

Season finale among busiest Washington clam digs ever

Chinook Observer

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The razor clam dig on April 20 was the biggest in at least a decade, according to an analysis by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

“The Saturday crowd is the largest one-day total for at least the last 10 years — and likely much longer — whew!” Dan Ayres, the state coastal shellfish manager, said after looking at the statistics.

More than half a million clams were harvested over the weekend, which coincided with the Long Beach Razor Clam Festival, a long

Easter holiday, and nearly ideal weather and tides.

The state estimates 19,507 diggers participated Saturday and 14,268 Sunday. The average number of clams harvested per digger was a perfect limit of 15 Saturday and 14.6 Sunday.

After a preseason census last summer found that 81 percent of clams in peninsula sands were less than 3 inches in length, the Department of Fish and Wildlife decided on a constrained harvest. In the end, there were only four days of digging — Dec. 22, Feb. 17 and the April weekend.

Although the state thinks only about 4,000 clams were

harvested in the December dig, the season total came to more than 614,500, thanks to the huge total in April. This ended up far exceeding the quota of 333,557 set before the season.

The agency’s summer 2018 census found fewer than 2.1 million adult clams. However, nearly 10 million small clams were estimated to be making their way to being 3 inches or more in length — a 52-fold increase from the 2017-18 count.

“These small clams will be closer to 4 to 4.5 inches by next fall (the 2019-20 season) and make diggers much happier,” Ayres said at the time.

Candidate forum Saturday in Seaside

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The Clatsop County Democrats are holding a candidate forum Saturday for contested races with the Clatsop Community College Board and Port of Astoria Commission.

The first panel of candidates includes incumbent Andrea Mazzarella and challenger Sara Meyer, running for the same position on the college board.

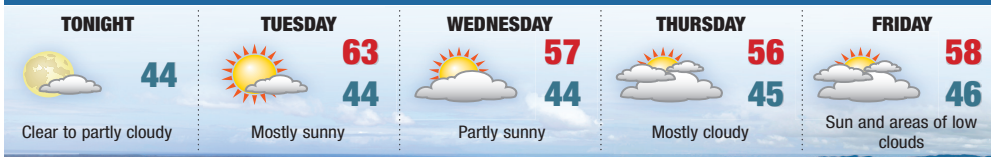
The second panel is incumbent Bill Hunsinger and challenger Scott McClaine,

both running for Position 3 on the Port Commission.

Questions will be taken from the audience.

The forum begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Ave. A in Seaside.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures

High/low 61°/35°
 Normal high/low 58°/42°
 Record high 81° in 1925
 Record low 32° in 1985

Precipitation

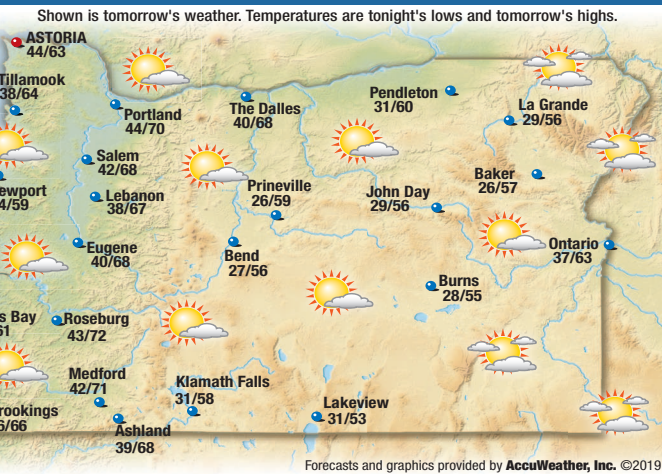
Sunday 0.00"
 Month to date 5.30"
 Normal month to date 4.93"
 Year to date 20.35"
 Normal year to date 29.77"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:21 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 6:04 a.m.
 Moonrise today 4:19 a.m.
 Moonset today 2:58 p.m.

New First Full Last
 May 4 May 11 May 18 May 26

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before sunrise, Mercury and brighter Venus low in the east; Saturn and brighter Jupiter due south.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Low
11:13 a.m.	6.9 ft.	2.2 ft.
11:59 p.m.	7.9 ft.	1.1 ft.

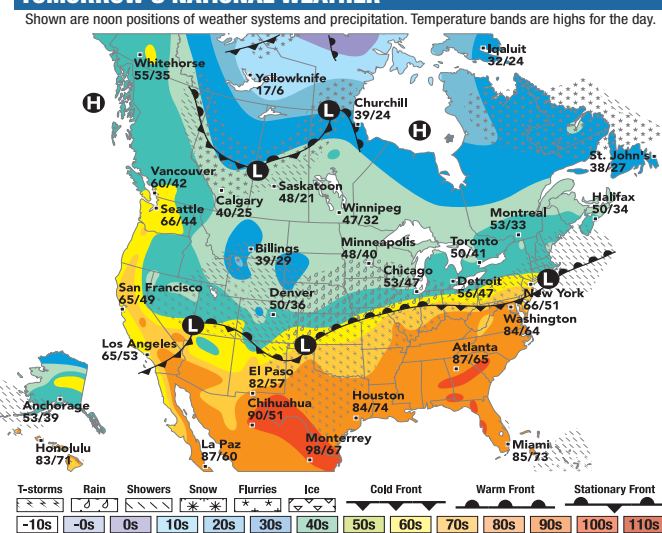
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	86 63 s	87 65 s
Boston	58 43 s	50 41 c
Chicago	54 41 r	53 47 r
Denver	39 32 c	50 36 sh
Des Moines	63 44 c	52 40 r
Detroit	49 40 r	56 47 r
El Paso	90 60 pc	82 57 s
Fairbanks	63 32 s	64 38 s
Honolulu	83 67 c	83 71 s
Indianapolis	70 55 t	76 64 t
Kansas City	66 50 t	66 47 t
Las Vegas	76 59 c	81 59 s
Los Angeles	67 55 c	65 53 pc
Memphis	81 64 pc	84 67 c
Miami	84 73 pc	85 73 s
Nashville	86 60 pc	88 66 pc
New Orleans	83 68 s	85 71 pc
New York	60 50 s	66 51 c
Oklahoma City	71 58 t	74 62 t
Philadelphia	65 52 pc	78 54 t
St. Louis	76 61 t	81 66 t
Salt Lake City	59 40 c	52 36 c
San Francisco	67 52 pc	65 49 pc
Seattle	64 43 pc	66 44 s
Washington, DC	66 59 pc	84 64 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	56 26 pc	57 21 pc
Bend	54 27 s	56 28 s
Brookings	64 45 pc	65 45 pc
Eugene	66 40 pc	68 39 s
Ilwaco	60 44 pc	61 44 s
Klamath Falls	60 31 pc	58 27 pc
Medford	71 42 pc	71 41 s
Newberg	67 40 pc	68 37 s
Newport	58 44 pc	59 44 s
North Bend	60 45 pc	61 45 s
Olympia	65 37 pc	67 38 s
Pendleton	59 31 s	60 36 s
Portland	69 44 pc	70 44 s
Roseburg	71 43 pc	72 43 s
Salem	67 42 pc	68 40 s
Seaside	63 43 pc	63 42 s
Spokane	55 33 pc	57 37 s
Springfield	67 37 pc	68 37 s
Vancouver	67 40 pc	69 39 s
Yakima	64 38 pc	65 37 s

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



One dead after crash on U.S. Highway 26

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U.S. Highway 26 early this morning.

closed the highway for about four hours.

One person was killed after driving into a power pole near milepost 7 on

The car crash occurred around 12:30 a.m. The crash and fallen power lines

Oregon State Police have not released the name of the driver.



Robert Paul 'Bob' Kearney

Holly Hill, Florida

May 1, 1927 — Sept. 28, 2018

Robert Paul “Bob” Kearney, who died peacefully on Sept. 28, 2018 at Halifax Hospice in Ormond Beach, Florida, was born on May 1, 1927 to Paul and Martha (Wilson) Kearney in Astoria. He was the grandchild of early Astorians, James F. and Josephine (Lienweber) Kearney and Charles and Susan (Neimela) Wilson, and grew up close to his numerous aunts and uncles.



Robert Kearney

Bob was a Sea Scout and an Eagle Scout. He frequently camped at Cullaby Lake near Astoria, and Camp Meriwether in Tillamook County. He caddied at the Astoria Country Club and worked at Bumble Bee’s Elmore Cannery. One of Bob’s earliest jobs as a high school student was to work on repairs to Astoria High School after the fire of 1942. Bob was a three-year letterman in football at Astoria.

Bob attended Oregon State College in Corvallis in spring 1945, and enlisted in the Navy shortly before his 18th birthday. Bob was in boot camp in San Diego on V-J Day, and served his hitch in Whidbey Island, Washington, where he worked on decommissioning naval aircraft, achieving the rank of aviation storekeeper third class. He was a sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserves for several years.

Bob spent his immediate postwar years at the University of Portland, and summers working on tally scows on Bristol Bay and in southeastern Alaska. After graduating from the University of Portland, Bob graduated in the first class of the Portland Metropolitan Police Academy and served as an officer for the department.

Bob also served as deputy sheriff in Clatsop County under his father, and lived in the Clatsop County Jail during his tenure, where prisoners would threaten to tell his father when he came in late from dates on Saturday nights. He also created the first standardized ticket book used by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office.

Bob sailed on cruises as a purser to India on the Liberty Ship SS Peter J. Maguire, and many cruises as a purser along the West Coast between Seattle and Honolulu on the SS Permente (Victory) Silver Bow. Bob also operated a charter boat, the Terry, out of Astoria, worked on the “Mothball Fleet” at Tongue Point, and was a fish buyer at Celilo Falls on the Columbia River before The Dalles dam was constructed.

Bob met his wife, Virginia Rooney, at a dance at the American Legion Hall in Astoria

in 1951. They married in Portland on Sept. 12, 1953. After his marriage, Bob worked for GE Credit in Spokane, and Boyd Coffee and Reynolds Metals in Portland. Bob learned sales at Reynolds, where he was awarded Reynolds’ “golden briefcase.”

In 1960, Bob, Virginia and their two children, Molly and Patrick, moved to Astoria when Bob became the Midwest regional sales manager for Bumble Bee Seafoods. In order to shorten his lengthy time on the road selling fish, the family moved to Illinois, where they lived in Mount Prospect and Arlington Heights from 1964 through 1976.

In 1976, Bob was transferred to Longwood, Florida, to become the Southern regional sales manager for Bumble Bee, a job he held until being transferred to the private label division of Castle & Cooke/Dole in San Jose, California, in 1981. That stint, however, was short-lived. Bob retired in 1982 to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where he lived for the next 33 years (interspersed with frequent trips to Astoria).

During his active retirement years, Bob fished, sailed and counseled prisoners trying to change their lives. Virginia died in 2013. Bob moved to Bishops Glen Assisted Living in Holly Hill, Florida, in 2015, where he engaged in lively conversations with his neighbors and caregivers, and enjoyed watching the scenery.

Bob loved fishing, boats, rivers and beaches. He was a professional Astorian; looking for anyone with whom he could talk about the Pacific Northwest, the proud Astoria heritage of his family, and the lifetime friends he made growing up in Astoria. Bob was a friend of Bill W. since 1975.

His sister, Sue Haskins, preceded him in death. Bob is survived by his daughter, Molly, of Tallahassee, Florida; son, Patrick, of Silver Spring, Maryland; grandson, Thomas, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and niece, Anna Meyer, and her daughter, Colette, of Happy Valley, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR., 97103.

A service will be held at the Ocean View Cemetery Chapel in Warrenton, Oregon, on May 1, 2019, at 11 a.m., followed immediately by a final commitment.

DEATHS

April 28, 2019

BRUNES, Etta Lurene, 93, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

April 27, 2019

NORRIS, Lisa Ann, 54, of Ocean Park, Washington, died in Ilwaco, Washington. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

Assault

• Around 6 p.m. on Sunday, John Ewen, 61, of Astoria, was arrested on the 35000 block of Conifer Lane by the Clatsop County Sher-

iff’s Office for fourth-degree assault and criminal mischief.

DUII

• Around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, Andrew Malinen,

26, of Warrenton, was arrested near Holladay Drive and First Avenue in Seaside by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Prairie Cemetery Association of Knappa, 6 p.m., annual board meeting, 40615 Ziak

Gnat Creek Lane, Astoria.

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Improvement Com-

mission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-6-6-5
4 p.m.: 1-5-6-2
7 p.m.: 1-7-7-8
10 p.m.: 3-4-1-3
Sunday’s Lucky Lines: 3-7-12-13-20-21-27-32
 Estimated jackpot: \$33,000
Saturday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 6-6-5-6
4 p.m.: 5-4-0-4
7 p.m.: 5-0-0-8
10 p.m.: 0-0-6-1
Saturday’s Lucky Lines: 1-8-10-14-20-21-28-30
 Estimated jackpot: \$31,000
Saturday’s Megabucks: 3-18-20-24-34-36
 Estimated jackpot: \$2.6 million

Saturday’s Powerball: 2-29-41-45-62, Powerball: 6
 Estimated jackpot: \$181 million
Friday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-9-6-3
4 p.m.: 9-9-1-2
7 p.m.: 4-0-5-3
10 p.m.: 7-5-3-0
Friday’s Lucky Lines: 4-5-10-15-17-21-25-30
 Estimated jackpot: \$30,000
Friday’s Mega Millions: 9-17-23-30-46, Mega Ball: 10
 Estimated jackpot: \$229 million

WASHINGTON

Sunday’s Daily Game: 7-1-2
Sunday’s Keno: 04-06-09-12-13-14-23-24-33-40-41-43-44-

49-52-55-59-63-71-80
Sunday’s Match 4: 08-13-15-21
Saturday’s Daily Game: 7-4-8
Saturday’s Hit 5: 08-21-27-31-39
 Estimated jackpot: \$190,000
Saturday’s Keno: 01-05-11-17-21-22-25-31-35-36-38-45-46-50-59-69-73-76-78-79
Saturday’s Lotto: 14-16-20-23-28-41
 Estimated jackpot: \$7.7 million
Saturday’s Match 4: 04-13-15-19
Friday’s Daily Game: 5-9-6
Friday’s Keno: 01-08-12-18-20-27-29-31-35-36-41-45-53-56-57-66-67-68-73-79
Friday’s Match 4: 05-08-13-23

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