

POINT of view

What do you think the city of Astoria should do about the homeless camps?



"Give them jobs. Put them to work around the city. Even at minimum wage, they'll get self respect and realize they are worthwhile human beings."

Tod Jones, Astoria



"Invest in more comprehensive wraparound social services that offer affordable and meaningful housing alternatives, instead of specific vouchers. And instead of criminalizing the camps."

Molly Pringle, Astoria



"If I knew what the answer was, I would wriggle my nose and make it happen."

Stephanie Bereson, Astoria

Lawmakers work on fix for conservation fund renewal

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A popular program that supports conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the country expired after Congress could not agree on language to extend it.

Lawmakers from both parties back the Land and Water Conservation Fund, but the program lapsed Monday amid dispute over whether its renewal should be part of a broader package of land-use and parks bills.

A Senate committee approved a bill on Tuesday to permanently reauthorize the fund and ensure it is fully paid for.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted 16-7 to endorse a bill offered by Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington state, the panel's top Democrat. Five Republicans joined all 11 Democrats to advance the bill to the full Senate.

Cantwell calls the conservation fund "the key tool" that Congress uses to help communities "preserve recreation opportunities and make the most cost-effective use of the land."

The committee also approved a separate bill to address a growing back-

log for maintenance projects at national parks. A bill led by Republican Sens. Rob Portman of Ohio and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee would use federal drilling royalties to create a multibillion-dollar maintenance fund for parks across the country.

The committee approved the bill, 19-4, sending it to the full Senate.

Portman said he has been concerned about the maintenance backlog — now estimated at about \$12 billion — since he was budget director under President George W. Bush more than a decade ago.

"We put something in the budget to deal with the backlog, not enough, but Congress has tried in different ways," he said. "To me, it's about good stewardship. It's about saving tax dollars over the long term with predictable funding for capital expenditures."

Portman and other lawmakers also praised the bill to reauthorize the 54-year-old conservation fund.

Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., called the fund one of the most popular and effective programs Congress has ever created. Congressional inaction has been frustrating, Burr said, especially since no one disagrees that the program is valuable and cost-effective.

The program uses fed-

eral royalties from offshore oil and gas drilling to fund local conservation and public recreation projects around the country. The fund is authorized to collect \$900 million a year but generally receives less than half that amount from Congress.

"I can't think of a better legacy we can leave for generations to come than to permanently reauthorize" the conservation fund, Burr said.

Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, agreed. Bishop, who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee, is a key player on a range of public lands bills. He said in a statement that "LWCF can and will be reauthorized," but said the best path forward is in a broader legislative package that addresses a growing maintenance backlog at national parks and other lands-related issues.

Bishop and Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva, the top Democrat on the resources panel, recently announced a bipartisan agreement to permanently reauthorize the LWCF and address the multibillion-dollar maintenance backlog at the park service and other agencies.

The resources panel approved the bill last month, but the House adjourned until mid-November without voting on it.

Candidate forum tonight in Astoria

The Daily Astorian

An election forum featuring candidates for Astoria mayor and City Council, Warrenton mayor, Clatsop County commissioner and state House District 32 is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight at Astoria High School, 1001 West Marine Drive.

Patrick Starnes, the Inde-

pendent Party of Oregon's nominee for governor, is also expected to attend.

The forum is free and open to the public. Attendees will be able to submit questions in writing, which will be presented by moderator Trish Garner.

A debate between Astoria mayoral candidates is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in

Patriot Hall at Clatsop Community College.

The debate is also free and open to the public. It will be moderated by Chris Breitmeyer, the college's president.

The events are co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Coast Community Radio, Clatsop Community College and The Daily Astorian.

Geraldine June Beals

Portland

June 26, 1923 — Oct. 29, 2018

Geraldine June Beals was born on June 26, 1923, near Clarks, Nebraska, and died at the age of 95 on Sept. 29 at Willamette View Health Center in Milwaukie, Oregon.

As a girl, she lived on a farm and went to a country school. In 1937, at the age of 14, Gerrie moved to Corvallis with her family and parents, Martin and Minnie Madison. This was during the Dust Bowl, and her older brother and relatives had already moved there. Gerrie had three sisters and five brothers.

She went to college at Oregon State University and took bookkeeping courses. This led to a job at U.S. Bank, and she married the bank manager's son, Myron, a World War II pilot who was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war. Myron and Gerrie moved to St. Helens, Hillsboro, and then Astoria, where Myron was a pharmacist. He died in 1998.

Gerrie is survived by her five kids, Hannah-Christie Grandey (Truman), Betty (James Hynson), James (John Stevenson), Linda Henderson (Mark) and Ed (Michael Mazzaferro). There are five grandchildren: Morgan and Lily Hynson, Kyiie Henderson and Angela and Carlo Mazzaferro.

Professionally, Gerrie worked in the school lunch program, the kitchen at Camp Rilea and at the Johnson Drug Store with Myron. She loved garage sales, and restored many items she found for her home and for her kids as they left the nest.

After Myron died, she volunteered at the Red Cross, Flavel House and Loaves and Fishes. She was a long-time active member of the Astoria Christian Church.

She moved to Willamette View in 2006 to be near her family. She had mild cognitive impairment which, over 12 years, progressed to a unique dementia. She became more

humorous and loving than ever, and said what she thought. Gerrie revealed her talent for art, and her collages were exhibited in the Ageless Art program. The comments from staff were heartwarming and they, like family, will miss her now that she is gone.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" is inscribed on Myron and Gerrie's headstone at Ocean View Cemetery, where there is a private interment this week.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary and Crematory of Astoria, Oregon (hughes-ransom.com).



Geraldine Beals

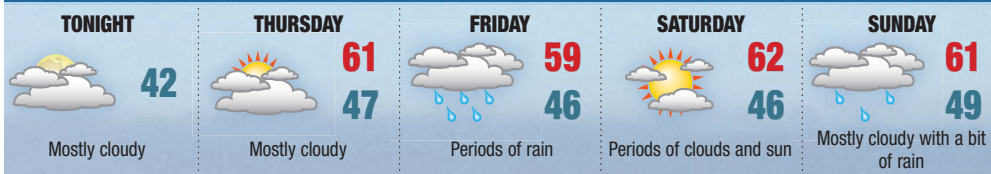


ON THE RECORD

ASSAULT

• At 5:19 p.m. Monday, Ethan D. Anderson, 22, of Gearhart, was arrested by Warrenton police on the 1790 block of Ensign Lane and charged with fourth-degree assault. He allegedly grabbed and scratched a woman during a domestic dispute.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

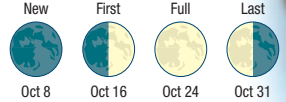


ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.
Temperatures
High/low 62°/45°
Normal high/low 65°/46°
Record high 85° in 1980
Record low 34° in 1968
Precipitation
Tuesday 0.03"
Month to date 0.56"
Normal month to date 0.22"
Year to date 39.24"
Normal year to date 40.46"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:52 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 7:18 a.m.
Moonrise today 12:29 a.m.
Moonset today 4:04 p.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Double Clusters of Perseus is just below Cassiopeia.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

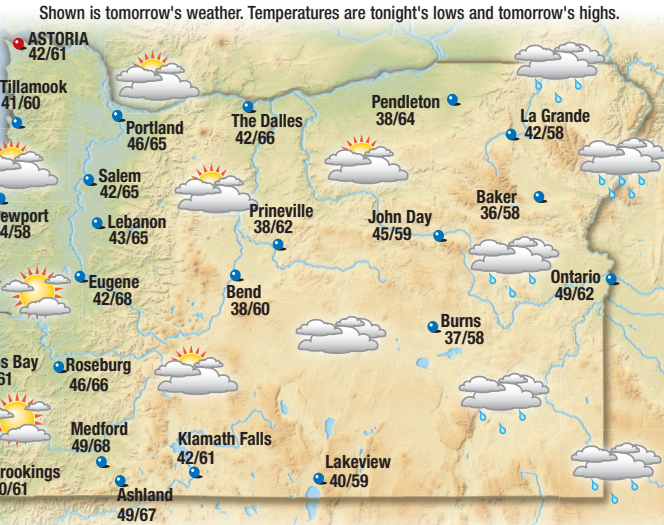
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Table with columns for Time, High, Low and corresponding tide heights for Astoria / Port Docks.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table showing weather forecasts for various national cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, etc.

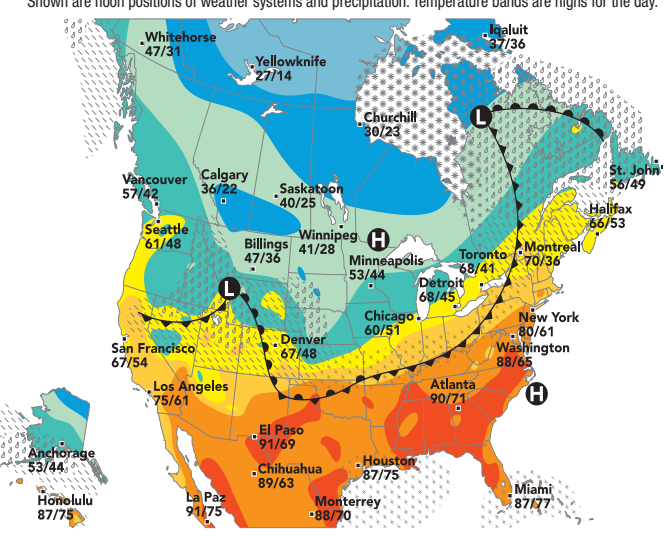
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Table showing weather forecasts for regional cities like Baker City, Bend, Brookings, Eugene, etc.

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Gregory Raymond Wilson

Astoria

Aug. 17, 1969 — Sept. 24, 2018

Gregory Raymond Wilson passed away on Sept. 24, 2018, after four days of hospital care for a stroke.

Born Aug. 17, 1969, in Hanford, California, to William and Florence Wilson, he was the third of three children.

Gregory was raised in Simi Valley, California, and attended Simi Valley schools. He started setting tile as a teen in California. It was an honor to work at the President Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley and Disneyland.

After moving to Svensen, Oregon, in 2007, Greg fished in Alaska for several seasons and locally was employed by Scott Utterback at Simply Tile and more.

Greg loved to ride his Harley, fish, train his dogs, music, and taking care of Zeke Rose, whom he was guardian of. Greg had an amazing and lovable personality, which everyone remembered.

Greg is survived by his son, Tanner Ly-

tle-Wilson of Aguanga, California; his mother, Florence Peugh, and stepfather, Curtis Peugh, of Svensen, Oregon; sister Susan Britton of Norco, California; brother Douglas (Karla) Wilson of Fair Oaks, California; and nieces and nephews Michael Britton and his family, and Megan and Benjamin Wilson. Stephanie Pless is the wonderful woman he planned to spend the rest of his life with. Unfortunately, his life ended very suddenly, and too soon.

Gregory was preceded in death by his father, William W. Wilson in 2016. A memorial service will be held on Oct. 6, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Knappa Assembly of God, 41767 Old Highway 30, Astoria, Oregon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific, 95 Hamburg Ave., Astoria, OR 97103. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at caldwellsmortuary.com



Gregory Wilson

DEATH

Oct. 2, 2018

STEWART, Carol Elizabeth, 76, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., 698 Pacific Way.
THURSDAY Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave.,
Warrenton. Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON Tuesday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 8-7-8-6 4 p.m.: 8-9-7-7 7 p.m.: 4-6-7-0 10 p.m.: 1-5-5-2
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 4-8-9-13-19-23-25-32 Estimated jackpot: \$44,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 2-22-29-31-34, Mega Ball: 1 Estimated jackpot: \$405 million
WASHINGTON Tuesday's Daily Game: 3-6-0 Tuesday's Keno: 02-03-04-08-10-18-19-22-28-29-31-34-36-39-43-48-70-74-75-80 Tuesday's Match 4: 02-07-11-19

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