



ABOVE Astoria firefighters battle a blaze at a house on 14th Street Sunday afternoon.
BELOW Smoke billows from a house on fire in Astoria Sunday afternoon.

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Basement fire in Astoria displaces five

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A house fire Sunday on the 660 block of 14th Street displaced two adults and three children. Astoria fire responded just before 3 p.m. to a fire in an exterior basement. After extinguishing it, fire personnel removed smoke from the rest of the building. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. After the fire, Jeff Newenhof — owner of City Lumber — donated plywood to help secure the building.

Oregon park using old-fashioned horsepower for logging work

A lighter touch than bulldozers

By JEFF DUEWEL
The Daily Courier

GRANTS PASS — “Hup. Hup. Hup,” yelled Nick Rodgers, hanging on to ropes attached to his Belgian workhorse, Maggie, who strained up a hill pulling a several-hundred pound log.

“That’s a lot of horsepower,” said Vince Randall, Bureau of Land Management forester, overseeing logging of bug-infested trees at Cathedral Hills Park south of Grants Pass.

Rodgers and his nephew, Bennett Rodgers, horse loggers from Butte Falls, hope to get three or more truckloads of saleable timber out of the project. They consider any job with at least a truckload worthy of their time, with the current high timber prices.

The 400-acre park with 10 miles of trails for horses, hikers and bicyclists is a perfect place for logging with horses, which use a lighter touch than bulldozers and cables and are quieter.

“We could have done it faster with mechanized equipment, but because of the situation here it’s kind of set up for horses,” Randall said.

In fact the BLM would like to revive horse logging to some degree, Randall said. The Rodgers’ already took out close to 700 hundred trees around campgrounds at Howard Prairie and Hyatt reservoirs east of Ashland earlier this year. The BLM hadn’t done a contract with horse loggers in more than three decades before that, Randall said.

He could see it happening on an annual basis at Cathedral.

“We’re really trying to make this work so we can get



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Nick Rodgers, left, and his nephew, Bennett Rodgers, pose with Percheron team Rook and Jody and have been horse logging in Cathedral Hills Park outside of Grants Pass.

people comfortable with hazard and salvage tree logging out here,” Randall said. “I think the bugs are just getting started here. It could explode again this summer, is my fear.”

Most of the bug damage is from flatheaded fir borers, which have swept across southwest Oregon in recent years, fed by drought-weakened trees.

While the Rodgers’ should get more than 5,000 board feet of timber, selling it to South Coast Lumber of Brookings, they’ll have to leave a lot of the most rotten stuff on the ground.

The onslaught of fir-borers leaves trees orange on top, visible driving out Williams Highway in the Applegate Valley.

Annual aerial surveys indicate 127,000 dead trees in southwest Oregon in 2016 from fir borers, by far the most in 40 years. Last year’s cold, wet winter slowed the bugs down, but Randall said they’re back in force this year in their typical range below 3,500 feet.



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Bennett Rodgers moves logs from Cathedral Hills Park with Percheron team Rook and Jody.

“We’re in a bit of a pickle as far as forest health in southwest Oregon,” Randall said. “We’re overstocked with vegetation.”

He noted in the distant past that fire swept through the area in 20-year intervals, but has been shut down in the last century by fire suppression.

“The bugs are just trying to do what fire has done historically,” Randall said. “We need to do more fuel treatments, that’s a given.”

Rook, Jody and Maggie seemed plenty happy to help, dragging 18-foot lengths several hundred yards to a landing at the Espey Road parking area.

At 2,000 pounds apiece, Percherons Rook and Jody can pull their own weight in logs, Bennett Rodgers said. In the right conditions, even more.

“When we were up in the snow, they were pulling some pretty big logs,” he said.

BIRTH

May 16, 2018
YEEND, Molly and Kelly, of Portland, a girl, Margaret Caroline Yeend, born at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland. Grandparents are Steve and Becky Roman of Astoria

and Stan and Leslie Yeend of Beaverton. Great-grandmother is Ethel Wilson of Astoria.

ON THE RECORD

DUII
• At 2:41 a.m. Sunday, Richard Empie, 50, of Portland, was arrested by Seaside police on Avenue K and Holaday Drive an charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, refusing to take a breath test and third-degree criminal mischief.
• At 11:35 p.m. Saturday, Eric James Repos, 45, of Lake Tapps, Washington, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office

on U.S. Highway 101 and charged with DUII.
• At 1:45 a.m. Saturday, Emil Eckstrom, 45, of Vancouver, Washington, was arrested by Seaside police on Lincoln Street and 10th Avenue and charged with DUII.
• At 1:43 a.m. Saturday, Elizabeth Noel Entenman, 50, of Clackamas, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office near Oceanway Street in Seaside and charged

with DUII.
• At 7:23 a.m. Saturday, Erik Garcia, 35, of Beaverton, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office on state Highway 104 in Warrenton and charged with DUII.
• At 9:34 p.m. Friday, Chad Michael Haderly, 32, of Scappoose, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office near Sunset Beach and charged with DUII and reckless driving.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
47	63 / 48	64 / 49	63 / 51	62 / 51
Cloudy most of the time	Mostly cloudy	Times of sun and clouds	Some sun, then turning cloudy	Cloudy with a few showers in the afternoon

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Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/low 60°/50°
Normal high/low 62°/49°
Record high 84° in 1987
Record low 38° in 1976

Precipitation
Sunday Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.31"
Year to date 33.14"
Normal year to date 33.67"

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:02 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 5:26 a.m.
Moonrise today 12:55 a.m.
Moonset today 10:53 a.m.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	73 38 pc	76 42 pc	Olympia	66 41 pc	67 44 c
Bend	68 39 pc	73 42 pc	Pendleton	74 45 pc	76 48 pc
Brookings	61 47 pc	61 46 pc	Portland	69 49 pc	73 52 pc
Eugene	68 41 pc	71 42 pc	Roseburg	72 48 pc	75 48 pc
Ilwaco	60 48 pc	60 52 c	Salem	69 45 pc	72 46 pc
Klamath Falls	73 40 s	74 44 pc	Seaside	61 46 pc	63 50 c
Medford	76 48 pc	80 51 s	Spokane	69 45 pc	70 47 pc
Newberg	67 44 pc	71 46 pc	Springfield	69 44 pc	72 43 pc
Newport	58 44 pc	59 45 pc	Vancouver	67 46 pc	72 48 pc
North Bend	61 47 pc	63 48 pc	Yakima	73 41 pc	78 45 pc

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Emerging in the eastern night sky are the three stars of the Summer Triangle - Vega of Lyra, Deneb of Cygnus and Altair of Aquila.

REGIONAL CITIES

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

DEATH

June 1, 2018
NORLING, John Marshall, 67, of Seaside, died at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY
Seaside Community Center Commission, 10:30 a.m., 1225 Avenue A., Seaside.

Port of Astoria Commission, 3 p.m., executive session, 4 p.m., workshop, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway, Seaside.

Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 6-0-2-4
4 p.m.: 1-7-0-5
7 p.m.: 9-4-6-0
10 p.m.: 2-6-2-1
Sunday's Lucky Lines: 01-06-10-16-20-24-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$37,000
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-9-1-5
4 p.m.: 2-3-4-7
7 p.m.: 7-5-0-4
10 p.m.: 9-7-8-0
Saturday's Lucky Lines: 02-06-12-16-17-22-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$35,000
Saturday's Megabucks: 7-9-12-26-37-44

Estimated jackpot: \$6.8 million
Saturday's Powerball: 23-25-37-44-64, Powerball: 7
Estimated jackpot: \$87 million
Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-2-6-0
4 p.m.: 1-6-1-2
7 p.m.: 4-5-0-5
10 p.m.: 5-0-9-3
Friday's Lucky Lines: 03-08-09-14-17-21-26-29
Estimated jackpot: \$34,000
Friday's Mega Millions: 5-24-52-62-66, Mega Ball: 17
Estimated jackpot: \$110 million

WASHINGTON
Sunday's Daily Game: 4-3-8
Sunday's Keno: 06-07-13-14-16-17-18-29-30-37-45-46-48-56-62-69-71-73-75-77
Sunday's Match 4: 01-06-15-23
Saturday's Daily Game: 8-6-2
Saturday's Hit 5: 02-14-26-29-36
Estimated jackpot: \$320,000
Saturday's Keno: 02-05-06-10-11-27-31-34-35-39-44-46-48-50-60-61-62-65-77-79
Saturday's Lotto: 07-08-22-24-31-48
Estimated jackpot: \$3.1 million
Saturday's Match 4: 03-08-09-10
Friday's Daily Game: 3-9-8
Friday's Keno: 04-05-07-10-12-22-23-27-33-37-38-48-52-53-54-59-61-67-71-75
Friday's Match 4: 09-11-18-19

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