

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK



"I always like the music.

> Simone Mohr, Aloha



"The corn dogs."

What's your favorite thing at the fair?

Julz Banse-Fay,



"The snacks. I like the funnel cakes."

David Beck, Nashville, Tennessee

# Bonamici visit highlights salmon recovery efforts

#### Money key for habitat projects

**By EDWARD STRATTON** 

The Daily Astorian

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici visited a proposed restoration project Tuesday at South Tongue Point, highlighting the importance of the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund in aiding local habitat projects.

The Columbia Land Trust recently secured federal and state grants to purchase 90 acres of South Tongue Point. The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce will oversee the restoration. Afterwards, the property will be transferred to Clatsop Community College for use as a living laboratory in a new environmental sciences program.

The grants for the South Tongue Point acquisition included \$1 million from the national coastal wetlands conservation program and a \$332,000 local match from the state Watershed Enhancement Board. Dan Roix, conservation director for the land trust, said much of the funding for the watershed board comes from the salmon recovery fund and helps provide matching grants leveraged with larger pots of money.

The grant program, managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, helps fund Pacific salmon and steelhead trout recovery projects along the West Coast and in Idaho. NOAA



to restore and preserve 90 acres of wetlands.

**Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian** U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, center, visited South Tongue Point on Tuesday to learn more about the effort

has found that every \$1 million invested from the fund leads to 17 new jobs and \$1.8 million in economic activity. President Donald Trump's proposed budget would eliminate the program, part of a proposed \$250 million in cuts to NOAA programs.

Without the recovery fund, Roix said, "the whole funding strategy unravels on a lot of this.".

Bonamici is pushing to maintain the \$65 million budget for the recovery fund but said it has been difficult convincing congressional colleagues outside of the five states it serves.

"It's a constant struggle as the administration keeps eliminating all these programs," the Oregon Democrat said.

Christopher Breitmeyer, the college president, said the South Tongue Point property will change the face of the institution, providing a lab where environmental science students can practice hands-on stewardship and data collection.

'My hope is that students will get actual real-world science experience with publications," Breitmeyer said. "That's something when I was an undergrad, I didn't have an option for that. I didn't know anything about that.

"That really increases your chances of going on to graduate school, if you've got that publication already, and you have a demonstrated ability to do science."

Austin Tomlinson, a steward with the land trust, is originally from Seaside. Had such a program been available locally, he said, he would have taken advantage instead of going to Humboldt State University in California.

"I always wanted to come back and live here and work here, so having that opportunity for kids here is awesome," he said.

## Large wildfires in southwest Oregon threaten to meet

By JES BURNS

Oregon Public Broadcasting

Fire conditions in southwest Oregon improved slightly over the past couple of days, as stagnant smoke helped raise the humidity. Those conditions started to change Tuesday morning, which is expected to increase activity on multiple wildfires burning in the region.

West of Grants Pass, the boundaries of the Taylor Creek and Klondike fires had grown to within 3 miles of each other Tuesday. Fire information officer Bill Queen said crews will try to maintain the gap because of what lies in between.

"There's some recreational infrastructure between the two fires over in Briggs Valley that we don't want to burn up," he said.

This includes trailheads, a campground, horse camp and interpretive sites.

But keeping the fires separate may not be possible, and the commands in charge of each are starting to plan how to combine resources.

"A lot of coordination there to figure out how these two fires might end up coming together. And (how) our operations can be organized and coordinated for the highest effect with the resources we have," said Kale Casey with the Southwest Oregon Joint Information Center.

The Taylor Creek Fire, which was broken off from a larger complex of fires Monday and given its own command structure, has been the latest focus for crews. Several



Darren Stebbins/U.S. Forest Service The smoke of the Taylor Creek Fire still plumes behind the Joint Information Center, just outside of Grants Pass.

areas on the outskirts of Grants Pass remain under evacuation notice. In addition, part of the Rogue River has been closed

In total, wildfires in the region had burned more than 50,000 acres of forestland by Tuesday afternoon. The immediate impacts are being felt by people living near the fires, but communities downwind are feeling the effects as well.

to public access.

The 150,000 people that live in the Rogue Valley southern Oregon's largest population center — have been breathing unhealthy levels of smoke for going on two

It's making life much more complicated for those wanting to be outdoors. For example, in Ashland, the Southern Oregon University football and soccer teams have been forced to practice inside. The athletic department says they make a call every morning based on air quality.

Across the valley in Jacksonville, the popular outdoor Britt Music Festival has decided to move its classical performances to a local high school.

"This is going to have a tremendous impact on the Britt organization. Absolutely. It's going to be very costly," said festival CEO Donna Briggs.

And for more than a week, Oregon Shakespeare Festival has canceled its main outdoor performances due to smoky conditions deemed too dangerous for its company.

The smoke in southwest Oregon has mostly been coming from the Taylor Creek, Klondike and Garner Complex

#### AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE APP **FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA TONIGHT THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY** 57 Low clouds followed by A shower in the morning; Mostly cloudy, rain Increasing clouds, rain Mostly cloudy and drizzle late rather cloudy possible in the p.m some sun ALMANAC REGIONAL WEATHER Astoria through Tuesday. Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs. **Temperatures**

Normal high/low Record low Precipitation Month to date 0.09 Normal month to date Year to date 35.74 Normal year to date 36.94" **SUN AND MOON** Sunset tonight 8:46 p.m 11:19 p.m. Moonrise today 10:42 a.m Full

**UNDER THE SKY** onight's Sky: Maria Mitchell's birthday (1818)

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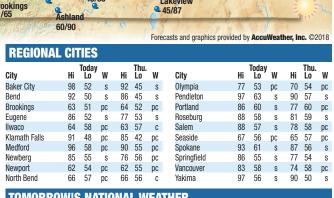
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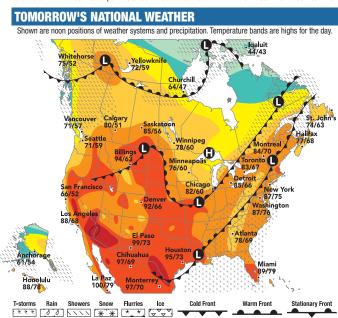
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Detroit	80	63	С	85	66	рс
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Kansas City	87	64	S	90	66	S
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Los Angeles	89	70	pc	88	68	S
Memphis	85	67	рс	88	69	S
Miami	89	78	t	89	79	t
Nashville	84	69	pc	85	69	t
New Orleans	86	75	C	87	75	t
New York	84	75	t	87	75	t
Oklahoma City	88	66	S	89	68	рс
Philadelphia	88	76	t	88	74	t
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### **DEATHS**

Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

July 31, 2018

July 30, 2018 Phyllis RAMBERG,

Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

July 21, 2018 HODNEY, Virginia "Delores," 85, of Albany, formerly of Warren-

A., 79, of Nehalem, died in ton, died at home. Fisher FAUSETT, Wendy, 55, of Nehalem. Hughes-Ransom Funeral Home of Albany is in charge of the arrange ments. Online condolences may be left at fisherfuneralhome.com. Private family services will be held in Eugene.

#### MEMORIAL

Saturday, Aug. 4

BALLARD, William T. (Bill) — Celebration of life at noon with Coast Guard flyover and return to the sea, Sunset Beach (north of ramp) in Warrenton, followed by a potluck at the Pacific Grange, 90475 U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton.

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY Northwest Oregon Housing** Authority Board, 10 a.m.,

NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton. **Seaside Parks Advisory Com-** mittee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### LOTTERIES

**OREGON** Tuesday's Pick 4: **1 p.m.:** 7-0-6-3

**4 p.m.:** 0-0-3-1 7 p.m.: 8-5-4-9 10 p.m.: 3-6-0-9 Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 04-07-12-15-17-21-28-32 Estimated jackpot: \$11,000 Tuesday's Mega Millions: 12-15-35-64-69, Mega Ball: 9 Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

WASHINGTON Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-2-5 Tuesday's Keno: 01-03-04-06-

13-16-18-26-35-39-43-46-48-

Tuesday's Match 4: 04-17-18-19

49-57-60-65-70-76-80

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