

Big wildfire season and summer of drought await the Northwest

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Federal officials anticipate a big wildfire season in the Northwest throughout July, August and possibly into September.

The latest forecasts show droughts throughout much of Oregon and southeast Washington state and the potential conditions for large fires if the region sees a week or longer stretch of hot and dry weather, according to the latest drought and climate outlook.

"If everything lines up with the dry condition and lightning, we could see an above-normal fire season across Oregon," said Ed Delgado of the National Inter-agency Fire Center.

Current statistics show 53 large fires burning in 10 states, most of which are in Alaska. Oregon has four large active fires, including the Boxcar fire at nearly 96,000 acres near Maupin.

While officials say this season could surpass recent norms for fire activity, most western lands burn only



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A helicopter drops a bucket of water along the leading edge of a wildfire as it burns along Montgomery Road near Lake Billy Chinook.

a fraction of their historic amounts.

Many decades of suppressing fires has built up unnaturally high amounts of fuel for fires. Scientists say that now means more of the fires that escape suppression efforts are burning under extreme conditions.

This year, hot and dry weather combined with low snowpack and recent rainfall could all contribute to fire activity.

High snowpack levels throughout much of western ranges were essentially

neutralized by May weather that was hotter than normal, according to John Abatzoglou, an associate professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Idaho.

"Basically, about twice as much snow melted out as normal," Abatzoglou said. "We saw record crests in a few river systems."

Besides snowpack, Delgado said, recent rainfall could boost the growth of grasses, only for them to dry out later in summer and become fuel for wildfires.

Christopher (Chris) Summerer

Ilwaco, Washington

Jan. 31, 1958 — June 22, 2018

Born Jan. 31, 1958, in Norfolk, Virginia, Christopher (Chris) Summerer was a big brother to Timothy and son of Calvin and Uta Summerer. He moved with his parents to California, and ultimately Portland, Oregon. Chris attended and graduated from Washington High School in Portland and attended college at Portland State University.

Chris was very involved with both the Maranatha and New Song churches, where his vocal talents were recognized, including singing solo while on a European gospel mission. He had both the rhythm and passion for gospel music, especially the song, "Oh Happy Day."

During this time, Chris met his (first) love of his life, Nancy Friesen, while attending church. Noted as the "most eligible bachelor" amongst his peers, Nancy wooed her way in with her blond hair, beautiful smile and her ability to cook with the masters. They were married in 1982 in Portland, Oregon.

In 1986 they started their family, beginning with Ashley (of Long Beach, Washington), then Whitney (of Portland, Oregon) and then, the feistiest, Karli (along with husband, Tommy, of Houston, Texas). Those three girls remained the light in his eye, and will always be his truest of love. In 2007, Ashley gave him his first (and only) grandson, Braden. Even at the end, Chris was sharing his hope for "lots more grandbabies."

Chris began a career with Portland General Electric in computer operations where, as he said, he paid his bills while he was pursuing his true passion ... real estate. Nancy had worked there, as well. Ultimately, they both left their corporate jobs to pursue real estate full time, and ultimately "expanded operations" to Arizona and moved to Houston.

Nancy and Chris grew apart and he moved back "home" to Portland, where he met his (second) love of his life, Russell Maize. After complicated rehabbing for Chris and international travel

for Russell, the two chose to combine their passion of real estate, corporate retail and product development to start a business at the beach.

Their combined passions built seven retail stores, three restaurants, eight vacation homes, two apartment complexes and, yes, an amusement park, in Long Beach, Washington, over the past 18 years.

Other businesses have come and gone, but Chris loved to work, and any one worker would chuckle as he called, numerous, to "check the sales figures." That was also one of his last

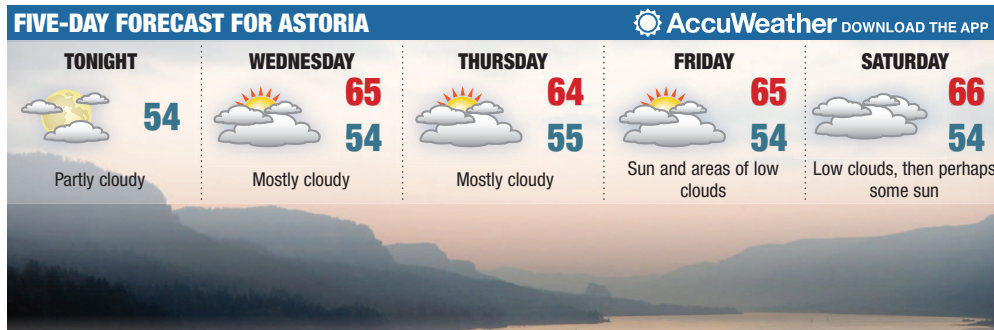
tasks, which left permanent smiles on us all. Chris Summerer was an incredible son, father, husband and friend to so many. He was passionate, determined, humorous, and extremely hard-working, yet would make time for anyone. His friends and family were his life. Other than the Taco House restaurant closing in Portland last year, Chris lived his life fully, with no regrets.

Chris passed peacefully, at home, on Friday, June 22, from cancer, with his entire family at his side. There are few, and yet many, words to describe the life of this man. But a "beautiful soul" will suffice.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Calvin, (age 24) and brother, Timothy, (age 11), and is survived by his mother, Uta (Warrenton, Oregon), daughters, grandson, mother-in-law Ann Maize (Warrenton, Oregon) and his husband, best friend and soul mate, Russell Maize.

After a family graveside service at Ocean View Cemetery on Saturday, June 30, anyone is welcome to the Honor and Tribute of Chris at the Historic Chinook School Community Building, in Chinook, Washington, at noon the same day. You can also pay your respects on Friday, June 29, between 1 and 5 p.m., at Caldwell's Luce Layton Mortuary in Astoria. Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellmortuary.com

No one will be missed more.



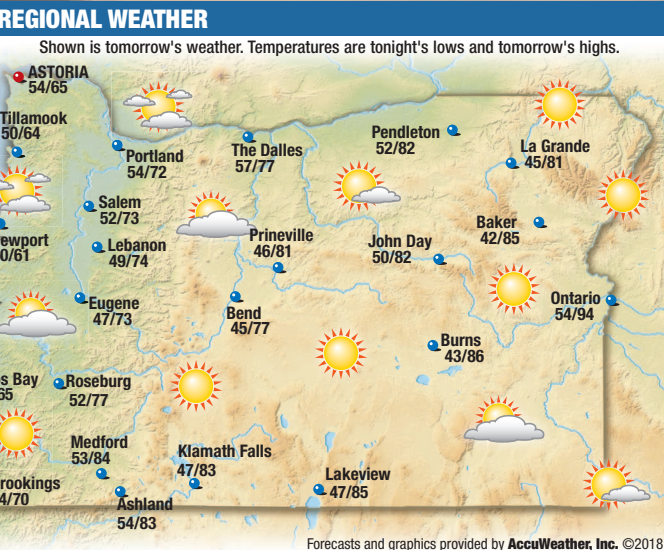
ALMANAC
Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures

High/low	64°/55°
Normal high/low	65°/51°
Record high	84° in 1896
Record low	39° in 1966

Precipitation

Monday	0.11"
Month to date	2.44"
Normal month to date	2.26"
Year to date	35.58"
Normal year to date	35.62"



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:11 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 5:26 a.m.
Moonrise today 7:56 p.m.
Moonset today 4:34 a.m.

Phase	Date
Full	June 27
Last	July 6
New	July 12
First	July 19

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: On Wednesday, Saturn at opposition. Visible for much of the night, reaching its highest point in the sky at around midnight.

TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks

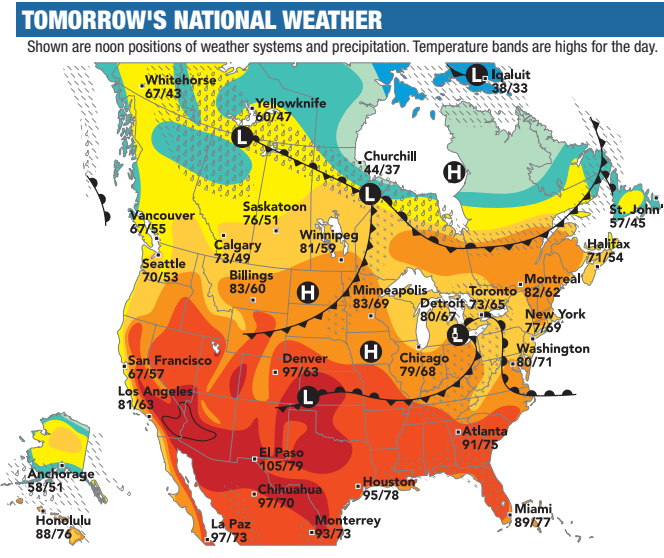
Time	High	Time	Low
12:59 a.m.	8.8 ft.	8:06 a.m.	-0.8 ft.
2:27 p.m.	7.3 ft.	7:49 p.m.	2.7 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	93	75	t	91	75	t
Boston	75	62	s	79	66	pc
Chicago	79	69	t	79	68	pc
Denver	96	60	s	97	63	pc
Des Moines	80	66	t	87	71	pc
Detroit	82	70	pc	80	67	t
El Paso	104	77	s	105	79	s
Fairbanks	74	50	sh	74	51	sh
Honolulu	88	76	pc	88	76	pc
Indianapolis	80	70	t	83	67	t
Kansas City	86	67	t	92	75	s
Las Vegas	110	84	s	108	83	s
Los Angeles	81	63	pc	81	63	pc
Memphis	95	76	s	95	77	pc
Miami	90	78	t	89	77	t
Nashville	90	75	t	90	76	t
New Orleans	92	79	t	90	78	t
New York	77	65	s	77	69	pc
Oklahoma City	93	73	s	97	72	s
Philadelphia	80	62	s	78	64	pc
St. Louis	86	72	t	89	73	pc
Salt Lake City	96	68	s	100	75	s
San Francisco	91	56	pc	67	57	pc
Seattle	71	53	pc	70	53	c
Washington, DC	82	67	pc	80	71	pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	77	42	s	85	50	s		
Bend	77	45	s	77	42	s		
Brookings	70	52	pc	67	51	pc		
Eugene	77	47	s	73	47	s		
Ilwaco	64	55	s	62	55	c		
Klamath Falls	86	47	s	83	45	s		
Medford	87	53	s	84	51	s		
Newberg	76	49	s	72	49	pc		
Newport	63	50	s	61	51	pc		
North Bend	66	51	s	65	51	pc		
Olympia	73	46	pc	70	48	c		
Pendleton	78	52	s	82	53	s		
Portland	76	54	s	72	55	pc		
Roseburg	81	52	s	77	52	s		
Salem	77	52	s	73	53	pc		
Seaside	65	54	s	63	54	c		
Spokane	72	49	s	76	50	pc		
Springfield	77	48	s	75	48	s		
Vancouver	75	51	s	71	51	pc		
Yakima	79	50	s	79	49	pc		



ON THE RECORD

DUII
• At 7:47 p.m. Monday, Margarito Soriano Cruz, 20, of Salem, was arrested by Oregon State Police on U.S. Highway 26

and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and reckless endangerment. His blood alcohol content was 0.19 percent.

• At 12:15 a.m. Sunday, George Waer, 72, was arrested by Astoria police on the Astoria Bridge and charged with DUII.

DEATHS

June 23, 2018
FITCH, Charlotte Ann, 94, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

NAIDOFF, Susan, 69, of Cannon Beach, died in Cannon Beach. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

CORY, Reid, 71, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

June 21, 2018
SANCHEZ, Bernardo Juarez, 61, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

June 17, 2018
VANDERBURG, Luther L. Jr., 85, of Houston, formerly of Knappa, died in Houston. Carnes Funeral Home in South Houston is in charge of the arrangements.

June 4, 2018
NYBERG, Emil Edward, 84, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Astoria, died in Fort Worth.

CORRECTION

Headline misspelled — The word "acquaintance" was misspelled as "aquantance" in the headline of the Dear Annie column on 6A Monday.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.
Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5 p.m., Clatsop Retirement Village, 947 Olney Ave.
Astoria Library Board, 5:30

p.m., Astoria Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main St.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., special meeting, Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.
Astoria Planning Commission,

6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
WEDNESDAY
Astoria Parks Advisory Board, 6:45 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-7-3-8
4 p.m.: 7-9-0-5
7 p.m.: 4-7-8-0
10 p.m.: 7-6-9-5
Monday's Lucky Lines: 02-07-11-13-20-22-27-32

Estimated jackpot: \$23,000
Monday's Megabucks: 7-14-25-28-33-35
Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Monday's Keno: 01-04-05-06-09-11-12-13-16-19-21-27-41-42-44-46-47-48-71-78
Monday's Lotto: 07-12-22-31-36-47
Estimated jackpot: \$4.1 million
Monday's Match 4: 01-04-08-13

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