

New college president mingles, talks priorities at meet-and-greet

Breitmeyer's focus is on enrollment

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Christopher Breitmeyer stood on the second floor of Fort George Brewery Wednesday evening, sometimes a pint in hand, and talked with the elected officials, business leaders, educators and other luminaries who had come to meet the new president of Clatsop Community College.

Breitmeyer, after less than a month since moving from St. Louis, said he is still learning the college and community, but already enamored.

"That's one of the things that attracted me, is that I can get to be a part of the community and make a difference," he said.

Breitmeyer, 49, was hired by the college's board unanimously in April. Shortly before the Fourth of July, he arrived from St. Charles Community College northwest of St. Louis, where he was vice



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Christopher Breitmeyer, the new president of Clatsop Community College, chats with community members during a public meet-and-greet Wednesday at Fort George Brewery in Astoria.

president of academic and student affairs since 2012, and the college's dean of math, science and health since 2008.

A native of Illinois, Breitmeyer earned a bachelor's in biology education. While both his parents attended community college, his first introduction was after graduate school at Arizona State University, where he earned a master's in zoology. After graduation, he spent a decade as a science teacher at Yavapai College in central Arizona.

His wife, Alana, who helps teach other instructors to work

online at St. Charles, is staying until next spring to earn a better retirement package, along with his daughter, Sophie, a junior in high school hoping to graduate early before moving to Astoria and enrolling in college in the Pacific Northwest. He described himself as a scientist, his wife as a mathematician and his daughter as an artist.

Breitmeyer, who can sometimes be seen around town walking his rescue dog Maize, said he is settling into town, exploring, house-hunting and learning the state of the college.

Getting to work

"I think the first thing we need to do is make a plan to start a strategic plan, and I can't do that without knowing what's going on ... so we can chart the next five years of the institution," he said. "Like anything else, you've got to know where you're going, or else you're just going to wander around, and we don't have the luxury of resources that allow us to not be focused and know what we're doing."

Breitmeyer said he is poring over past budgets, planning documents and other information to learn the state of the college.

His top long-term priority is increasing enrollment at the college, which recorded less than a 1 percent drop in full-time equivalent students from the last academic year. At his first college board meeting earlier this month, Breitmeyer said the college is already doing better than the national average, which is seeing 5 to 6 percent drops in enrollment.

As he learns about the college, Breitmeyer is trying to find a new second-in-command. Donna Larson, the former vice president of academic and student affairs, left for a dean's position at Clackamas Community College shortly before he arrived.

State says groundwater contaminated with oil after Mosier crash

Associated Press

PORTLAND — A monitoring well installed after last month's train derailment near Mosier has detected oil contamination in the groundwater.

The state Department of Environmental Quality tells Portland station KATU that drinking water is not affected in the Columbia River Gorge town because those wells are uphill from

where the oil train derailed in June.

The agency said Wednesday that four monitoring wells were installed after the wreck, and one revealed significant oil contamination.

The department plans to install a treatment system that injects air into the underground water. The oxygen will stimulate the existing microbes that live in the water to break down the oil.

Chinook catch limit raised off Westport in Washington

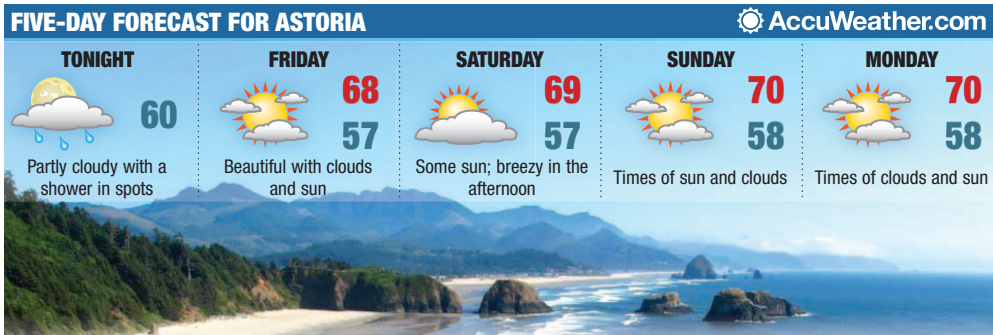
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Beginning Saturday, anglers can keep two Chinook daily, but must release coho, off Westport in marine waters stretching from the Queets River to Leadbetter Point.

The fishery has sufficient Chinook remaining within the guideline to increase the daily limit with-

out much risk of having to close early. Through Sunday, anglers had caught 13.9 percent (2,305 fish) of the 16,600 Chinook guideline for Marine Area 2. The current limit is one salmon.

For more information, contact Wendy Beehley, ocean salmon manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at 360-249-1215.



ALMANAC
Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures
High/low 73°/54°
Normal high/low 68°/54°
Record high 86° in 1946
Record low 41° in 1930

Precipitation
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 1.10"
Normal month to date 0.75"
Year to date 40.32"
Normal year to date 36.91"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:58 p.m.
Sunrise Friday 5:46 a.m.
Moonrise today 10:00 p.m.
Moonset today 7:47 a.m.

Last New First Full
July 26 Aug 2 Aug 10 Aug 18

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Constellations Sagittarius and Scorpius are due low south.

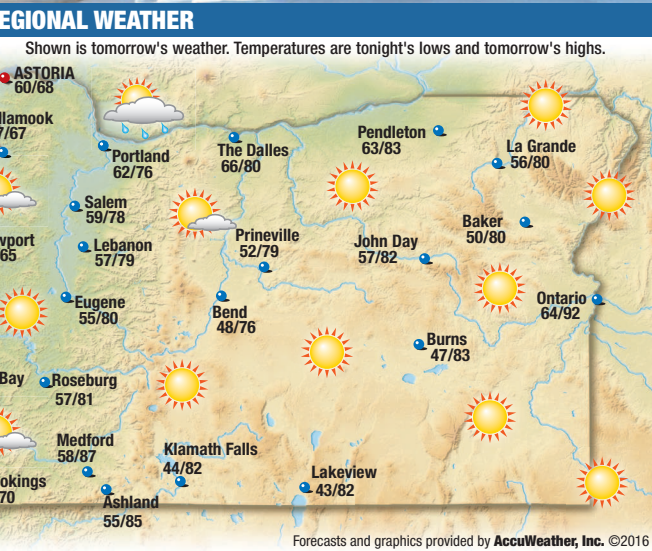
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TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
3:11 a.m.	8.7 ft.	10:00 a.m.	-1.2 ft.
4:25 p.m.	7.9 ft.	10:15 p.m.	1.5 ft.

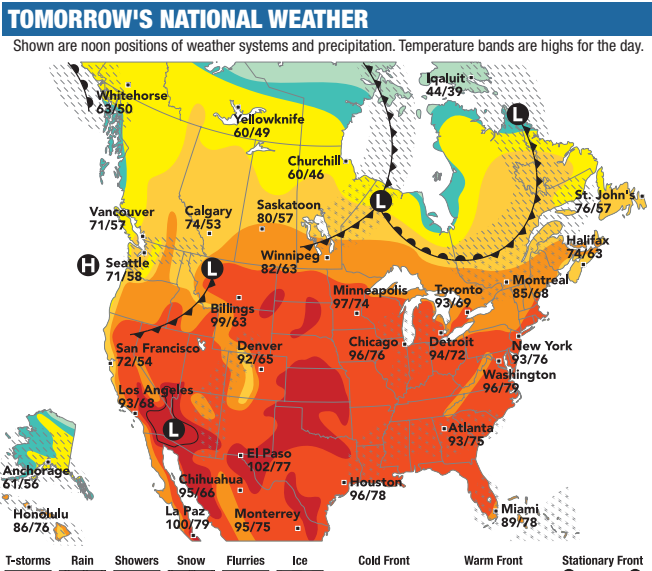
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fri.	W
Atlanta	96	72	t	93	t
Boston	86	70	s	93	t
Chicago	96	75	pc	96	t
Denver	94	65	t	92	t
Des Moines	96	77	s	92	pc
Detroit	94	77	pc	94	t
El Paso	101	75	pc	102	pc
Fairbanks	57	50	r	60	r
Honolulu	86	75	pc	86	pc
Indianapolis	90	75	pc	91	t
Kansas City	96	77	s	97	s
Las Vegas	109	86	pc	111	s
Los Angeles	91	67	s	93	s
Memphis	98	80	s	98	s
Miami	90	79	sh	89	pc
Nashville	95	75	s	95	s
New Orleans	93	79	t	95	t
New York	89	74	s	93	t
Oklahoma City	98	74	s	98	s
Philadelphia	90	73	s	95	pc
St. Louis	96	81	s	100	s
Salt Lake City	102	78	pc	99	s
San Francisco	70	55	pc	72	pc
Seattle	81	58	pc	71	pc
Washington, DC	90	74	s	96	pc



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	W	City	Today	Fri.	W
Baker City	94 50	s 80 40	s	Olympia	84 57	pc 70 52	pc
Bend	84 48	s 76 42	s	Pendleton	94 63	s 83 54	s
Brookings	64 53	pc 68 53	pc	Portland	88 62	pc 76 58	pc
Eugene	82 55	pc 80 51	s	Roseburg	79 57	pc 81 55	s
Ilwaco	66 58	c 65 57	pc	Salem	84 59	pc 78 55	s
Klamath Falls	84 44	s 82 42	s	Seaside	67 59	c 66 56	pc
Medford	90 58	pc 87 56	s	Spokane	90 62	pc 77 54	sh
Newberg	83 57	pc 74 51	pc	Springfield	81 55	pc 79 50	s
Newport	65 54	c 65 52	s	Vancouver	85 61	pc 73 55	pc
North Bend	66 55	c 68 54	s	Yakima	95 63	pc 85 54	s



OBITUARIES

Leonard Richard "Dick" Mattson



Warrenton
Dec. 8, 1934 — June 27, 2016

Dick Mattson passed away unexpectedly June 27, 2016, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Dick was born Dec. 8, 1934, in St. Mary's Hospital in Astoria, Oregon, to Hjalmer and Mae Mattson.

Dick attended Warrenton schools and was the valedictorian at his high school graduation.

First and foremost, Dick was a Christian. His greatest pleasure was praying for others. He would close his eyes and let the spirit guide his words.

Dick worked since the age of 12, when his father started the family business, the Airport Crabpot Co. Dick and his brother, Jim, eventually purchased the company from their father and made it very successful, selling crab pots from California to Alaska and having 27 employees at one time.

Dick served two years in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Orleans, France, and a short time in Beirut, Lebanon.

Dick was an outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, trapping, clam digging and hiking. Several of the ideas he submitted through the years to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve their regulations were adopted. Dick worked hard to get his elk each year.

He and his brother, Jim, made numerous camping trips to the Cascades, Eastern Oregon and Idaho. They also made a trip to the Olympic National Forest and British Columbia.

Dick loved sports. He was a Portland Trail

Blazers and Seattle Seahawks fan, and enjoyed watching golf tournaments on TV.

Reading was a passion of Dick's. He had a large collection of historical books featuring Indians, explorers, pioneers and adventurers of all sorts.

When Dick's home burned down, he designed and supervised the building of his new home, and immediately started collecting books for his new library.

Dick enjoyed writing articles about "The Good Old Days" for the Columbia Press, and had notebooks of stories and poems he had written about his own experiences and thoughts.

Gardening was another interest of Dick's. He loved working in his yard, and had thousands of daffodils blooming each spring.

Dick was preceded in death by his father, Hjalmer Mattson; his mother and stepfather, Mae and James Rhoades; a brother, Arthur Roy Mattson; and a sister, Helen Sodervick.

He is survived by his brother, Jim Mattson (Helen); his sister, Judy Mattson; nieces Jeanie Ball (Gary), Karen Layton (John), and Margie Merritt; nephews Raymond, John, Bob and Dave Sodervick; Aunt Helen Salli; and several cousins in Minnesota and California.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Go to www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

A memorial service is pending.



Leonard "Dick" Mattson

MEMORIAL

Friday, July 22
LEWIS, Vance Edward — Memorial at 9 a.m. at the Lake Church, 9015 Vernon

Road, No. 10, in Lake Stevens, Washington. A private family service will be held over the weekend in Astoria.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Seaside Transportation Adv-

sory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Wednesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-1-9-9
4 p.m.: 1-2-6-1
7 p.m.: 2-4-7-0
10 p.m.: 3-7-1-7
Wednesday's Megabucks:
1-6-16-31-34-46
Estimated jackpot: \$7.7 million
Wednesday's Powerball:
6-25-35-58-66, Powerball: 5
Estimated jackpot: \$390 million

WASHINGTON
Wednesday's Daily Game:
1-6-5
Wednesday's Hit 5: 05-19-20-23-28
Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Wednesday's Keno: 03-04-10-12-20-21-23-37-42-44-48-53-60-65-66-68-71-74-75-76
Wednesday's Lotto: 05-14-21-25-34-35
Estimated jackpot: \$2.7 million
Wednesday's Match 4: 03-07-12-16

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