

Lightning starts new wildfires

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Thunderstorms ignited more than 75 small wildfires in southwest Oregon over the weekend. Firefighters extinguished many of the starts, but at least three have become large fires.

Crews are fighting the Hendrix Fire, burning in the Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest 10 miles south of Ashland, and the Gravel Fire, burning near Prospect.

A complex of 35 small fires near Jacksonville has forced some people to evacuate their homes.

Carol Connolly, with

the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center, says firefighters are preparing for new lightning-caused fires.

"We have resources right now, it's just we're waiting to see where they're best utilized," she said.

Oregon has five Forest Service air tankers, several smaller aircraft and 40 smoke jumpers ready to respond to new fires.

More than 1,000 firefighters have been deployed so far this year.

Fire danger is rated high across most western Oregon counties and to the extreme east of the Cascades. State fire managers are asking people to use caution and good sense while working, recreating and camping.

"Our firefighters are working hard on these natural fires. Every human-caused fire out there takes resources away from the ones we can't prevent," said Connolly.

More than half the wildfires in Oregon this year were caused by human activity. Of 435 fires so far, humans started 261.

Fireworks, exploding targets, tracer ammunition and sky lanterns are prohibited statewide. Many counties have additional restrictions on mowing grass, using power saws, welding and off-road driving.

The Oregon Department of Forestry has posted a full list of activities restricted during fire season.

Feds say high-risk radioactive Hanford tunnel needs filling now

Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Energy wants to start stabilizing a Hanford tunnel filled with radioactive waste that is at risk of collapse without waiting for more public comments.

The Tri-City Herald reported the department has asked the Washington

Department of Ecology if it can proceed with filling the nearly 1,700-foot-long storage tunnel with concrete-like grout in August.

The energy department held a public comment period on the plan, but the state has its own 45-day comment period and public meetings starting this month.

Ecology spokesman

Randy Bradbury says officials will review the request but plan to continue with their public process.

The older of the two waste storage tunnels partially collapsed in May 2017, forcing thousands of workers to take cover.

The energy department wants to begin tunnel filling before winter.

Motorcyclist dies in Highway 202 crash

The Daily Astorian

Damian John Burrell, 30, of Warrenton, died Monday after losing control of his motorcycle on state Highway 202.

Burrell was traveling northbound on the high-

way when he passed a sedan. After the pass was complete, Burrell lost control of his motorcycle and left the roadway into water and rocks to the east, according to the Oregon State Police.

A nearby resident and

a passing driver climbed down the shoreline to pull Burrell from the water and onto the roadway. Olney-Walluski Fire & Rescue and Medix Ambulance Service responded and determined Burrell had died from his injuries.

Astoria newspaper photographer wins national award for sports photo

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Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

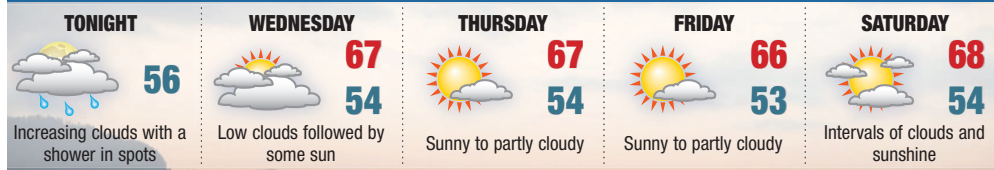
Runners compete in a cross-country race at Camp Rilea.

A photographer for The Daily Astorian earned a first-place prize in a quarterly national newspaper contest.

Colin Murphey placed first in the best sports photo category of the National Newspaper Association's 2018 Third Quarter Publishers' Auxiliary Photo Contest. The photo captured cross-country runners as they competed in the 28th annual 3-Course Challenge at Camp Rilea in September.

The newspaper association is one of the oldest — founded in 1885 — and largest in the country.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



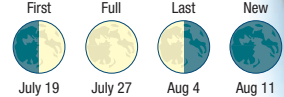
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Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High/Low	67°/55°
Normal high/low	68°/53°
Record high	87° in 1979
Record low	38° in 1930
Precipitation	
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.64"
Year to date	35.69"
Normal year to date	36.55"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	9:02 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:42 a.m.
Moonrise today	11:21 a.m.
Moonset today	none



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Arcturus and Spica are the brightest stars above western horizon after sunset.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
5:59 a.m.	7.6 ft.	12:10 a.m.	1.3 ft.
6:56 p.m.	8.2 ft.	12:26 p.m.	-0.1 ft.

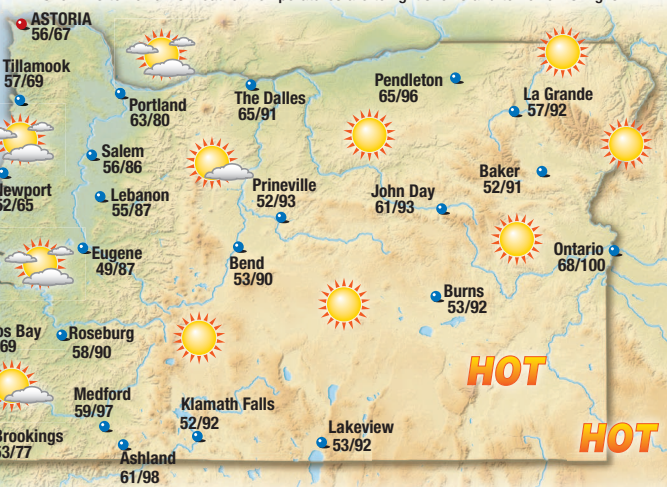
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City	Today	Wed.	W
Atlanta	90 74 t 92 72 pc		
Boston	88 70 t 82 66 pc		
Chicago	81 64 s 80 64 s		
Denver	90 61 t 85 62 s		
Des Moines	85 67 s 85 69 pc		
Detroit	84 62 s 82 61 s		
El Paso	93 75 pc 99 78 pc		
Fairbanks	63 44 c 70 54 c		
Honolulu	89 78 pc 88 78 pc		
Indianapolis	86 60 s 83 64 s		
Kansas City	88 70 t 85 69 t		
Las Vegas	107 87 pc 103 87 pc		
Los Angeles	83 68 pc 86 69 pc		
Memphis	92 76 t 91 74 t		
Miami	90 77 pc 91 75 pc		
Nashville	91 68 t 89 65 pc		
New Orleans	89 77 t 90 79 t		
New York	87 68 t 86 64 s		
Oklahoma City	94 74 t 98 74 s		
Philadelphia	89 68 t 87 62 s		
St. Louis	90 68 s 87 67 pc		
Salt Lake City	96 73 s 98 74 s		
San Francisco	74 57 pc 77 58 pc		
Seattle	87 60 s 75 58 pc		
Washington, DC	89 71 t 87 68 s		

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

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

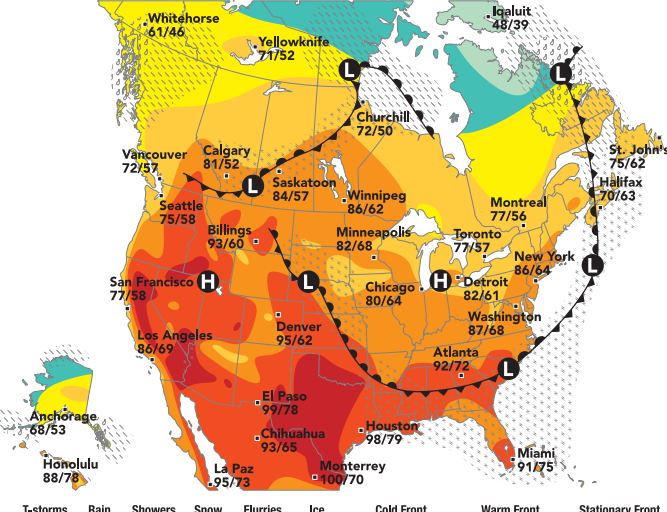


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City	Today	Wed.	W	City	Today	Wed.	W
Baker City	97 52 s 91 45 s			Olympia	84 53 s 76 49 pc		
Bend	96 53 s 90 51 s			Pendleton	101 65 s 96 61 s		
Brookings	69 54 pc 74 56 pc			Portland	91 63 s 80 59 pc		
Eugene	90 49 s 87 51 pc			Roseburg	93 58 s 90 58 s		
Ilwaco	66 59 pc 65 57 pc			Salem	92 56 s 86 55 pc		
Klamath Falls	94 52 s 92 50 pc			Seaside	68 58 pc 67 56 pc		
Medford	102 59 s 97 60 s			Spokane	95 62 s 90 59 s		
Newberg	91 56 s 84 55 pc			Springfield	92 54 s 88 55 s		
Newport	63 52 pc 65 49 pc			Vancouver	90 60 s 79 56 pc		
North Bend	65 55 pc 68 54 pc			Yakima	101 60 s 95 56 s		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



County bus agency needs volunteers

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The Sunset Empire Transportation District Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the bus agency's Transportation Advisory Committee.

The committee advises the board on issues involving the district's transportation plans, grants, policies and programs, with a focus on access for seniors and riders with disabilities.

The district is hoping for more representation on the committee among seniors, people

with disabilities, low-income residents, employers impacted by public transit, social equity advocates, people with limited English proficiency and others knowledgeable of public transportation needs.

The seven-person committee includes five appointed members, a transportation district board member and an agency staffer. Terms of office are one or two years, begin in July and go through June.

Responsibilities include a working knowledge of the

transportation district's plans, policies and programs; attending quarterly meetings; making decisions regarding district operations; and serving on subcommittees as needed.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Aug. 3 and are available in the Astoria Transit Center at 900 Marine Drive, in the Seaside Transit Kiosk at 1111 N. Roosevelt Drive and at ride-thebus.org. For more information, contact Mary Parker at 503-861-5370 or mary@ride-thebus.org

DEATH

July 15, 2018

STEPHENSON, Marjorie J., 99, of Long Beach, Washington, died in Long Beach. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Tuesday, July 17

DULCICH, Thomas Vincent — Vigil at 7 p.m., Holy Family Parish, 3732 S.E. Knapp St. in Portland. Dulcich, 65, of Portland, formerly of Astoria, died Thursday, July 12, 2018, in Portland. Gethsemani Funeral Home in Happy

Valley is in charge of the arrangements.

Wednesday, July 18

DULCICH, Thomas Vincent — Funeral at 2 p.m., St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1716 N.W. Davis St. in Portland.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Suite 209, 10 Pier 1.
Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 5:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, City

Hall, 989 Broadway.

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., 989 Broadway.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School Library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-7-0-1
4 p.m.: 5-0-4-8
7 p.m.: 3-7-9-7
10 p.m.: 5-9-4-8
Monday's Lucky Lines: 02-08-11-14-19-21-26-30

Estimated jackpot: \$15,000
Monday's Megabucks: 6-13-31-37-39-46
Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million

Estimated jackpot: \$250,000
Monday's Keno: 02-03-05-09-17-19-20-25-29-30-32-35-36-37-45-57-61-63-72-77
Monday's Lotto: 08-09-23-28-37-48
Estimated jackpot: \$5 million
Monday's Match 4: 04-05-10-14

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