

Razor clam dig OK'd during Long Beach festival

Chinook Observer

With sunny skies and temperatures near 60 in the forecast, a two-day razor clam dig has been approved on the Long Beach Peninsula this weekend, just in time for the annual Razor Clam Festival.

Likely marking the close of the peninsula's meager 2018-19 season, which included only two prior digging days, a large and enthusiastic crowd is anticipated.

State shellfish managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the dig on morning low tides after marine toxin tests showed the clams are safe to eat. The opening had been uncertain, since last week levels of the plankton species that can produce toxic domoic acid were fluctuating.

The dig is approved on the following beaches, dates, and low tides:

- Saturday, 7:58 a.m.; -1.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis;
- Sunday, 8:42 a.m.; -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Monday, 9:25 a.m.; -1.0 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

"This is a weekend opening that should not be missed," said Dan Ayres, Department of Fish and Wildlife coastal shellfish



Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

Cooper Petit, 10, grabbed a razor clam pulled by his brother, Byron, 8, as their mother, Angela, looked on during a February dig.

manager. "The Long Beach Razor Clam festival on Saturday features clam digging and chowder contests, clam digging lessons, and live music — even pirates and mermaids making an occasional appearance."

Although the beach in north Pacific County, which the state refers to as Twin Harbors, has been highly productive for clams this season, Long Beach was kept closed on all but two days this winter because a pre-season census found the clams were too small for harvest. They have been growing well, however, and exceeded an average of 4 inches during a Feb. 17 dig.

As in past years, the state is asking beachgoers to take care to avoid nesting snowy plovers.

"With barely 100 of

these birds still surviving on the southwest Washington coast, it is vitally important for beachgoers to stay out of posted areas," Ayres said. "Snowy plover nests are nearly invisible, so we want people to give these birds the space they need to live and thrive during their nesting period, especially near Midway Beach and while walking towards the north end of Long Beach."

Ayres recommends people avoid leaving leftover food or trash on the beach — which attract predators — avoid the dunes as much as possible, and heed the 25 mph speed limit if driving on the beach.

Diggers should hit the beach about an hour or two before low tide for the best results.

Astoria Library updates user conduct policy

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

When a Warrenton man showed up at the Astoria Library in February to protest a Drag Queen Story Hour, he had his phone out.

His plan was to provide a running commentary, broadcasting a livestream to his social media followers. His camera, though focused primarily on his own face, turned sometimes to capture the people attending the reading, including parents and their young children.

Jimmy Pearson, the library director, couldn't do much about filming outside the library, but he drew the

line when it came to filming and photographing people inside.

"I take library privacy very seriously," Pearson said ahead of a Monday night City Council meeting, where he presented an updated set of the library's standards of conduct.

"Parents have the right to not have their kids videotaped."

The City Council approved the updated policy, which is not very different from what the library had in place before. It just codifies the rules, Pearson said.

The approval will give the rules a little more heft.

Depending on the viola-

tion, anyone being disruptive or breaking library rules could be asked to leave for the day or even lose all privileges for up to three years.

"I'm very careful about telling somebody to leave the library for the day," Pearson said. "It doesn't happen all the time or even very often."

The library experiences an influx of people who are homeless leaving the Astoria Warming Center with their belongings during the emergency shelter's winter season. With few to no options elsewhere during the day, the library has become a refuge, providing a dry, warm place to rest, read and access the internet.

Irene Tanaka Kan

Seaside

Dec. 28, 1935 — April 3, 2019

Irene Tanaka Kan, of Seaside, peacefully passed away at her home in Seaside on April 3, 2019. She was 83.

Irene was born to Eddie and Toshiye Tanaka on Dec. 28, 1935, in Shoshone, Idaho. After graduating as valedictorian from Shoshone High School in 1954, she earned her bachelor's degree in home economics at Oregon State College in Corvallis in 1958.

While at Oregon State, Irene met her future husband, Warren Kan, whom she married on June 21, 1958, in Shoshone, then moved to Salem, where they both worked at Oregon Fruit Products Co.

In 1966, Warren and Irene moved to Seaside to run Kan's Hankow Inn when his parents, Frank and Yok Ping Kan, retired. For 25 years, Irene cooked at and helped manage the Chinese restaurant.

In the 1980s, the couple developed Sand Dollar Square, a minimall on Broadway near the Turnaround. In 1992, they built and operated Cannes Cinema on 12th Avenue, and sold the movie theater in 2006. In 2000, they opened a Microtel on U.S. Highway 101, and sold the hotel in 2008.

A proponent of education, Irene volunteered at Seaside Heights Elementary School, working with students for 30 years. She was an active member of the American Association of University Women and its Women Interested in Going to School (WINGS) workshop.

She also helped pack food and supplies

into backpacks for Head Start students, and delivered Sunday supper to elderly residents. A longtime member of the Seaside United Methodist Church, she sang in the choir.

Her hobbies included baking, knitting, gardening and reading. Irene also enjoyed traveling with friends and family, taking trips across the country and around the world.

She is survived by a daughter, Pamela Kan-Rice, of Moraga, California; a son, Marc Kan, of Seaside; a sister, Nancy Paulson, of Lehi, Utah; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by Warren, her husband of 53 years, and brothers, Clarence and Fred.

The Kan family is grateful to Caring for the Coast and Lower Columbia Hospice for enabling Irene to live out her life in the comfort of her home.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Irene's life at noon Saturday, April 20, at the Seaside United Methodist Church, 241 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside, followed by a reception at 1 p.m. at the American Legion, 1315 Broadway, Seaside.

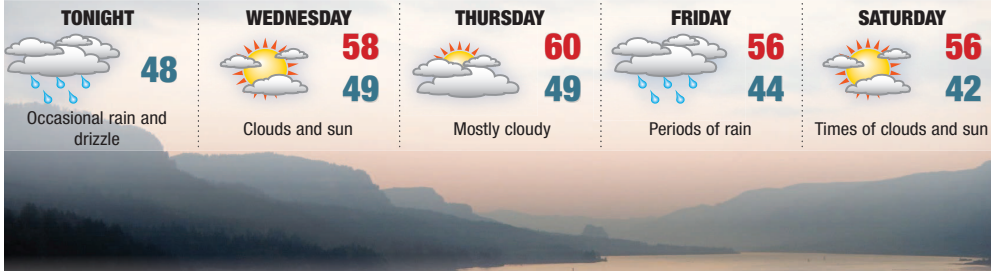
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Kan Family Scholarship Fund at Seaside High School, 1901 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside, OR., 97138, Seaside Public Library Foundation and Seaside Parks and Recreation Department Foundation.

Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.



Irene Kan

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC
Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures

High/Low	51°/36°
Normal high/low	56°/41°
Record high	81° in 1947
Record low	30° in 1967

Precipitation

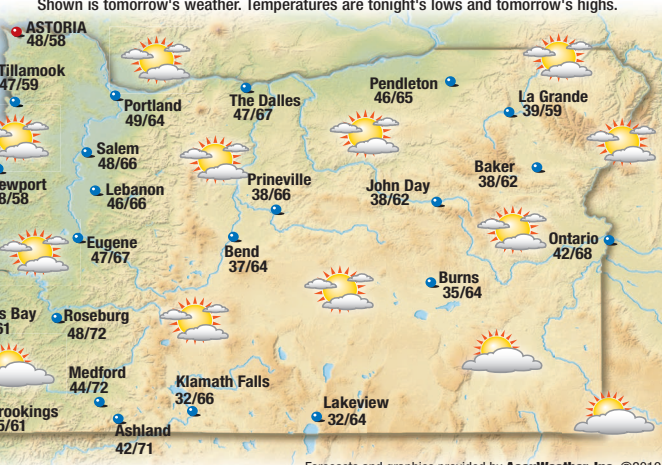
Monday	0.07"
Month to date	4.67"
Normal month to date	2.87"
Year to date	19.72"
Normal year to date	27.71"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:04 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	6:26 a.m.
Moonrise today	4:50 p.m.
Moonset today	5:31 a.m.

Full Moon: Apr 19, Last Moon: Apr 26, New Moon: May 4, First Moon: May 11

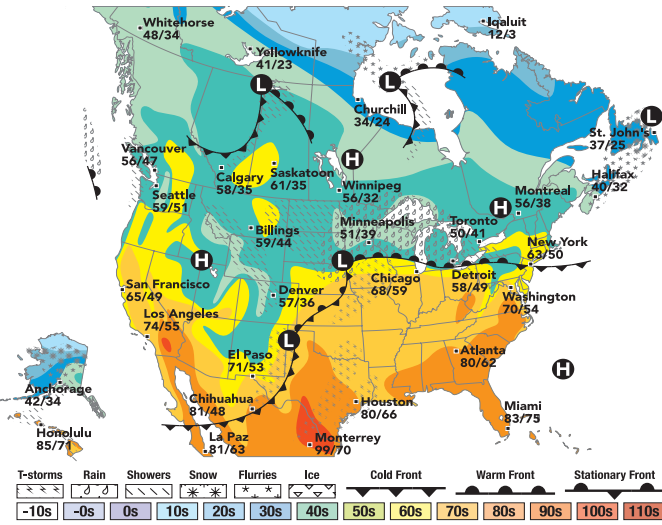
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	57 38 c 62 36 pc	Olympia	58 47 c 60 49 pc		
Bend	56 37 pc 64 41 pc	Pendleton	60 46 c 65 45 pc		
Brookings	55 45 pc 60 47 pc	Portland	60 49 c 64 49 pc		
Eugene	61 47 c 67 47 c	Roseburg	64 48 pc 72 50 pc		
Ilwaco	55 49 sh 56 50 pc	Salem	61 48 c 66 49 pc		
Klamath Falls	55 32 pc 66 37 pc	Seaside	56 48 c 58 50 pc		
Medford	63 44 pc 72 49 pc	Spokane	55 42 pc 59 44 pc		
Newberg	59 47 c 63 46 pc	Springfield	60 46 c 67 47 pc		
Newport	54 48 c 58 47 pc	Vancouver	59 48 c 62 48 pc		
North Bend	57 48 pc 61 49 pc	Yakima	64 43 pc 69 46 pc		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Hercules, the Hero, emerging in the east after sunset.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
12:29 a.m.	8.6 ft.	6:38 a.m.	0.7 ft.
12:37 p.m.	8.5 ft.	6:59 p.m.	-0.1 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	75 55 s 80 62 s	
Boston	61 42 c 58 42 s	
Chicago	66 47 c 68 59 c	
Denver	67 40 c 57 36 sh	
Des Moines	74 59 c 71 43 r	
Detroit	58 43 r 58 49 r	
El Paso	82 58 s 71 53 t	
Fairbanks	50 26 pc 42 26 pc	
Honolulu	86 70 s 85 71 s	
Indianapolis	74 56 pc 74 59 pc	
Kansas City	78 61 c 74 46 t	
Las Vegas	67 55 t 78 61 s	
Los Angeles	65 51 pc 74 55 s	
Memphis	77 61 c 77 62 pc	
Miami	83 71 s 83 75 pc	
Nashville	78 56 s 79 62 pc	
New Orleans	81 64 s 81 69 pc	
New York	64 48 s 63 50 pc	
Oklahoma City	73 63 c 73 51 t	
Philadelphia	64 50 s 63 50 pc	
St. Louis	79 60 pc 79 61 pc	
Salt Lake City	51 39 sh 58 42 pc	
San Francisco	63 48 pc 65 49 s	
Seattle	58 49 sh 59 51 pc	
Washington, DC	69 55 s 70 54 c	

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

Sally Banta

Gearhart

Aug. 5, 1933 — April 12, 2019

Sally Banta was born Aug. 5, 1933, in Portland, to Stephen and Harriet (Miller) Honan. She was raised in Seaside, and graduated from Seaside Union High School. During her youth she loved horseback riding and caring for her younger siblings.

She married John A. Banta on May 1, 1954. They started their marriage in Seaside, and then moved to Gearhart to raise their family.

She worked at the Seaside Library, her love of books and people making it the perfect fit for her. She retired after 35 years, but never lost her love of books, and was an avid reader. She loved the time spent with her siblings listening to guitar music and singing. They played many competitive games of pinochle.

Sally and John took their children on many

car and camping trips. Later, Sally and John traveled the Northwest extensively, as well as several trips to Alaska in their motor home. Sally loved family gatherings and holidays, Christmas being her favorite. She was most happy when her whole family was together.

She leaves behind her devoted husband of 65 years, John; daughters, Jane, Susan and Mary; sons, John (Jo) and Lee (Teri); eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Mike Honan; sister, Patricia Ross; and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as her extended Banta family. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters, Connie and Margaret.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Hughes Ransom Mortuary in Seaside. A private burial will be held.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.	Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 5:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225	Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Avenue A, Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.	Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

LOTTERIES

OREGON	WASHINGTON
Monday's Pick 4: 1-0-1-4	Monday's Daily Game: 1-1-7
1 p.m.: 1-1-9-1	Monday's Hit 5: 05-06-16-23-38
4 p.m.: 9-7-0-7	
7 p.m.: 6-0-0-5	
Monday's Lucky Lines: 3-6-12-14-17-22-27-32	
Estimated jackpot: \$20,000	
Monday's Megabucks: 26-29-32-35-37-38	
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million	
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000	
Monday's Keno: 03-04-07-08-12-26-27-28-29-38-46-48-51-58-60-64-70-71-76-77	
Estimated jackpot: \$7 million	
Monday's Lotto: 09-13-15-27-33-39	
Estimated jackpot: \$7 million	
Monday's Match 4: 06-15-20-24	

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