

Q&A

New chief executive at Providence Seaside Hospital

Lemmon started the job this month

By EDWARD STRATTON The Daily Astorian

Don Lemmon started three weeks ago as the chief executive of Providence Seaside Hospital. He replaced Kendall Sawa, who was recently named chief operating officer of Providence Portland Medical Center.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Lemmon started as a paramedic with a helicopter service. He worked as a respiratory therapist and later a cardiac stenographer. Trained in health care and business administration, he served as vice president of Brookville Hospital and later DuBois Regional Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

Four years ago, Lemmon and his wife, Kathy, relocated to Hood River to be near one of their four children. He took over as director of operations at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital before accepting the position in Seaside.

Q: What sort of initiatives are you overseeing at Providence Seaside?

A: The emergency department expansion is the big one, for sure. We also have some changes that will be occurring with a new CT scanner, sort of a new MRI scanner that was recently purchased. The trailer that's in front of the facility that's parked out there will be moved out. The new MRI will be housed in the facility



Don Lemmon

near the emergency department. We also have an upgrade and renovations that will be occurring in our pharmacy to be in compliance with federal regulations that were recently put in place to upgrade the pharmacy for the mixing hoods. My main focus is to be able to provide basic services for our community. The need for access to primary care is huge, and we've recently hired three primary care providers who just started this week, a primary care physician and two primary care nurse practitioners who just came on board this week.

Q: What are the challenges of recruiting new physicians?

A: Physician recruitment in any rural area is a little more difficult than it is in a large city. But having said that, the draw to an area like this, the same as to Hood River, is really the area itself. There are providers out there who are looking for an opportunity to work in such a beautiful place as Seaside, Oregon. We have a full recruitment team that Providence employs that works very diligently to advertise and to find candidates. Those candidates have their (curriculum vitae) sent to the hospital, where they're reviewed, and we consider bringing them in for an interview.

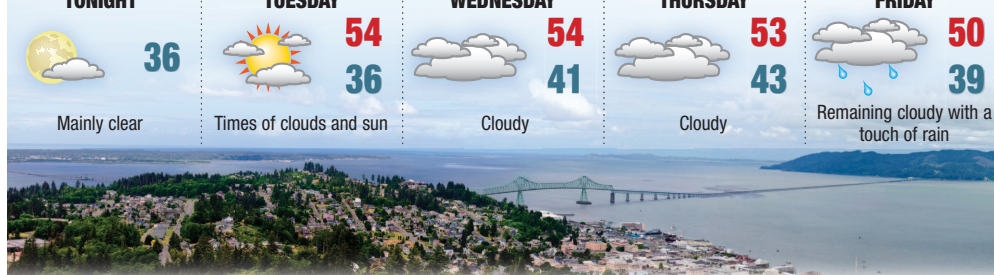
Q: What are some of the opportunities and challenges faced by a rural hospital like Providence Seaside?

A: Plenty of opportunities. I just talked recently with the director of our social work in regards to dealing with food insecurity and housing insecurity. There are homeless people in the area and throughout the state and the country, and those individuals who can't afford fresh fruits and vegetables. So we have programs in place, a wonderful food pantry here, that helps with those challenges. That's definitely a focus we have. Providence focuses on providing care for everyone, but especially the poor and vulnerable. Food-challenged and housing-challenged individuals are those unfortunate few that require special attention.

Here in Seaside, we do have a lot of telemedicine opportunities that are in place for services. Even though you're in a rural setting in Seaside, you can have specialists that are located in Portland that are coming across the computer to interact with you and treat patients. It's a great opportunity.

I really would like to work closely with our community partners and partner with our area hospitals to really strengthen services in Clatsop County. The community health needs assessment certainly has areas where we can all focus and help to improve. Behavioral health is I believe a tough challenge for all of us. Plenty of great services available in Clatsop County, but they can also be strengthened. There needs to be a greater focus on behavioral health, and I believe more federal funding moved in that direction to strengthen it.

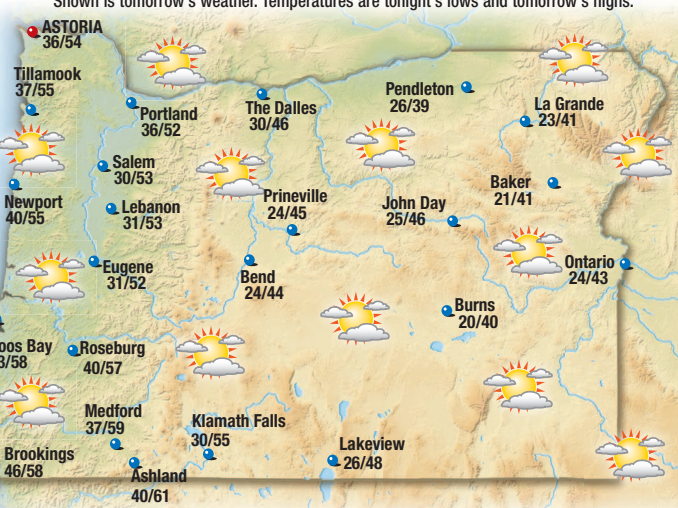
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Table with weather statistics for Astoria through Sunday, including temperatures, precipitation, and sunrise/sunset times.

REGIONAL WEATHER



SUN AND MOON

Table with moon phase information for February, including sunset, sunrise, and moonrise/moonset times.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Bright stars Mirfak and Algol of Perseus is nearly overhead before midnight.

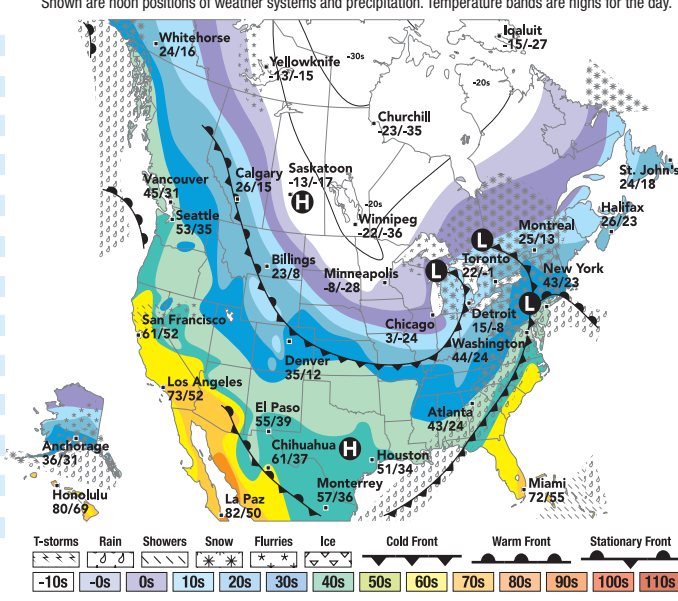
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Table with tide information for Astoria/Port Docks, including high and low tide times and heights.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with weather forecasts for various regional cities including Baker City, Bend, Brookings, Eugene, etc.

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



OBITUARIES

Robert Franklin Reiter

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Dec. 9, 1935 — Jan. 23, 2019

Robert Franklin "Big Red" Reiter, a lifelong resident of Clatsop County and Uniontown, passed away peacefully on Jan. 23, 2019 at the age of 83 from complications associated with cancer and congestive heart failure, with multiple family members at his side.



Robert Reiter

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Pauline; their children, John (Bend, Oregon), Cathy (Astoria, Oregon), Jim (Vancouver, Washington), Don Swanson (Vancouver, Washington), Floyd Holcom (Astoria, Oregon), Debbie Schmunck (Hillsboro, Oregon), Jim Wakeman (Bandon, Oregon) and Brent Wakeman (Renton, Washington); and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Francis Moorehead (St. Helens, Oregon) and Susie Finch (Oregon City, Oregon). He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, in 1999.

Robert was born on Dec. 9, 1935, to Frank Reiter and Sylvia Korpela, and raised in Astoria. He lived his entire life in the Astoria area, where he raised his family amid the splendor of the Columbia River and the Oregon Coast. He excelled in sports, earning 10 varsity letters at Astoria High School, was selected to play in the 1954 high school Shriners game, and received a football scholarship to the University of Oregon.

After leaving U of O, he married Virginia Patson. He worked in the woods logging and gillnetted on the Columbia River and in Alaska. He eventually joined the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 50, and retired after 35 years. Reiter enjoyed participating in all the outdoor activities the area had to offer, and was quite adept at harvesting all of the local bounty. Whatever was in season was his passion. He passed on his love of the outdoors to his family, and they still partake in the endeavors to this day.

A memorial service and celebration will be held on Thursday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Loft at the Red Building in Astoria. All family, friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Longshore Scholarship Fund, c/o Astoria High School Scholarship Inc., P.O. Box 598, Astoria, OR, 97103, and reference on your check "Robert F. Reiter — ILWU Longshoremen Scholarship Account." Reiter has been a strong supporter and long-time contributor to this scholarship fund.

DEATH

Jan. 24, 2019

COOPER, Della Alice (Edwards), 75, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Feb. 2

OREN, Emmy Haglund Backlund — Memorial at 11 a.m., Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 320 First Ave. in Seaside.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

TUESDAY Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON Sunday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 9-3-0-7 4 p.m.: 1-8-0-4 7 p.m.: 5-1-2-8 10 p.m.: 6-1-1-1 Sunday's Lucky Lines: 4-5-9-15-20-22-25-30 Estimated jackpot: \$30,000 Saturday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 4-0-2-3 4 p.m.: 9-8-3-5 7 p.m.: 4-4-0-8 10 p.m.: 2-1-0-3 Saturday's Lucky Lines: 3-8-12-15-20-21-28-32 Estimated jackpot: \$28,000 Saturday's Megabucks: 2-7-9-13-42-44 Estimated jackpot: \$7.4 million

Saturday's Powerball: 8-12-20-21-32, Powerball: 10 Estimated jackpot: \$174 million Friday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 2-8-7-7 4 p.m.: 7-4-2-5 7 p.m.: 9-7-6-4 10 p.m.: 0-2-2-9 Friday's Lucky Lines: 2-7-9-15-19-21-25-31 Estimated jackpot: \$27,000 Friday's Mega Millions: 8-16-30-38-61, Mega Ball: 10 Estimated jackpot: \$109 million

WASHINGTON Sunday's Daily Game: 6-1-0 Sunday's Keno: 01-05-07-09-10-14-15-20-25-26-32-35-37-52-53-64-66-69-71-79 Saturday's Match 4: 02-06-11-22 Saturday's Daily Game: 3-5-4 Saturday's Hit 5: 02-08-10-22-33 Estimated jackpot: \$160,000 Saturday's Keno: 03-10-16-17-19-21-35-36-37-40-41-43-45-46-54-59-66-70-73-76 Saturday's Lotto: 06-14-22-23-44-47 Estimated jackpot: \$3.5 million Saturday's Match 4: 04-05-11-21 Friday's Daily Game: 7-5-9 Friday's Keno: 01-02-05-09-11-12-18-25-27-31-33-34-43-62-63-66-71-72-78-80 Match 4: 05-11-15-24

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