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Ukulele Players — 1:30 p.m., Warrenton Masonic Lodge, 66 S.W. Fourth St., Warrenton. All are welcome, including beginners. Loaner ukuleles available. For information, call Roger Williams at 503-717-5645.

Fat Quarter Quilters — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Homespun Quilts, 108 10th St. Not limited to quilts. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177 or go to <http://homespunquilt.com>

THURSDAY

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60;

\$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. The cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60.

For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Seaside Rotary Club — noon, Shilo Inn, 20 N. Prom, Seaside. For information, go to <http://seasiderotary.com>

FRIDAY

AAUW Walking Group — 9:30 a.m. Seaside Branch of American Association of University Women weekly low-impact group walk, followed by coffee and fellowship. For information,

call 503-738-7751.

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Open Skating — 5 to 9 p.m., Astoria Armory, 1650 Exchange St. Admission \$2. Limited roller skate rentals available for \$3; bring own skates if possible.

OTHER

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Yocona (168) Sailors — Reunion of shipmates being planned in 2015 for anyone stationed on the cutter Yocona. For information, contact Ken Pearson at 503-741-0860 or kenpearson@centurytel.net

Knappa Girl Scouts support Wishing Tree

KNAPPA — The Holiday season began early for some Knappa Girl Scouts. Junior Troop 10086 from Hilda Lahti Elementary knew before their first meeting of the school year what they wanted to do as a community project, as well as earning their Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. They worked together and created a plan to help support the Wishing Tree Foundation. Since 1982, the Astoria Wishing Tree has been providing the needs of local children during the holiday season. The girls used some of their cookie earnings the past two years to purchase items to donate to the foundation.

The girls planned out ways to help promote, collect donations and organize collected items during this busy time. They created posters, decorated donation bins and passed out fliers to all the families at Hilda Lahti, as well as Knappa High School. The girls then decided to take it a step further and asked sister troops in Astoria and Warrenton to assist in supporting their project at their schools as well.

To add to the project, the girls were given permission to display a tree at Hilda Lahti and have "Wishing Bells" hung on it for staff, students and families to provide gifts for individuals. In Clatsop County, eligible parents fill out applications for food and gifts for each upcoming holiday season. The family is asked to list the children's ages, clothing sizes and gift wishes. These are then transferred to the paper bells and placed on trees throughout the area. Those wishing to play "Secret Santa" choose a bell and purchased items for an individual. Volunteers collect the gifts and assemble the family gift bags and food baskets at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. During Thanksgiving week, some of the girls from the troop were able to work downtown and distribute, and in some cases, decorate the trees in some of the local businesses with these special yellow bells.

All the donations collected from the schools were



then taken to the fairgrounds. Troop 10086, as well as other Girl Scouts from Clatsop County, gathered to volunteer their time sorting and organizing all the generous items donated from the schools and from the community.

When asked why the girls decided to focus their project

towards helping the Wishing Tree Foundation, they responded, Girl Scouts is all about helping others, making the world a better place and we care about other people's feelings. We wanted to make sure other children in our community got a chance to have a fun Christmas.



Courtesy of Sandy Newman

The Miss Clatsop County Princesses and Miss Clatsop County contestants at Monday's luncheon at the Bridgewater Bistro. notforsale

Princess Luncheon raises anti-bullying awareness

Miss Clatsop County Delaney Phillips, her mother Beth Phillips and the Bridgewater Bistro in Astoria, hosted a Princess Luncheon Monday for the 2015 Miss Clatsop County Princess Court to raise awareness about the anti-bullying cause. Delaney was selected last year as the official Miss Clatsop County's Princess and has been making appearances throughout the county since then.

Delaney has always known that she wanted to focus on anti-bullying and did a presentation at the luncheon where she asked the other princesses and Miss Clatsop County contestants in attendance to take a pledge with her standing up against bullying and then presented each with a bracelet engraved with the letter "B" on each side which stands for "Be Brave." She developed the afternoon program around Sara Ba-



Courtesy of Sandy Newman

From left, Miss North Coast Princess 2014 Rylee Pierce, Miss Clatsop County Princess 2014 Delaney Phillips and Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen 2014 Nicole Carter at the Princesses Luncheon Monday.

reilles' song "Brave," which Delaney also sang at the luncheon.

Also in attendance was Miss Oregon's Outstanding

Teen 2014 Nicole Carter who gave a "Miss Manners" class. Fourteen contestants and 20 princesses attended the event.

Gearhart resident claims father's bronze medal

GEARHART — Sixty-Five Civil Air Patrol (U.S. Air Force Auxiliary) members nationwide were lost during service in World War II. One was Lt. Harry M. Hewitt, 28, of Oregon, who lost his life Jan. 17, 1944, while flying a Southern Liaison Patrol Mission.

Civil Air Patrol members who served during World War II were recently awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, which was officially accepted on behalf of the CAP by Lester Wolf, a member of the Civil Air Patrol during the war and who later served in Congress for 17 years. Civil Air Patrol members or family members received bronze replicas of the medal. Harry Hewitt Dichter of Gearhart received the bronze medal for his father, Lt. Harry M. Hewitt.

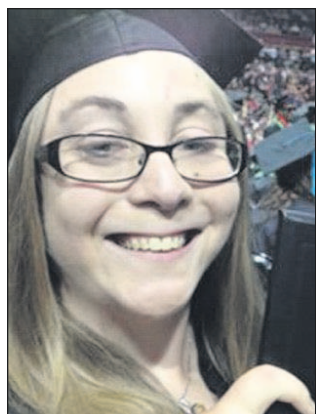
The first gold medal was presented to Gen. George Washington March 20, 1776. It has since been presented only 151 times to individuals and groups such as Orville and Wilbur Wright, Charles Lindbergh, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell, Howard Hughes, the Tuskegee Airmen, and the Woman Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs).

Oregon's Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, and Reps. Suzanne Bonamici, Earl Blumenauer, Peter Fazio, Kurt Schrader and



Lt. Harry M. Hewitt

Greg Walden, all signed the petition to give the award to the Civil Air Patrol.



Evelyn Castro



Laura LaLond



Lindsey Mizell

PEO scholarship winners announced

SEASIDE — PEO, an international philanthropic educational organization, holds fundraisers to provide a variety of scholarships and loans to women of all ages. Three local women received awards in 2014 from Seaside PEO Chapter CR.

The Seaside High School winner of a \$1,000 scholarship was Evelyn Castro. She plans to attend Clatsop Community College to pursue a

career in nursing.

Laura LaLond was awarded a PEO Oregon Scholarship for \$2,000 to help achieve her goal of earning a master's degree in health management and policy at Portland State University. Her specialty is in reproductive, prenatal and pediatric epidemiology.

Lindsey Mizell also received a PEO Oregon Scholarship, for \$2,500, to apply to the postbaccalaureate classes

at PSU toward a master's degree in medical speech pathology. She plans to specialize in swallowing and cleft palate rehabilitation.

Seaside PEO Chapter CR was established in 1953. Since 1999, Chapter CR has awarded 78 scholarships amounting to over \$73,000. For information locally, contact Chris Frank at 503-810-5196 or kdfrank52@hotmail.com, or go to www.peointernational.org

Scoggins receives CuttCatch award



Submitted photo

Thomas Scoggins received the CuttCatch Award from the International Federation of Fly Fishers.

A conservation group in Livingston, Mont., has recognized angler, Thomas V. Scoggins of Astoria, for his accomplishments and appreciation of trout diversity. The International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) has presented him with the CuttCatch Award for catching four subspecies of cutthroat trout: Colorado River Cutthroat, Bonneville Cutthroat, Snake River Cutthroat and Yellowstone Cutthroat. Each fish was caught with an artificial fly and released back into its native waters.

An IFFF program, Project CuttCatch promotes appreciation of native fish species. Many of North America's subspecies of cutthroat trout are facing pressures that may lead to their disappearance. Learning to value these fish in their native ranges is a critical first step toward conservation and recovery, program managers said.

Project CuttCatch encourages fly fishers to document memories of the cutthroat trout subspecies they have caught and released. Members of IFFF who successfully catch four subspecies of cutthroat trout are eligible for the CuttCatch Award.

For information, go to www.fedflyfishers.org

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