

Religion Briefs

Annual Meeting at Grace

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., holds its 151st Annual Meeting this Sunday which begins with a single 9 a.m. combined service. The first annual meeting was held in 1846, even before the original Grace Church building was completed in 1867 which was located at Eighth and Commercial streets, where the Spexarth Building is now. This fourth Sunday of the month is Hunger Awareness Sunday, with an ingathering for the Hunger Minis-

tries at the church. Both monetary and nonperishable food donations are requested. Paper and personal products are especially needed. The monthly Community Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Sunday, free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up and at 5 p.m. to clean up. For information, call the church at 325-4691 or see www.graceastoria.org.

Feast Day

HAMMOND — St. Mary Star of the Sea parish and its mission

St. Francis de Sales on Fifth Street in Hammond invite everyone who would like to attend to St. Francis de Sales Feast Day, Saturday. The Mass is at 4 p.m., followed by a potluck. For directions to St. Francis de Sales Church, call Star of the Sea Parish Office, 503-325-3671

Song, Scripture, Sacrament

SEASIDE — Our Saviour's Lutheran Church presents "Song, Scripture and Sacrament" from 11

to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Suzanne Elise Assisted Living, 101 Forest Drive in Seaside. All are welcome. For information, call the church at 503-738-6791.

Beginner's Mind Retreat

CLATSKANIE — The Great Vow Zen Monastery, located at 79640 Quincy-Mayger Road in Clatskanie, is holding a "Beginner's Mind Weekend Retreat" from 5 p.m. Feb. 6 to 1 p.m. Feb. 8.

During this weekend a monastic schedule will be followed. All elements of a meditation retreat will be covered, including basic meditation techniques, posture, breathing, formal meals and dealing with obstructions.

The cost is \$150 (\$120 for Zen Community of Oregon; a \$75 reduced rate available to those in need) plus donation, and includes dormitory accommodations and vegetarian/vegan meals.

For details, call 503-728-0654 or email registrar@greatvow.org. Register online at http://bit.ly/1wqtELz

Learn to play bridge

"Beginner/Brush-up Bridge" classes will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 3, at the Port of Astoria Building No. 209 (at the end of Portway Street). The first class is free, thereafter it is \$5 per class. Past students free. Contact Sandy Baker at 503-738-0782 or bakers@q.com. Walk-ins are welcome. Fun and friends guaranteed, said Baker.

'Cartwheel' and tumbling class offered Saturday

GEARHART — Encore Dance Studio, 3593 U.S. Highway 101 N. in Gearhart, is sponsoring a free "Cartwheel" class for boys and girls ages 5 to 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday. The suggested tuition is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food bank.

Encore's safety certified staff will be on hand to teach cartwheel fundamentals and tumbling basics in the class. Children should come dressed in snug-fitting shirt or leotard and shorts, and no shoes.

For information, call Encore Dance Studio at 503-717-1637, go to www.getyou dancing.com or email encoregearhart@msn.com

Seaside Elks announce essay winner

The Seaside Elks Lodge announces Seth Trevino as the winner of this year's annual essay contest. The theme was "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me." This is the second year in a row that Trevino, an eighth-grade student at Broadway Middle School, has won the contest.

"When I recite the "Pledge of Allegiance," it reminds me of my obligation to defend "the land of the free and the home of the brave," as so many others have in the past," writes Trevino. "The Pledge of Allegiance" isn't just a phrase; it's a message of courage and loyalty".

The winning essay will be submitted to the Elks Northwest District Contest. Winners chosen at this level will be submitted to the State Essay Competition.

For information about Seaside Elks Lodge 1748, call 503-738-6651, email at seasideelks@yahoo.com, or go to www.oregonelks.org or follow "Seaside Elks" on Facebook.

Garage sale benefits KMUN volunteer host

Wayne Downing, a longtime KMUN volunteer hosting many programs is ill.

Pam Bryant and Bobette Baze are hosting a garage sale to help from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday at 26815 U Street, Ocean Park, Wash.

For more information about the sale, when and where to bring donations or any other questions, please contact either Pam Bryant at 360-642-0071, or Bobette Baze at 360-214-1575.

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