

Longview farm part of larger effort toward food equality

Farmers part of a movement

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LONGVIEW, Wash. — Longview's popular farm and plant nursery Watershed Garden Works is brimming with life: from goldenrod, Douglas aster and lupine to purple basil, Desert King Figs and sweet wild strawberries. As soon as one crop is harvested, another one is planted.

Despite challenges, like fending off starlings, deer and nutria, owners Scott and Dixie Edwards harvest enough produce from their 7.5 acres to fill the farm share bags that go out to customers each week.

The Edwardses and other Community Supported Agriculture programs in the area are working to change lives. They are part of a larger movement in the area to educate and expose everyone — including children and the

homeless — to the benefits of local, clean farming and food equality.

Scott and Dixie Edwards opened Watershed Garden Works in an unincorporated part of west Longview in 1993. The business has two identities: one as a native plant nursery and the other as an organic farm.

Four years ago, the Edwardses started offering a CSA program as a way to sustain their income during the plant nursery's down season in the summer.

A full share costs \$25 a week, for up to 16 weeks. A half-share costs \$15 a week. In exchange, shareholders receive a weekly bag of whichever fruit, vegetables or herbs were picked that morning. The bags may also include samples of honey, prepared sauces, condiments and recipe suggestions.

Scott Edwards said the contents can vary dramatically and also include unusual or less well-known crops such



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Dixie Edwards displays the bell peppers for farm share distribution in Longview.

as okra. Okra seed pods are more common in southern states, he said, so people in southwest Washington might not know the best way to prepare it.

Including items like okra in the farm share bags, along with healthy recipe suggestions, exposes the community to new culinary experiences. Plus, CSA members know that

produce is harvested at a local, clean farm, Scott Edwards said.

"I like to know where my food comes from," Scott Edwards said. "There's a direct line between what we

eat and our health. My body responds to good, clean food. It's empowering to know that nothing has been sprayed (with pesticides)."

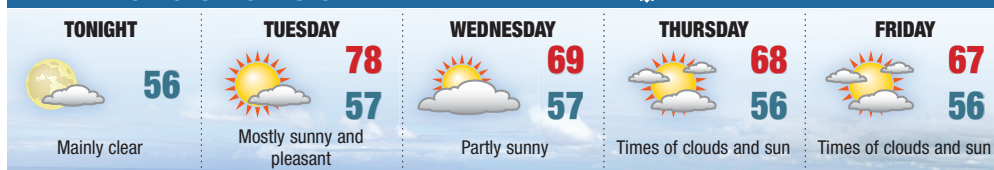
Watershed was previously certified organic by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and although they haven't changed their practices since, they decided it was too expensive to continue requalifying, Dixie Edwards said.

While the organic certification may not have made sense financially for Watershed, Dixie Edwards said it does make financial sense for everyone to buy from local farmers, she said.

"If someone buys something from us for \$1, studies have shown that \$1 circulates eight times in the community. That's a benefit for the entire community," she said.

Watershed also offers the option to donate a share to local nonprofit Radical Love, which provides wholesome meals twice a week for the homeless and hungry.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/low 68°/55°
Normal high/low 69°/54°
Record high 86° in 1935
Record low 43° in 1966

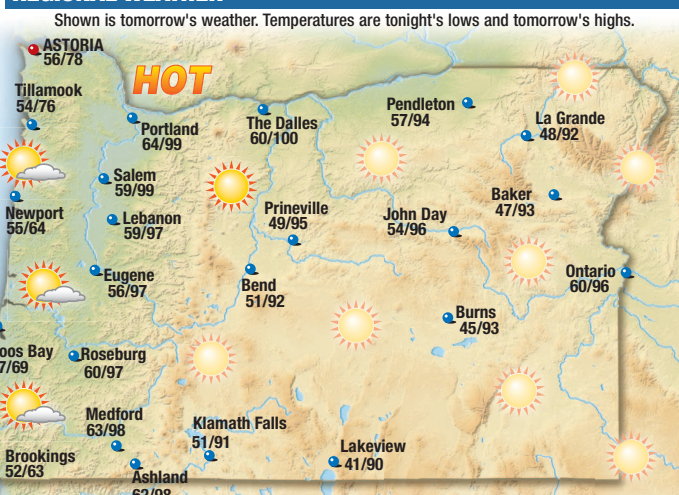
Precipitation
Sunday 0.01"
Month to date 0.33"
Normal month to date 0.32"
Year to date 36.07"
Normal year to date 37.26"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:28 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 6:13 a.m.
Moonrise today 8:57 a.m.
Moonset today 10:08 p.m.



REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Hercules star cluster (M13) contains about 100,000 stars.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	Low
3:54 a.m.	8.7 ft.	10:28 a.m.
4:45 p.m.	8.4 ft.	10:52 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	92 71 pc	91 72 pc
Boston	76 69 sh	80 72 t
Chicago	90 70 s	90 72 s
Denver	89 58 pc	84 60 s
Des Moines	93 70 s	83 68 t
Detroit	86 66 s	89 68 t
El Paso	91 71 pc	89 73 t
Fairbanks	64 50 r	53 44 sh
Honolulu	89 77 pc	90 76 pc
Indianapolis	85 66 s	87 68 s
Kansas City	89 68 pc	78 67 r
Las Vegas	105 84 s	105 83 s
Los Angeles	86 69 pc	86 70 pc
Memphis	89 74 pc	91 75 pc
Miami	90 78 pc	91 78 t
Nashville	92 67 pc	91 68 pc
New Orleans	93 76 pc	93 78 pc
New York	80 73 t	83 70 pc
Oklahoma City	76 67 r	82 70 r
Philadelphia	81 71 t	84 70 t
St. Louis	91 72 s	85 72 t
Salt Lake City	93 68 pc	93 71 s
San Francisco	67 55 pc	66 56 pc
Seattle	84 62 s	93 63 s
Washington, DC	84 71 t	86 72 t

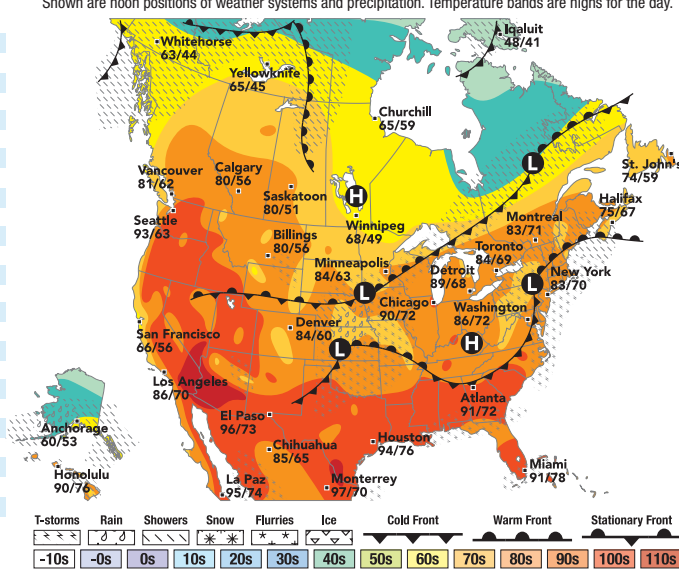
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	89 47 pc	93 49 pc	Olympia	87 55 s	94 56 s
Bend	87 51 s	92 56 pc	Pendleton	89 57 s	94 62 pc
Brookings	66 53 s	64 54 s	Portland	93 64 s	99 65 s
Eugene	93 56 s	97 57 s	Roseburg	94 60 s	97 62 s
Ilwaco	72 59 s	74 58 s	Salem	95 59 s	99 59 s
Klamath Falls	89 51 pc	91 54 pc	Seaside	76 57 s	78 57 s
Medford	96 63 s	98 65 pc	Spokane	84 58 s	88 61 s
Newberg	93 58 s	98 59 s	Springfield	93 57 s	97 57 s
Newport	65 55 s	64 56 s	Yancouver	92 60 s	97 61 s
North Bend	68 56 s	68 58 s	Yakima	89 51 s	93 56 s

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



Deja Vu thrift store to close next month

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The Harbor, a regional advocacy group for victims of sexual and domestic violence, is closing the Deja Vu Thrift Store & Boutique by the end of September to cut overhead and focus on core services.

"Rather than creating resources for The Harbor, Deja Vu has been consistently operating at a loss, pulling our already limited assets away from the programs and services our community has been calling for, like our confidential shelter," Molly Pringle, executive director of the group, said in a release.

Deja Vu has operated for more than a decade and in 2010 moved to the Norblad

Building at 14th and Duane streets. The Harbor recently relocated its offices from the Norblad Building to the former Snow & Snow law firm at Eighth and Commercial streets.

The Harbor recently scrapped a renovation of the Van Dusen Building at 10th and Duane streets and sold it to coworking space Astoria Maker Industries to save money. The building, gifted to the group by Pig 'N Pancake founders Marianne and Robert Poole, had been planned as its headquarters and a new storefront for Deja Vu.

The group recently opened a new confidential shelter Pringle said will help provide safe housing for up to 140

people over the next year.

"It's true that each of these families will need many of the basics Deja Vu once supplied," Pringle said. "The Harbor will connect shelter residents with clothing and household goods by hosting community resource drives, partnering with local businesses who might share some surplus, and accepting select donations directly from individuals."

Pringle recommended people take their donations meant for Deja Vu to NW Community Alliance Thrift at Seventh and Bond streets. Those with new items to donate to The Harbor can call the group's business office at 503-325-3426.

Clatsop County Fair board seeks new member

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A few days after the Clatsop County Fair ended, its board is looking for a new member.

The open position runs through 2019. The board man-

ages the fairgrounds, organizes the annual fair and oversees other events throughout the year.

It meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Applications are available at 800 Exchange St., Suite 410

or at 503-325-1000. Forms are available at www.co.clatsop.or.us.

Applications are due Aug. 31. Clatsop County commissioners will make the final appointment.

ON THE RECORD

Assault

• At 1:23 a.m. Sunday, Lisa McSweeney, 35, of Gregory, South Dakota, was arrested by Seaside police on the 820 block of Necanicum Drive and charged with fourth-degree assault and disorderly conduct. She allegedly punched a man in

the face during a domestic dispute.

DUII

• At 2:41 a.m. Saturday, Kamahao Kaaihili, 28, of Salem, was arrested by Seaside police on 12th Street and Franklin Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants

and reckless driving. His blood alcohol content was 0.14 percent.

• At 6:52 p.m. Friday, Lorie Francis Johnson, 57, of Seaside, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the 92020 block of Oregon Highway 104 and charged with DUII.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department Board, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188

SUNSET AVE.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 5-9-1-9

4 p.m.: 0-7-9-0

7 p.m.: 7-4-7-6

10 p.m.: 4-0-7-6

Sunday's Lucky Lines: 02-05-11-15-18-21-25-29

Estimated jackpot: \$16,000

Saturday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 9-6-5-1

4 p.m.: 9-0-4-1

7 p.m.: 6-9-8-8

10 p.m.: 3-2-8-2

Saturday's Lucky Lines: 04-08-12-15-19-22-27-32

Estimated jackpot: \$14,000

Saturday's Megabucks: 4-8-9-15-20-43

Estimated jackpot: \$5.6 million

Saturday's Powerball: 5-43-56-62-68, Powerball: 24

Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

Friday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 3-7-7-2

4 p.m.: 1-5-5-7

7 p.m.: 1-8-3-6

10 p.m.: 7-3-8-0

Friday's Lucky Lines: 04-08-09-14-18-22-25-30

Estimated jackpot: \$13,000

Friday's Mega Millions: 1-3-12-22-42, Mega Ball: 6

Estimated jackpot: \$75 million

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 0-8-2

Sunday's Keno: 03-04-06-08-10

14-16-20-24-26-31-32-42-49-54-57-58-62-70-75

Sunday's Match 4: 03-04-11-13

Saturday's Daily Game: 1-9-7

Saturday's Hit 5: 03-16-18-23-31

Estimated jackpot: \$160,000

Saturday's Keno: 02-05-08-20-23-26-29-38-40-41-44-48-50-51-57-62-64-70-75-77

Saturday's Lotto: 13-18-26-41-43-49

Estimated jackpot: \$1.4 million

Saturday's Match 4: 04-11-19-21

Friday's Daily Game: 4-8-7

Friday's Keno: 04-05-07-11-15-16-17-18-29-34-36-40-41-44-45-48-57-62-76-78

Friday's Match 4: 07-17-21-23

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