

# Speaker wants to 'keep the dream alive'

Clatsop Community College honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a presentation by Kathleen Saadat, "Don't Let Go! Keeping the Dream Alive" from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in Columbia Hall Room 219 on the main campus, located at 1651 Lexington Ave. in Astoria.

Saadat was born in St. Louis and raised in a family committed to justice and education. She graduated from high school in Chicago in 1957 and from

Reed College in Portland in 1974, earning a bachelor of arts in psychology.

Saadat retired from the position of manager of diversity and affirmative action for the city of Portland at the end of 2012. She has continued to work as a private consultant and trainer in the areas of human diversity, organizational development and as a motivational speaker.

Saadat has received numerous honors, including lifetime achievement

awards from Portland PFLAG Black Chapter and Portland's Equity Foundation; a Civil Liberties Award from the Oregon Chapter of the ACLU; and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the World Arts Foundation in recognition of her contributions to the efforts to "Keep Living the Dream" of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Kathleen Saadat

## AAUW discussion is on public health activities

The Astoria branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is sponsoring a discussion on public health activities in Clatsop County from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Flag Room at the Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St. Brian Mahoney, director of Clatsop

County Public Health, will speak about the services and programs offered by the county. All are welcome.

AAUW members will meet at 5:30 p.m. for their business meeting before the discussion.

For information, call Sara Meyer at 503-325-7969.

## New county commissioners sworn in

By KYLE SPURR  
The Daily Astorian

Newly elected Clatsop County Commissioners Lisa Clement and Lianne Thompson were sworn in Wednesday before the

Board of Commissioners' first regular meeting of the year.

Clement, an Astoria native who co-owns Clement's Restaurant in Astoria, and Thompson, an active member of the Community

Emergency Response Team and County Planning Commission, were both elected to the Board of Commissioners in May.

Clement, elected to a four-year term, represents District 3, which covers central Astoria as well as Miles Crossing, Jeffers Garden, Fort Clatsop, Lewis and Clark, Youngs River, Olney, Green Mountain and parts of Walluski.

Thompson, also elected to a four-year term, represents District 5, which

covers southern Clatsop County including Cannon Beach, Arch Cape, Elsie, Hamlet and Jewell and portions of Seaside.

Chairman Scott Lee was also sworn in Wednesday after being re-elected in May.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to have Lee serve as chair again this year.

Commissioner Sarah Nebeker was chosen as vice chairwoman, replacing Peter Huhtala, who retired from the commission.



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Lianne Thompson takes the oath of office during the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday. She is sworn in by Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Philip Nelson.



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The Astoria School District Board of Directors honored certified athletic trainer Chad Rankin, left, from Columbia Memorial Hospital for his service to the district's student athletes. Seen with Rankin is Chairman Martin Dursse.

## Astoria School District honors Chad Rankin

The Astoria School District Board of Directors recognized Chad Rankin of Columbia Memorial Hospital's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Athletic Training program at the regular board meeting Wednesday.

"Chad's consistent dedication to the kids and families is second to none," said ASD Superintendent Craig Hoppes in a release. "Chad's dedication is relevant in that he very often will work his regular shift at Columbia Memorial Hospital and then, after hours, attend our high school practices, games and events to provide medical assistance for all of our student athletes. In addition, Chad remains on call at all times of the day for our athletic programs."

"Rankin provides the district expert, on-the-spot medical advice and suggestions for proper treatment. His presence within the

district's athletic department helps ensure appointments are made quickly with local physicians and orthopedics. Moreover, his effort with the Impact Concussion Assessment testing has helped assure parents and student-athletes that the district is promoting the highest level of care and a safe return to play for our athletes.

"Astoria School District Board of Directors, student-athletes, families, and coaches are grateful to Columbia Memorial Hospital for their fiscal support in providing these services to students of Astoria School District," said Hoppes. "It is with our utmost respect and gratitude that we recognize Chad Rankin for his expertise, outstanding commitment and sincere dedication to our kids and the community of Astoria."

## Arrested in Astoria: Lacey Walmart robbery suspect gets his day in court

BY ANDY HOBBS  
The Olympian

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A Puyallup, Wash., man appeared in court Monday over charges related to an armed robbery at a Lacey Walmart.

Jonathan David Langford, 25, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree robbery and assault in the second degree with a deadly weapon. Thurston County Superior Court Judge Gary Tabor set bail at \$25,000. A trial date was set

for the week of March 9.

The robbery took place about 4:30 p.m. Dec. 26 at Walmart, 1401 Galaxy Drive N.E., after the store's loss prevention personnel had stopped Langford for shoplifting vacuum cleaners and electronics.

While inside an office at the store, Langford began "freaking out" before brandishing a pistol and pointing it at a loss prevention officer, according to court documents.

After a struggle for the gun, Langford escaped from the store. Lacey police had reported that no shots were fired.

Detectives reviewed surveillance footage from the Lacey store as well as another Walmart store where Langford was suspected of shoplifting, according to documents, and identified him after comparing the footage to a photo from his social media page. Detectives also linked a phone

number associated with Langford to an online sales site that advertised vacuum cleaners and gaming consoles similar to those stolen from Walmart, according to documents.

Langford was arrested the following night by police in Astoria, and later extradited to Washington. Monday's court hearing in Thurston County served as Langford's arraignment.

Read more here: <http://bit.ly/1HIFil>

## Applicants sought for county budget committees

Clatsop County is inviting citizens to serve on three local budget committees.

The citizen committees review the proposed budgets and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Each committee consists of five county commissioners and five other local residents. The committees usually meet in May to review the proposed budgets.

Seats are available on the

following committees:

- Clatsop County Budget Committee: One full term, ending February 28, 2018, representing District 1, it reviews the county's overall operating budget. Applicants must live in District 1, which covers western Astoria and Warrenton and Hammond.

- Road District 1 Budget Committee: Three full terms ending February 28, 2018 and two unexpired terms ending

February 28, 2016. The committee reviews the budget for roadwork along 220 miles of county roads. Applicants must live in the unincorporated areas of the county.

- Westport Sewer Service District Budget Committee: Three full terms ending June 30, 2018 and two unexpired terms ending June 30, 2016. Residents of the sewer district are eligible. It serves about 91 connections in the unincorpo-

rated community of Westport.

The Board of Commissioners will make the appointments.

Applications will be accepted until Feb. 5. To apply, submit an application to the Clatsop County Manager's Office at 800 Exchange St., Suite 410, Astoria OR 97103.

Application forms are available online at [www.co.clatsop.or.us](http://www.co.clatsop.or.us), from the office at 800 Exchange St., Astoria, Suite 410, or by calling (503) 325-1000.

## Astoria Art Loft holds Open House

The Astoria Art Loft, 106 Third St., owned and operated by Jo Pomeroy Crockett and Jeanette Davis, is holding an Open

House from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. There will be a door prize giveaway, and all are welcome.

The Art Loft space consists

of nine rental studios, a classroom, meeting area and galley. For information, call 503-325-4442 or 503-791-8444.

## 'Beauty for Ashes' class begins Thursday

First Assembly of God, 1775 Seventh St., is starting a class, "Beauty for Ashes," at noon Thursday. The class will

run for 12 weeks, and is for women of all ages who would like to learn more about overcoming their fears and anxiet-

ies, relating to other women and growing spiritually.

For questions, call 503-440-1020 or 503-440-6063.

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