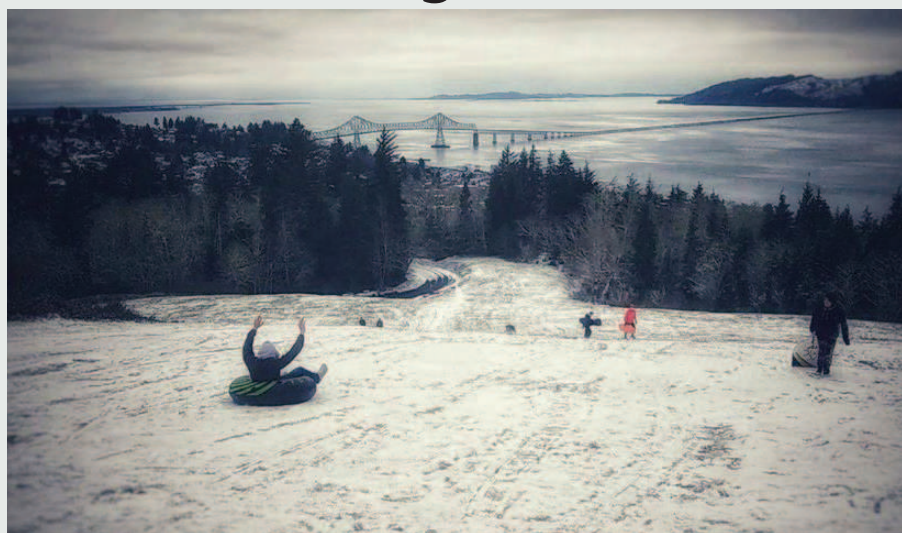


## A big slide



Ashley Morris  
Some people enjoyed the snow on Wednesday by sliding down Coxcomb Hill near the Astoria Column.

# Flu closes Jewell School

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

JEWELL — Jewell School has closed until Friday because of a flu outbreak affecting more than a third of the school district.

Alice Hunsaker, the school superintendent in Jewell, said in a release that the decision was made Monday in partnership with the Clatsop County Public Health Department after more than 35 percent of students in the school district came down ill with the flu, along with a significant percentage of faculty.

“During our closure the school custodial and maintenance staff will be conducting a thorough cleaning and disinfecting, again, following state guidelines for this comprehensive antibacterial and virus process,” Hunsaker wrote.

Michael McNickle, the county’s public health director, said it recommended the school close for three days.

“Influenza A has a longer incubation period,” McNickle said. “We kept it closed three days to make sure those affected don’t infect others.”

The county sent a nurse to Jewell to administer up to 55 free doses of flu vaccine, some of it borrowed



Jewell School is closed because of a flu outbreak.

from Coastal Family Health Center.

“The supply has become kind of tight because of all the flu rampaging throughout the U.S.,” McNickle said.

Knappa School District last year closed Hilda Lahti Elementary School for two days because of a flu outbreak affecting more than 40 percent of students. The outbreak was the only other instance of a flu-related school closure in the past several years, McNickle said.

The percentage of admissions to hospital emergency

departments for flu-related illnesses has been steadily increasing throughout February, according to statistics from the Oregon Health Authority. The percentage of admissions related to the flu peaked in late January to early February the past two seasons.

As of Wednesday, 41 children had died of the flu this season, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC recently reported that this year’s vaccine is proving 47 percent effective at preventing the most prevalent strains of the flu.

## Conservation group to clean up plastic at beach

The Daily Astorian

A Seaside-based non-profit dedicated to removing plastic from local beaches will host a cleanup operation at Fort Stevens State Park in March.

Sea Turtles Forever, in collaboration with Fort Stevens State Park, will work on habitat restoration

at the park’s Area C estuarine area on March 9 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The area is bordered by the South Jetty and the Columbia River. In previous years, volunteers have hauled out hundreds of pounds of plastic from this site. Most of the plastic they find is in small pieces: tiny chips and microplastics.

The park’s Lot C is located on Jetty Road past the turn-offs for Battery Russell and Lots A and B.

Anyone interested in volunteering should bring boots and a rain coat. Other supplies will be provided. Oregon Field Guide will be on site shooting video for a TV segment.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP

Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
34	49 / 30	49 / 29	48 / 27	46 / 28
Cloudy with a couple of showers; cold	Sunny to partly cloudy and chilly	Plenty of sun	Chilly with plenty of sun	Mostly sunny and chilly

**ALMANAC** Astoria through Wednesday.

**Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 42°/30°  
 Normal high/low ..... 52°/37°  
 Record high ..... 71° in 1968  
 Record low ..... 21° in 1962

**Precipitation**  
 Wednesday ..... 0.10"  
 Month to date ..... 7.63"  
 Normal month to date ..... 6.94"  
 Year to date ..... 12.56"  
 Normal year to date ..... 17.14"

**REGIONAL WEATHER** Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

Astoria 34/49	Portland 33/49	The Dalles 22/35	Pendleton 18/30	La Grande 19/38
Tillamook 34/51	Salem 31/48	Prineville 16/38	John Day 21/39	Baker 20/38
Newport 37/46	Lebanon 32/47	Bend 19/36	Burns 17/36	Ontario 27/46
Eugene 32/46	Coos Bay 37/47	Medford 31/48	Klamath Falls 22/39	Lakeview 17/38
Brookings 38/48	Roseburg 35/47	Ashland 29/47		

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunrise Friday ..... 6:55 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 3:31 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 12:35 p.m.

New First Full Last  
 Mar 6 Mar 14 Mar 20 Mar 27

**UNDER THE SKY**

Tonight's Sky: Pegasus, the flying horse, stands low in the west as darkness falls and sets by midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
9:16 a.m.	8.1 ft.	3:19 a.m.	3.7 ft.	
11:01 p.m.	7.2 ft.	4:36 p.m.	0.7 ft.	

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Fri.	W
Atlanta	64	54	r	62	52	sh
Boston	30	22	sn	39	30	pc
Chicago	29	19	sf	36	22	c
Denver	51	30	c	43	19	c
Des Moines	21	8	c	30	8	sn
Detroit	29	18	pc	35	25	pc
El Paso	78	47	s	78	50	s
Fairbanks	23	1	pc	24	-2	s
Honolulu	77	61	s	77	63	pc
Indianapolis	36	24	pc	42	29	c
Kansas City	26	19	c	38	19	c
Las Vegas	72	51	s	71	55	c
Los Angeles	67	53	pc	66	55	c
Memphis	46	32	c	51	39	sh
Miami	84	69	s	83	70	pc
Nashville	49	36	sh	47	37	sh
New Orleans	76	61	r	76	67	c
New York	40	30	pc	42	32	sf
Oklahoma City	38	24	pc	49	27	pc
Philadelphia	43	30	pc	41	35	pc
St. Louis	28	24	sn	41	27	c
Salt Lake City	53	37	c	49	38	c
San Francisco	58	44	c	60	51	pc
Seattle	46	32	c	47	32	s
Washington, DC	48	34	pc	39	36	c

**TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER** Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Legend:  
 T-storms, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front

## BodyVox performance rescheduled

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the BodyVox performance set for Saturday at the Liberty The-

atre has been rescheduled to October. All ticket purchases have been refunded.

New BodyVox performance dates will be posted

to the Liberty website and social media as soon as they are booked. For the full calendar of events at the Liberty, go to libertyastoria.org

## Deadline for citizen committee applications is Friday

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Clatsop County is still seeking applicants to serve on six newly-formed citizen advisory committees charged with updating the county’s community plans and comprehensive plan.

The project will be the

first complete update of the comprehensive plan since its adoption in 1979.

Application forms are available on the county’s website or from the county manager’s office at 800 Exchange St. in Astoria.

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Friday.

## State Rep. Mitchell to hold Astoria town hall March 10

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State Rep. Tiffany Mitchell,

D-Astoria, will hold a town hall from 3 to 4 p.m. March 10 in Columbia Hall

Room 219 on the main campus of Clatsop Community College, 1651 Lexington Ave.

## DEATHS

**Feb. 27, 2019**  
 NEACE, Aira, 91, of Warrenton, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

**Feb. 24, 2019**  
 GLOVER, Dylan, 26, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Services will be held at a later date. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

**Feb. 25, 2019**  
 PHILLIPS, Gerald, 95, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

**Friday, March 1**  
 VANDECOEVERING, David Lawrence — Viewing from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Waud’s Funeral Home, 1414 Third St. in Tillamook. Vandecoevering, 63, of Garibaldi, died in Garibaldi on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**THURSDAY**  
**Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee**, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.  
**Clatsop Community College Board**, 4:30 p.m., work session, Columbia Hall Room 221, 1651 Lexington Ave.  
**Cannon Beach Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Wednesday's Pick 4:**  
 1 p.m.: 7-6-9-0  
 4 p.m.: 2-6-7-6  
 7 p.m.: 1-6-4-2  
 10 p.m.: 4-0-3-2  
**Wednesday's Lucky Lines:**  
 2-7-9-16-20-23-25-30  
 Estimated jackpot: \$61,000  
**Wednesday's Megabucks:**  
 2-8-9-25-31-36  
 Estimated jackpot: \$8.8 million  
**Wednesday's Powerball:** 21-31-42-49-59, Powerball: 23  
 Estimated jackpot: \$348 million  
**WASHINGTON**  
**Wednesday's Daily Game:**  
 6-5-5  
**Wednesday's Hit 5:** 02-22-24-31-34  
 Estimated jackpot: \$510,000  
**Wednesday's Keno:** 01-08-14-15-17-20-24-26-34-40-43-44-45-48-49-55-61-62-65-76  
**Wednesday's Lotto:** 23-27-29-37-40-42  
 Estimated jackpot: \$4.9 million  
**Wednesday's Match 4:** 04-06-18-23

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