."

While county staff tested the equipment last week, Moore still expects early glitches.

"It will probably take a week or two before we have things running the way we want them to," he said.

Domoic acid shuts down crabbing in southern Oregon

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

Elevated levels of a marine toxin shut down recreational and commercial crabbing off of Oregon's southern coast Monday.

The closure runs from the Coquille River's north jetty, and the bay in Bandon, to the California border. It is an extension of a closure announced last week that shut down crabbing from Cape Blanco to the California border due to high levels of the naturally-occurring marine toxin domoic acid. The rest of the state, from

the Bandon area north to the Columbia River, remains open for crab harvesting in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties. The recreational crabbing season in the ocean closed on the coast on Oct. 15.

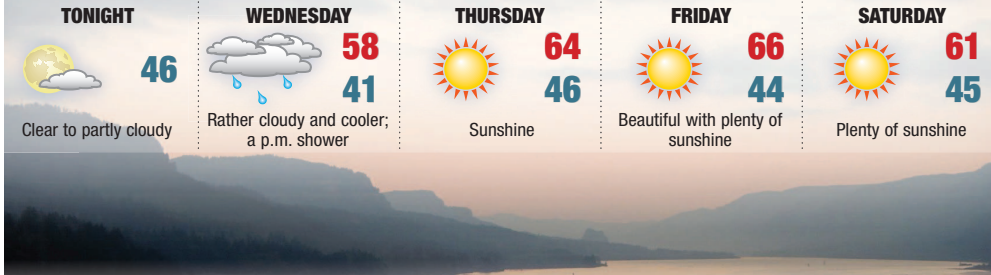
Fishery managers say crab and shellfish products for sale in markets and at restaurants are safe for consumers.

Razor clamming remains open from the Columbia River to Cascade Head, just north of Lincoln City, but is closed from Cascade Head south to the California border due to high domoic acid levels. Razor clam digging opened for the

first time in more than a year in Oregon at the end of September. Washington state continues to have limited digs scheduled throughout the fall months. The next digging times on the Long Beach Peninsula are scheduled for the evenings of Nov. 3 and Nov. 4.

Domoic acid has become a familiar reality on the West Coast in recent years, disrupting both crabbing and razor clam digs at various times in Washington state, Oregon and California. In 2015, a massive toxic algal bloom shut shellfish fisheries in all three states, and Washington halted its Dungeness crab fishery.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures

High/Low 66°/44°
 Normal high/low 59°/43°
 Record high 79° in 1929
 Record low 34° in 1991

Precipitation

Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 8.82"
 Normal month to date 3.92"
 Year to date 62.03"
 Normal year to date 44.16"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:14 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 7:47 a.m.
 Moonrise today 12:18 p.m.
 Moonset today 9:42 p.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Nearly overhead before midnight is the constellation of Cygnus, the Swan, also known as the Northern Cross.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

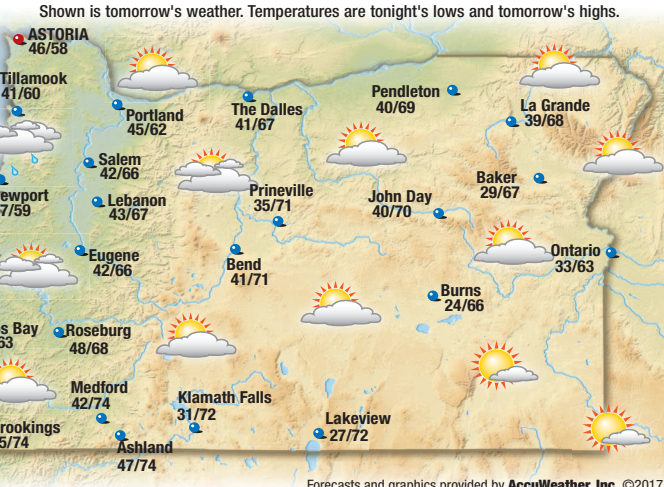
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Low
6:05 a.m.	6.8 ft.	3.2 ft.
4:55 p.m.	7.8 ft.	none

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Lo	W
Atlanta	67	44	s	60	43	s
Boston	67	44	sh	66	55	r
Chicago	48	36	r	50	36	pc
Denver	61	42	s	77	43	s
Des Moines	52	40	pc	65	45	pc
Detroit	56	42	sh	52	35	sh
El Paso	72	47	s	76	52	s
Fairbanks	25	15	pc	32	27	c
Honolulu	83	66	pc	82	71	pc
Indianapolis	48	36	pc	48	36	c
Kansas City	56	38	pc	69	48	s
Las Vegas	88	62	s	85	60	s
Los Angeles	103	73	s	100	71	s
Memphis	64	41	pc	64	47	s
Miami	86	71	t	76	58	sh
Nashville	62	40	pc	57	39	pc
New Orleans	74	52	s	69	50	s
New York	72	60	r	67	48	r
Oklahoma City	65	39	s	76	49	s
Philadelphia	75	54	r	66	46	pc
St. Louis	51	38	pc	62	44	pc
Salt Lake City	63	41	s	68	44	s
San Francisco	84	59	s	80	57	s
Seattle	64	46	s	58	47	c
Washington, DC	75	53	pc	64	48	pc

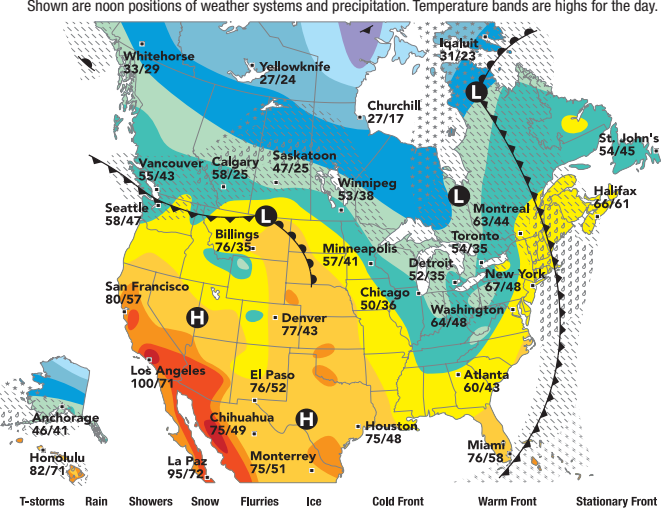
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Lo	W
Baker City	66	29	s	67	37	pc
Bend	69	41	s	71	43	pc
Brookings	72	54	s	71	53	pc
Eugene	66	42	s	66	45	pc
Ilwaco	64	47	s	57	44	c
Klamath Falls	73	31	s	72	32	s
Medford	77	42	s	74	43	pc
Newberg	69	42	s	64	45	pc
Newport	67	47	s	59	45	pc
North Bend	71	48	s	63	49	c
Olympia	64	41	s	59	41	c
Pendleton	64	40	s	69	45	pc
Portland	69	45	s	62	46	pc
Roseburg	70	48	s	68	50	pc
Salem	69	42	s	66	46	pc
Seaside	68	44	s	58	42	c
Spokane	59	41	s	59	38	pc
Springfield	67	43	s	67	49	pc
Vancouver	67	42	s	62	44	pc
Yakima	65	33	s	68	39	pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Highway reopens after heavy flooding in Tillamook

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — U.S. Highway 101 through Tillamook has reopened after 5 inches of rain shut down part of the road and caused flooding

that damaged cars and forced at least one business to close.

KGW-TV reports that the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office says the mountains got 10 inches of rain and the Willson River rose 5 feet above

flood stage at the storm's height.

Flooding is common in the area during heavy winter rains, but authorities say events like these typically don't happen this early in the season.

OBITUARIES

Doris (Webb) Thompson Glenden Beach Nov. 5, 1926 — Oct. 16, 2017

Doris (Webb) Thompson, beloved wife and mother, passed away Oct. 16, 2017, in Glenden Beach, Oregon. She was born in 1926 in Centralia, Washington.

She married Charles Thompson in 1945, and they raised two sons, Terry and Alan. They spent the majority of their life together in Newport, Warrenton and Astoria, Oregon.

Doris, when not busy raising the two boys, worked as commercial fish and crab processor for the Columbia River Packers Association and Depot Bay Fish Co. in Newport. Doris later joined her husband, Charles, in the administration of his commercial fishing.

Doris was also active in the community.

In her most recent years she enjoyed volunteering with Lighthouse Park and the Deep Sea Fisherman's Benefit Fund in Warrenton, Oregon.

Doris loved gardening, enjoyed reading, and had a wonderful smile that could light up a room.

She is survived by her two sons, five grandsons and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Doris wished for charitable donations to be made to the Deep Sea Fisherman's Fund, P.O. Box 1062, Warrenton, OR 97146.

Doris will be laid to rest at Turner Twin Oaks Cemetery in Turner, Oregon.

DEATH

Oct. 22, 2017

PFEIL, Monte R. Sr., of Cannon Beach, died in Cannon Beach. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

WEDNESDAY
Clatsop County Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON	Estimated jackpot:	WASHINGTON
Monday's Pick 4:	\$22,000	Monday's Daily Game: 8-1-4
1 p.m.: 3-0-3-0	Monday's Megabucks: 05-17-21-27-31-35	
4 p.m.: 8-1-7-5	Estimated jackpot: \$8.9 million	
7 p.m.: 5-7-3-7		
10 p.m.: 3-8-8-1		
Monday's Lucky Lines: 04-08-10-15-FREE-18-23-28-29		
		Monday's Hit 5: 08-15-24-36-38
		Monday's Keno: 06-14-15-27-30-37-39-42-46-48-49-52-53-54-62-64-67-75-76-80
		Monday's Lotto: 12-22-27-31-32-43
		Monday's Match 4: 02-03-13-15

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