

Sewer line breaks under Necanicum River in Seaside

Residents urged to stay away

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SEASIDE — Residents were asked to stay off the Necanicum River until further notice due to possible contamination from a broken sewer line near Avenue U.

The Public Works Department was notified about a leak in the sewer line that runs underneath the river Thursday afternoon by the owner Bell Buoy of Seaside, said Tony Biamont, the city's wastewater treatment plant foreman, and shut off any flow through the pipes on Thursday night.

City Manager Mark Winstanley said the impacts to water quality are expected to be minimal, and warnings to keep away from the river are mostly a precaution.



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Residents have been urged to avoid the Necanicum River in Seaside after a sewage leak.

“The bigger issue we have when sewer lines break is water gets into them rather than sewer gets out of them. The volume they carry in them is a lot less than the size of the line ... water is going to pour into the line,” Winstanley said. “We can't promise that sewage can't come out ... so we have to post that we have the potential

to have sewage contamination come into the river, but the odds are much greater that we have water pumping into our sewer line.”

Public crews will construct a temporary sewer line to run across and above the river until infrastructure below can be addressed, which Winstanley estimates could take up to the end of next week to complete.

Oregon timber at risk from harmful insect

Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon officials say a non-native insect that entered the state this fall on Christmas trees harvested in North Carolina has the potential to harm the state's timber economy.

Wyatt Williams, of the Oregon Department of For-

estry, says the elongate hemlock scale is less than a quarter inch long and hides on the bottom of needles.

The Register-Guard reported that about 8,000 Fraser fir trees from North Carolina came to the West Coast and were sold in large chain stores. California officials discovered the insect

and alerted Oregon.

Oregon officials say the Christmas trees should be cut up and the pieces put in garbage bags and thrown away.

The tiny insects feed on the underside of needles, cause trees to lose needles and become susceptible to other insects.



Curtis Robert Fairless

Warrenton

May 7, 1981 — Dec. 16, 2018

Curtis Robert Fairless was born in Seaside, Oregon, on May 7, 1981. Directly after his Seaside High School graduation in 2000, Fairless enlisted in the Marine Corps. Cpl. Fairless was a mortar-man in the infantry on the front lines of the invasion of Iraq, where he was wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade, for which he received a Purple Heart.



Curtis Fairless

After arriving home from war, he attended Clatsop Community College, where he and his sister, Angela, enjoyed philosophy and poetry classes together. Fairless earned his associate's degree in maritime science for vessel operations in 2014. Fairless enlisted in the Oregon National Guard, again served overseas, and quickly moved up to the rank of sergeant.

In addition to the Purple Heart, Fairless also received an Afghanistan Campaign medal with two campaign stars, the Army Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Combat Action Ribbon, USMC Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, USMC Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, NATO Medal and more.

Fairless was a skilled hunter, avid hiker, enjoyed fishing and clamming, and revered the land and all of its inhabitants, especially the ones he could eat. He enjoyed sports and all kinds of physical activity, especially if they were done out in nature.

He was a marksman and an advocate for the Second Amendment, which he believed to be in place for the sake of the people preventing tyranny. He attended political events, including

a peace rally in Portland on the fifth anniversary of the Iraq War. Fairless wanted the federal government to allow veterans to use cannabis, especially to help with post-traumatic stress disorder. With a sharp mind, quick wit and strong humor, he loved discussing politics, history, weapons, religion and philosophy. Also, his cats.

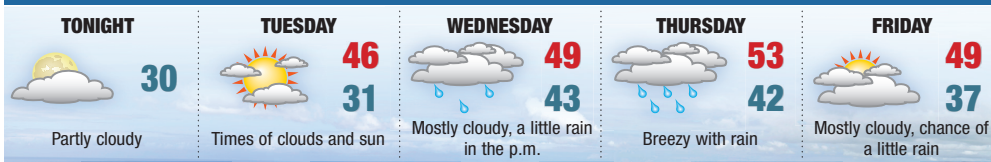
He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Bud and Shirley Zwahlen, of Warrenton, and Clarence and Ruth Mason, of Seaside; and his father, Donald Zwahlen of Seaside.

He is survived by his mother, Laura Fairless (formerly Mason); his dad, John Fairless, of Seaside; and his sister, Angela Fairless, and his nephew, Ruben Saucedo, of Astoria. He will also be missed by his uncle, Ron Zwahlen, his aunt, Theresa Zwahlen Hecox, and his uncle, Tom Hecox; and cousins TJ, Becky Wilson Seybold, Andy Hecox, Sarah Perrigo and Shelby Hecox. He will be missed by his stepsister, Allison Fairless; and his brothers, David Kurns, Jered Lyons, James Sibley, Jacob Burke, Nate Cantu, Eric and Wade Horning, Armando Guerrero, Dan Smith and Joshua Bunker.

A service with full military honors will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, in Warrior Hall at Camp Rilea. The doors open at 3 p.m. The service begins at 3:30 p.m., and the Honor Guard, 21-gun salute and presentation of the flag are scheduled for 4:20 p.m.

Snacks and Vortex IPA will be served during a reception following in Warrior Hall. Please honor this proud Marine and exemplary soldier; in lieu of flowers, make donations to the Wounded Warrior Project.

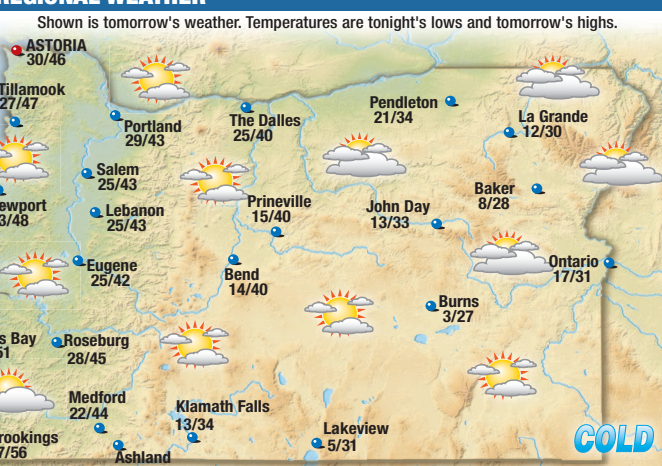
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Table with weather statistics: High/Low, Record high, Record low, Precipitation, Sun and Moon phases.

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Tuesday at sunset, waning crescent moon and Venus just 1 degree apart.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Table with tide information for Astoria/Port Docks: High, Low, Time.

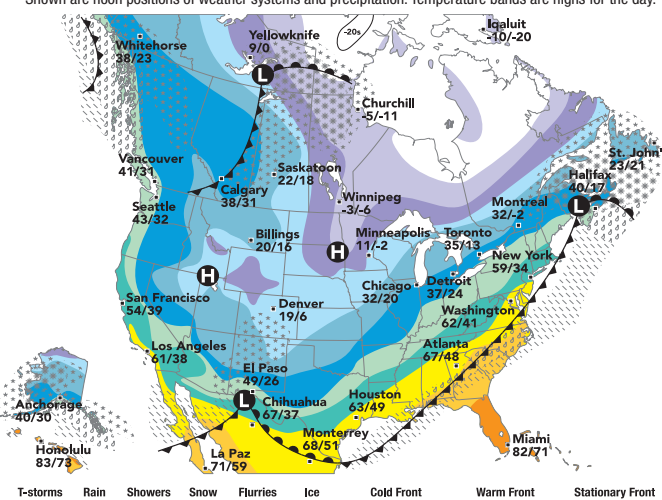
REGIONAL CITIES

Table with weather for regional cities: Baker City, Bend, Brookings, Eugene, Ilwaco, Klamath Falls, Medford, Newport, North Bend, etc.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with weather for national cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, etc.

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



DEATHS

Dec. 28, 2018
BUCKMAN, Vicki Ann, 70, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.
Dec. 27, 2018
HOFKER, Marial

“Mary,” 77, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.
WAHL, Takeko “Susi,” 85, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mor-

tuary of Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.
Dec. 20, 2018
ISLE, Larry, 73, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Jan. 5, 2019
SCHALK, Eldon, 77, of Underwood, Washington — Memorial service at 3 p.m., Elks Lodge, White Salmon, Washington.

ON THE RECORD

DUI
• On Friday night, a Clatsop County Sheriff's Office deputy arrested Christopher Hull, 45, from Flagstaff, Arizona, on one count each of driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangerment and reckless driving. Police were called

around 8:30 p.m. to a single-vehicle accident near Dellmoor Loop and U.S. Highway 101, where they arrested Hull.
Assault
• On Friday night, Seaside police arrested Andrew Graham Webster, 32, of Seaside, on one count each

of second-degree assault, harassment, hindering prosecution, menacing and strangulation. Police received a call from Providence Seaside Hospital about a mental health episode during which Webster attacked a family member, resulting in broken bones, according to police.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- WEDNESDAY: Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.
- THURSDAY: Astoria Design Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

LOTTERIES

Table with lottery information for Oregon and Washington, including estimated jackpots and winning numbers.

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