

Crews clear a landslide on Highway 101 near Hug Point.

Brenna Visser/The Daily Astorian

Landslide closed Highway 101 near Hug Point

By BRENNA VISSER The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — A landslide closed U.S. Highway 101 near Hug Point for several hours Friday afternoon Authorities said the slide

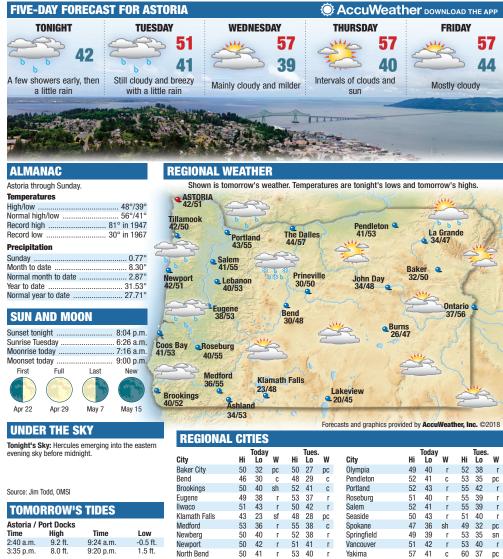
was about 4 miles south of

Cannon Beach. Lou Torres, a spokesman for the Oregon Department of Transportation, said the slide mostly covered the northbound lane of the highway. The southbound lane was closed for safety

reasons. Martinez, the Felix

interim Warrenton area manager for the Department of Transportation, said the slide happened around noon. He said about 50 yards of material — or about five dump trucks worth — had fallen.

There were no reported injuries or accidents caused by the slide.



Elk herd disrupts farming in northwest Washington valley

By DON JENKINS Capital Press

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash. - In the Skagit River Valley rippling through a tiny portion of northwest Washington, farmers and ranchers say they are overrun by elk, the consequence of a continuing effort by wildlife managers to enlarge the North Cascades herd.

Efforts to increase the number of elk in northwest Washington go back more than a century. In 1912, Skagit County brought in 46 elk from Yellowstone National Park to increase the herd. Poachers took the elk, according to state Department of Fish and Wildlife records. In the late 1940s, the state released 22 elk from King and Yakima counties. They became the foundation of today's herd.

The most recent importation of elk came between 2003 and 2005, when 98 elk from the Mount St. Helens area in southern Washington were rounded up by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Indian tribes. The animals were herded by helicopter through livestock chutes, loaded on horse trailers and driven north to Skagit County.

They were let go not far from the farms and ranches east of Sedro-Woolley. The herd grew, as intended, and farmers started seeing elk in their fields, more each year. Elk, once rare, are common now. They calve in the valley, stay year-round and make farming and ranching there more difficult and expensive.

The elk eat hay grown for livestock, bust fences, dig up potatoes and stunt trees by gnawing on the bark. Farmers worry about their livestock escaping through the broken fences or becoming infected with hoof rot, a disease that plagues elk.

The farmers say they are frustrated, both by the burgeoning elk population and the lack of cooperation from wildlife managers.

Tall order

Farmers had no say in the importation of elk that began 15 years ago.

"They didn't ask us. They just dumped them on our property," said John Jonasson, a hog and beef producer whose family has farmed in the valley since 1870. "We don't hate the elk. We hate the numbers."

Elk are a widespread problem in the Pacific Northwest, where they number nearly 300,000 and cause agricultural damage throughout the region. Farmers on the Olympic Peninsula, in the Columbia Gorge, Eastern Oregon, western Idaho and elsewhere have all recently reported increasing damage caused by elk.

Washington state has an estimated 50,000 and 60,000 elk in 10 herds. The North Cascades herd near Sedro-Woolley is the state's smallest.

The Fish and Wildlife Department, which co-manages the herd with nine Native American tribes, is working on a new herd plan. The tribes, who secured hunting rights by signing the 1855 Point Elliott Treaty, oppose submitting the plan to the Legislature for approval, but state lawmakers made a gesture and put into a spending bill instructions to Fish and Wildlife to have a plan by the end of the summer to minimize the number of elk on private land and maximize the number of elk on public land.

Amy Windrope, Fish and Wildlife's acting deputy director, said it won't be easy.

She agreed with farmers' fundamental complaint. "We need to get way more effective in getting the elk off the valley floor," Windrope said.

Beyond that, managing the elk gets more difficult, she said. A large-scale culling of the herd would cause an uproar from valley residents who enjoy the elk, and the state must respect the treaty rights of the tribes.

"Finding a way forward is really tricky," Windrope said. "I think it's not happening fast enough for ag folks.

Upper Skagit tribe policy representative Scott Schuyler said the tribe doesn't want to see farms harmed, but it also wants a healthy elk herd.

"It's always going to be our objective," he said. "We real-ize it could be problematic for some, but we're fortunate that we have the environment here to allow wildlife to remain here.

"We recognize there is a balancing act we have to achieve," he said. "The reality is not everybody is going to be 100 percent happy.

Fish and Wildlife's plan to move elk out of the valley floor will include hunting, hazing, fences, creating elk habitat in the hills and issuing permits to farmers to shoot damage-causing elk.

Some farmers, though, are pessimistic. The plan doesn't represent anything new, they say. The department already does those things.

"We're not seeing any measurable improvements," Skagit County Farm Bureau President Bill Schmidt said.

Skagit County Cattleman's Association Vice President Randy Good said he's losing hope the state will come up with something helpful.

"Things aren't getting any better," Good said. "They're going to get worse."

Woman who drove SUV with family off cliff was drunk, police say

By OLGA R. **RODRIGUEZ** Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A woman was drunk when she drove her large family off a

from a scenic overlook. The crash happened just days after authorities in Washington state opened an investigation following allegations the children were being neglected.

cant amount" of an ingredient commonly found in the allergy drug Benadryl, which can make people sleepy. Toxicology results for a third child killed are still pending, Carpenter said.

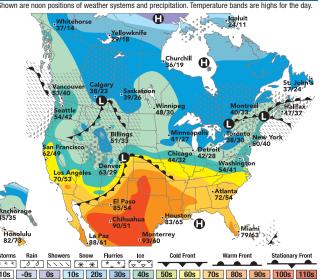
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Denver	76	45	рс	63	29	рс	
Des Moines	41	24	S	53	35	pc	
Detroit	41	29	sn	42	28	pc	
El Paso	89	64	рс	85	54	S	
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Las Vegas	77	49	S	69	51	S	
Los Angeles	65	48	рс	70	53	S	
Memphis	57	43	S	76	60	S	
Miami	82	57	S	79	63	S	
Nashville	48	35	С	73	55	S	
New Orleans	70	51	S	79	61	S	
New York	60	42	r	50	40	С	
Oklahoma City	71	56	S	83	53	рс	
Philadelphia	62	40	r	51	40	С	
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Northern California cliff last month and her wife and several children had large amounts of a drug in their systems that can cause drowsiness, authorities said Friday.

Police had previously said they believed the Hart family died in a suicide plunge

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business. Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St. Jewell School Board, 7:30 p.m.,

LOTTERIES

OREGON Sunday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 5-0-0-2 4 p.m.: 1-7-4-0 **7 p.m.:** 2-7-4-6 10 p.m.: 9-4-4-7 Sunday's Lucky Lines: 03-05-09-16-17-21-26-30 Estimated jackpot: \$15,000 Saturday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 0-7-6-3 4 p.m.: 4-5-4-9 **7 p.m.:** 7-7-0-3 10 p.m.: 5-7-3-1 Saturday's Lucky Lines: 03-08-10-13-19-24-28-29 Estimated jackpot: \$13,000 Saturday's Megabucks: 1-2-19-27-29-38 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

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Preliminary toxicology tests found Jennifer Hart had an alcohol level of 0.10, said California Patrol Capt. Bruce Carpenter. California drivers are considered drunk with a level of 0.08 or higher.

Toxicology tests also found that her wife Sarah Hart and two of their children had "a signifi-

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TUESDAY

Port of Astoria Commission, 4

p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite

Seaside School District Board

Cannon Beach Public Works

Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall,

Oregon Highway 103.

163 E. Gower St.

209.

car's occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Sarah and Jennifer Hart and their six adopted children were believed to be in the family's SUV when it plunged off a cliff in Mendocino County, more than 160 miles north of San Francisco.

of Directors, 5 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside. Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St. Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway. Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

Saturday's Powerball: 17-19-26-61-62, Powerball: 15 Estimated jackpot: \$122 million Friday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 1-8-0-0 4 p.m.: 2-4-1-5 **7 p.m.:** 6-7-7-0 10 p.m.: 2-6-5-6 Friday's Lucky Lines: 04-07-12-15-19-22-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$12,000 Friday's Mega Millions: 8-9-32-42-59, Mega Ball: 10 Estimated jackpot: \$67 million WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 5-2-4 Sunday's Keno: 03-05-08-09-11-13-15-22-26-29-30-39-43-46-54-58-60-67-70-73

Sunday's Match 4: 15-18-20-21 Saturday's Daily Game: 6-6-6 Saturday's Hit 5: 12-16-30-32-33 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000 Saturday's Keno: 02-03-04-07-09-18-19-24-25-33-45-48-49-53-55-58-59-64-69-80 Saturday's Lotto: 01-04-12-14-36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million Saturday's Match 4: 04-13-15-24 Sunday's Daily Game: 2-8-6 Sunday's Keno: 04-07-15-18-22-23-25-29-35-37-44-48-49-50-52-53-57-58-62-80 Sunday's Match 4: 05-06-12-20

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