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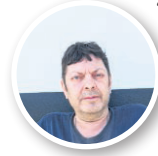
THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you think people should commemorate Memorial Day?



"I think everyone has someone special to them that has been affected in some way by war or the armed forces ... so I think that it's important for everyone during that day to maybe take a little extra time just to appreciate what these people have done."

Nick Wright, Seaside



"Watch John Wayne movies."

Marshall Lancaster, Astoria



"We have Remembrance Day, for veterans of World War I and stuff. We wear little plastic poppies on our chest and listen to ceremony speakers."

Tony Hau, Vancouver, British Columbia

Job growth slowing, but unemployment at record low

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A preliminary jobs report released by the state last week showed that Oregon lost about 2,900 non-farm jobs in April, the first time Oregon has had a net job loss in 16 months.

But jobs have grown steadily over the past year, and a month of job losses is typical even in years where the economy is expanding, state economists say.

The state's job growth rate over the past year — April 2017 to April 2018 — was 1.6 percent.

"That's fine and a good rate of growth," state employment economist Nick Beleiciks told lawmakers Tuesday. "But it has slowed and a lot of economists think that has to do with a shortage of workers available to take the jobs that are out there."

Employers said that in 2017, about 64 percent of their job vacancies were "difficult to



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Oregon state economists say statewide unemployment is at a record low and that employers are reporting that it's difficult to fill vacancies.

fill," according to the Oregon Employment Department.

The current job growth rate matches the national job growth rate, but it has certainly slowed from 2015, when Oregon was adding jobs at a rate of 3.7 percent.

Job growth isn't uniform

April unemployment hovers above 4 percent in county

The Daily Astorian

Unemployment in Clatsop County remained just above 4 percent in April, according to the state Employment Department.

The county's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, accounting for peaks in summer and valleys in winter, was 4.1 percent, the same as March and slightly higher than the year prior. Employment has peaked in

many Oregon counties over the past year.

Clatsop County added 410 jobs in April, 140 fewer than expected. Leisure and hospitality added 280 jobs; professional and business services 100; and manufacturing and construction 30. Trade, transportation and utilities cut 40 jobs.

The county added 360 jobs over the past year for a 2 percent growth rate in

employment. Industries adding the most jobs were construction (140); and leisure and hospitality (110). Retail was down 70 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5 percent in April, up slightly from last month and last year. Tillamook County's was 4.3 percent, the same as last month and up slightly from a year ago.

Because average pay is only growing at the rate of inflation, the state isn't seeing "real wage gains" right now, Beleiciks said.

While the post-recession recovery of jobs lost and job growth has been uneven geographically, Oregon's rural counties are still performing better in terms of employment than they have in recent memory.

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is at its lowest point — 4.1 percent — since 1976, the earliest year for which comparable records exist, Beleiciks said.

"Some areas of the state, like Grant County has the highest unemployment rate, 7.2 percent, as of April," Beleiciks said. "... (That) is really high, but for Grant County, since 1990, that's actually really close, if not the record low unemployment rate, for that area."

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Peninsula community grieves for Willapa Bay crabber

Chinook Observer

NAHCOTTA, Wash. — The disappearance of Nahcotta-based crab boat Kelli J and the young father alone at its helm in a mishap on Willapa Bay on Saturday sent the Long Beach Peninsula and the wider West Coast fishing community into mourning.

The search for Kevin Soule and his sunken vessel was still underway Tuesday, a Coast Guard spokesman said. Reports on Sunday that the 43-foot fiberglass hull had been found between Oysterville and Bay Center proved erroneous, Petty Officer 1st Class Levi Read said Tuesday.

The Coast Guard is work-

ing with a salvage team and the vessel's insurer to try to locate the Kelli J using sonar, Read said. The second-largest estuary on the Pacific Coast, Willapa Bay covers more than 260 square miles and is laced with channels up to 80 feet deep at low tide.

An intense search started Saturday when Soule's wife, Heather, reported him overdue at noon from pulling crab pots. The Coast Guard launched air and surface assets, covering a grid of more than 580 square nautical miles, both in the bay and well out into the nearby Pacific Ocean, where the boat might have been swept by the current.

By Sunday morning,

searchers had found an oil slick and debris associated with the Kelli J. At 12:33 p.m. Sunday — about a full day after the presumed mishap — the Coast Guard suspended its search.

Although the Dungeness crab fishery is infamously prone to deaths and injuries, Soule's friends and neighbors were shocked as news spread that he may have lost his life. Crab season is winding down and marine conditions were benign Saturday.

Struggling to make sense of what happened, other boat operators on the bay suggested Soule's vessel may have overturned in the process of winching up a stuck crab pot. However, there is no indi-

cation that mandatory automatic safety gear deployed, including an EPIRB beacon that is supposed to send out a location signal when it hits the water.

Hundreds of condolences, prayers and offers of help were registered on social media in the days following Soule's disappearance.

"Kevin was an honest good dude, he didn't deserve this," his friend Ross Kary wrote. "He loved his daughters and family. I pray for closure for his family."

Kevin Soule is married to Heather Unruh Soule, manager of Long Beach KeyBank. The couple have two daughters, ages 10 and 6. The Soules



Kevin Soule is pictured sorting crab aboard his vessel, the Kelli J.

are a well-known multigenerational fishing family on the bay. Kevin's parents are Ernie

and Bonnie Soule of Nahcotta. His only sibling, Brandon, died in 2015 at age 34.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE APP

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
55	64 / 53	61 / 50	60 / 49	62 / 52
Low clouds	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy

ALMANAC Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures
 High/low 71°/44°
 Normal high/low 61°/47°
 Record high 88° in 1941
 Record low 37° in 1960

Precipitation
 Tuesday Trace
 Month to date 0.42"
 Normal month to date 2.42"
 Year to date 33.12"
 Normal year to date 32.46"

SUN AND MOON
 Sunset tonight 8:50 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 5:34 a.m.
 Moonrise today 2:35 p.m.
 Moonset today 3:05 a.m.

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.	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.	Thu.
Baker City	75 53 pc	77 52 t		Olympia	76 52 pc	72 50 pc	
Bend	77 53 pc	76 53 t		Pendleton	87 62 pc	84 57 t	
Brookings	58 50 pc	58 50 c		Portland	80 58 pc	78 56 pc	
Eugene	74 51 pc	74 52 pc		Roseburg	76 57 pc	77 57 t	
Ilwaco	60 55 pc	61 53 pc		Salem	79 53 pc	76 55 pc	
Klamath Falls	71 45 pc	73 49 pc		Seaside	62 54 pc	63 52 pc	
Medford	81 58 pc	79 58 t		Spokane	82 59 pc	81 59 pc	
Newport	76 54 pc	75 52 pc		Springfield	74 53 pc	74 53 pc	
Newport	59 52 pc	61 52 pc		Vancouver	78 56 pc	75 53 pc	
North Bend	61 55 pc	63 55 pc		Yakima	91 60 pc	90 58 pc	

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	Low
10:08 a.m.	7.1 ft.	4:17 a.m.
10:50 p.m.	8.6 ft.	4:27 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	Thu.
Atlanta	80 69 t	81 67 t	
Boston	81 55 s	86 56 s	
Chicago	77 54 pc	85 61 pc	
Denver	81 52 pc	82 54 s	
Des Moines	89 69 c	89 70 pc	
Detroit	81 57 s	84 58 s	
El Paso	94 64 s	97 67 s	
Fairbanks	64 46 c	56 41 sh	
Honolulu	84 74 s	84 74 s	
Indianapolis	82 60 pc	85 61 s	
Kansas City	88 67 pc	87 70 pc	
Las Vegas	92 70 s	94 71 s	
Los Angeles	69 58 pc	69 55 pc	
Memphis	87 70 pc	89 69 pc	
Miami	84 73 c	85 71 t	
Nashville	88 66 pc	89 66 t	
New Orleans	91 72 t	88 72 t	
New York	80 61 s	80 61 s	
Oklahoma City	85 66 c	87 66 pc	
Philadelphia	81 62 s	82 60 s	
St. Louis	96 66 pc	88 67 s	
Salt Lake City	77 60 pc	85 60 s	
San Francisco	64 54 pc	65 55 pc	
Seattle	80 55 pc	71 54 pc	
Washington, DC	82 63 pc	84 63 s	

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

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

DEATH May 22, 2018

OLSON, Walter "Pokey," 72, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL Saturday, May 26

YANAGAWA, Sonja Marie — Burial at 1 p.m., Ocean View Cemetery, 575 18th St. in Warrenton, followed by a celebration of life at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton.

BIRTH May 2, 2018

JOHNS, Erin, of Astoria, a boy, Kage Michael Johns, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Mindy Riva of Astoria and Harry Johns Jr. of Nampa, Idaho. Great-grandparents are Kathy Riva and Jeanne Johns of Astoria. Great-great-grandmother is Joana Johns of Warrenton.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Cannon Beach Budget Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

THURSDAY
Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.
Port of Astoria Budget Committee, noon, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.

Jewell School Board, 4 p.m., special meeting, Jewell School library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103.
Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 9-3-5-7
 4 p.m.: 0-8-9-8
 7 p.m.: 8-5-2-1
 10 p.m.: 2-0-9-7

Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 04-06-11-16-18-24-26-32
Estimated jackpot: \$25,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 16-17-21-36-48, Mega Ball: 9
Estimated jackpot: \$73 million

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 6-2-9
Tuesday's Keno: 10-13-19-20-23-28-37-40-41-44-47-54-57-59-63-65-66-71-72-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 04-12-19-22

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