

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## What would you like to see happen in 2019?



"I'd like to see our political system instill more of the common sense that is truly a part of America."

**Bryan Kidder,**  
Astoria



"I'm on the board of the warming center. I would like to see a day center for the homeless in Astoria."

**Annie Dolber,**  
Astoria



"My husband is a federal worker. I would like to see the government reopen. That's the first thing. Also, I want a happy, healthy community."

**Mindy Bizzell,**  
Astoria

# Health care roadshow visits Seaside

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The Columbia-Pacific Coordinated Care Organization will be in Seaside Jan. 30 to seek public input on how to guide its implementation of the Oregon Health Plan.

The health organiza-

tion, established in 2012, coordinates health services for more than 25,000 Oregon Health Plan members in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties. It is creating a Community Health Improvement Plan that will guide its focus from 2020 through 2025.

In the fall, it surveyed more than 1,250 community members, gathering their concerns about nutrition, housing, access to prescriptions, providers, mental health and other topics. The visit is part of a community roadshow sharing the results of the

survey, along with population data, and giving the community a chance to vote on health priority areas.

"Your story is a very powerful tool," Nancy Knopf, a community health partnership manager, said in a release. "Your voice

says so much more about what is working and what could be improved than a typical health care survey can."

The roadshow will visit Seaside from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway St.

## Brownson holds meet-and-greet

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Astoria City Councilor Tom Brownson is holding a "Meet Your Councilor" event at 9 a.m. Saturday at 3 Cups Coffee House, 279 W. Marine Drive.

Residents are invited to discuss city issues.

## John Pierce Christie

Astoria

July 11, 1954 — Jan. 9, 2019

John Pierce Christie, known to many as "Pierce," died peacefully in his home on Jan. 9, 2019. Pierce was born July 11, 1954, in Salem, Oregon, to John and Margaret Christie. The following year the family moved to Astoria, where Pierce spent most of his life.

As a child, Pierce participated in 4-H, bucked hay bales at neighboring farms, and lived the rural Olney experience. He attended Olney School and Lewis and Clark Elementary as a child, and graduated from Astoria High School in 1972. As an adolescent, he fell in love with music, which shaped much of his life.

In adulthood, Pierce wore many hats, including drummer, guitarist, pizza chef, "Shanghaied" actor, painter of Victorian houses, film extra, trolley advocate, KMUN DJ and, most notably, longtime owner of the Mallternative on Marine Drive. He also fathered three children, Heather, Ruth and Ponce Christie, and was stepfather to Jonnie Blue, Brendan and Isaac Dunne.

Pierce loved to make pizza or barbecued salmon and oysters for parties and family gatherings. His heart was deep and wide, and he always had space for a new friend. He charmed many people with his friendliness and witty sense of humor.

For a time, Pierce moved to northern Idaho, where he opened another store, Main Street Music and Game, in Sandpoint. There he enjoyed hiking and canoeing around Lake Pend Oreille with his wife, Connie. His immense appreciation of the world's beauty followed him wherever he went.

He also deeply appreciated good deals — in Astoria, Sandpoint, and on the road between, he could often be found at Goodwill or local rummage sales sifting through the mundane clutter to find treasures that would become merchandise in his stores.

Pierce considered Astoria the "center of his universe" — he loved its people and its beauty, and enjoyed spending time at the nearby beaches digging clams or walking the Astoria Riverwalk with his dog, Judge. He had a vibrant community and seemed to know almost everyone in town.

After a stroke in 2016 that limited his physical activity, Pierce still loved to look at the Columbia River from his apartment window, go for drives around the area, and meet up with friends for meals. He worked hard at his recovery, doing speech and physical therapy exercises every day for the last two years.

Pierce was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret Christie; brother, Robert; sister-in-law, Denise; and nephews, Ted Williams and John David Christie. He is survived by his brother, Peter Christie; sisters, Catherine Sangüeza and Aretta Christie; daughters, Heather and Ruth Christie; son, Ponce Christie; stepsons, Jonnie Blue, Brendan and Isaac Dunne; granddaughter, Christina Balesky; former wives, Connie Kimble, Teresa Borseth and Wendy Clune; as well as extended family, many friends, and his beloved dog, Judge.

There will be a celebration of life at the Rogue Public House on Pier 39 on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, from 2 to 5 p.m.



John Pierce Christie

## Gilbert Bennett Doty

Astoria

March 30, 1938 — Dec. 4, 2018



Gilbert Bennett Doty, 80, of Astoria, Oregon, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles, Oregon.

Gilbert was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, on March 30, 1938. His career was in military service, as he joined the Marine Corps and then the Air Force. He served honorably as a mechanic on B-52s, and then advanced to teaching electronics.

In 1959, Gilbert married his childhood sweetheart, Janet, and they traveled the world and had two children, Daniel and Susan. In the 1970s, they discovered the rugged beauty of Astoria, the Columbia River, and all it had to offer. He then retired from the Air Force after over 20 years of service, and they planted themselves on the North Coast. Gilbert became an expert at whatever he tried,

and became a fierce fisherman and a master gardener.

Since his youth, he excelled at marksmanship, participating in many championship tournaments. He built his own muzzleloader, and participated in the North Coast Muzzleloader group activities. He was a very active and energetic person who enjoyed the outdoors.

He is survived by his son and daughter, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, both on the East and West coasts.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Resources of Oregon, 8880 S.W. Nimbus Ave., Beaverton, OR., 97008.

A graveside service is being held Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, at 2 p.m., at Fort Stevens Cemetery, 1198 Russell Drive, Hammond, OR., 97121.



Gilbert Doty



## Katherine Skipper

Seaside

July 22, 1924 — Jan. 11, 2019

Katherine Skipper, at age 94, passed into the arms of the Lord.

Katie was born in Clifton, Oregon, to her parents, Vincent and Elizabeth Rusinovich. She left Clifton at age 14 to complete her education at Astoria High School.

After graduation, she married the love of her life, George H. Skipper. Their married life was full of enjoyment, activities and social engagements. She was the loving mother of two children, and was fortunate to be able to stay home to care for them and manage the household.

Katie enjoyed many hours with friends, camping, being an active parent in the Little League program in Astoria, participating in the Elks organization and many other community service activities with George.

Katie's attention to detail and organizational led her to a career in the secretarial field. She worked at Seaside High School, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and North Salem High School. At the age of 42, she lost her beloved husband George. She moved back to Seaside to be near family and friends.

Her most fulfilling years were spent working at Dr. O'Donovan's Clinic. The

staff at the clinic became as close to her as family. She retired at age 65.

After retirement, she enjoyed her friends, special visits from her nieces Elaine Rusinovich and Shirley Rusinovich Pass, trips to visit at the clinic, lunches out, grocery shopping and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was able to remain in her own home until the age of 92 due to the support from her dear friend, Tanya Cave. When her health took a turn, she reluctantly moved to Portland.

Katie was preceded in death by her husband, George H. Skipper, and her brother, Nicholas Rusinovich. She is survived by her children, Toni Gula (Bill) and Dan Skipper; grandchildren, Kari Maljai (Keyon), Lacey Macdonald (Glen) and Megan Skipper; and great-grandchildren, Grace and Bennett Maljai and David and Addison Macdonald.

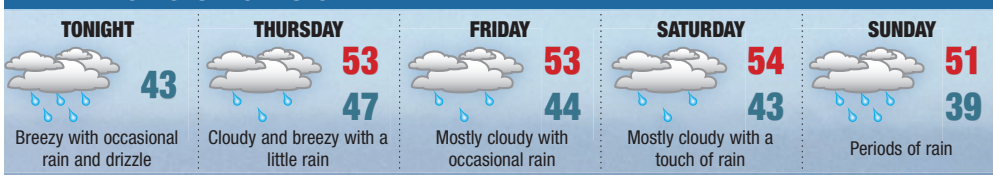
A funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside, Oregon, followed by a committal service at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton, Oregon.

Please visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to sign the online guest book.



Katherine Skipper

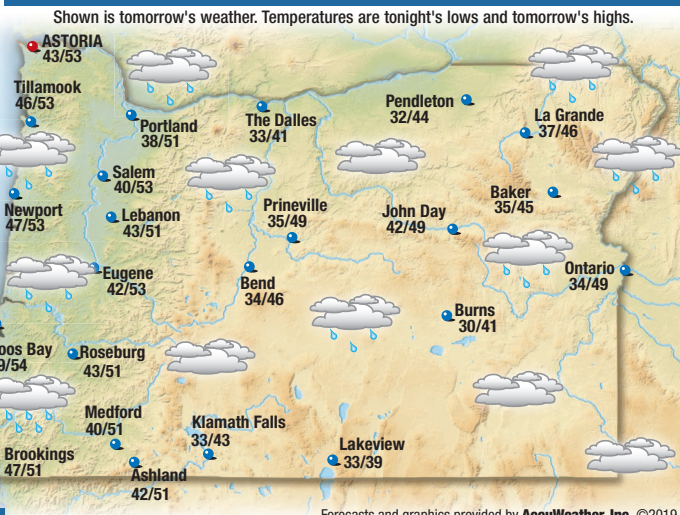
## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



## ALMANAC

Table with weather statistics for Astoria through Tuesday, including temperatures, precipitation, and sun and moon data.

## REGIONAL WEATHER



## UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Leo, the Lion, emerging from the eastern night sky before midnight.

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Table showing high and low tide times for Astoria/Port Docks.

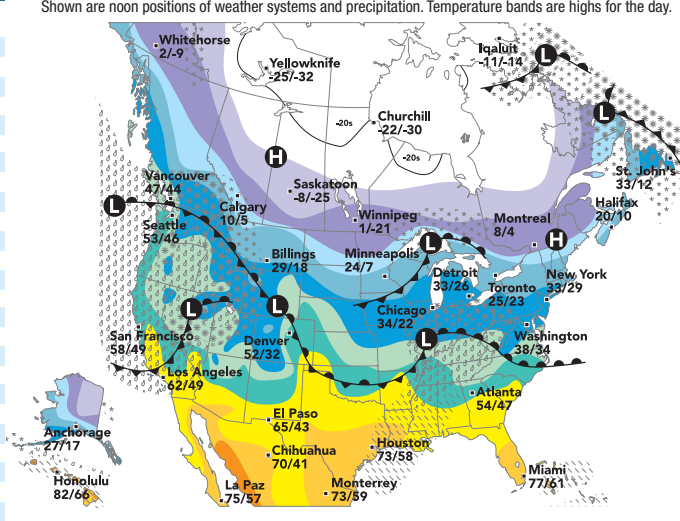
## NATIONAL CITIES

Table showing weather forecasts for various major U.S. cities.

## REGIONAL CITIES

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

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



## PUBLIC MEETINGS

- WEDNESDAY: Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, Warrenton-Hammond School Board. THURSDAY: Cannon Beach Design Review Board.

## LOTTERIES

- OREGON: Tuesday's Pick 4, Tuesday's Mega Millions. WASHINGTON: Tuesday's Daily Game, Tuesday's Keno, Tuesday's Match 4.

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