

# Pageant: Olsen, Bell win big in teen competition

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Both Mather and Garhofer can also take advantage of Oregon Institute of Technology's offer of a \$2,000 a year scholarship for four years, which was made possible by the school in part to extend STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) educational opportunities to the women in the county.

Winning the Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen 2015 title was 13-year-old Libby Olsen, a seventh-grader at Broadway Middle School. Olsen will receive \$625 after winning the overall Teen Fitness, Talent and Evening wear competitions. Olsen did a Jazz-Acro dance to "My Name in Lights." Her platform was supporting local animal shelters. Olsen is the youngest contestant to be named Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen since the pageant began in 2004.

Hayliehe Bell, 16, of Seaside, won the Teen Interview Competition as well as being named Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen. She sang Carrie Underwood's country hit "Jesus Take the Wheel," and her platform is "Sing to Feed." Bell is a junior at Seaside High School. She also won the Teen Community Service Award, bringing her scholarship total to \$625.

The teen wins qualify both girls to pursue the title of Miss Oregon's Outstanding Teen, as well as receiving \$500 Scholarship from OIT.

Runner-up in the teen division was 16-year-old Seaside High School junior Anna Kaim, who will receive a \$275 scholarship.

Named Miss Congeniality was Hannah Garhofer and Teen Congeniality was Samantha Wozniak.

All nonfinalists will receive \$125 for their individual scholarship funds, making the total scholarships awarded Saturday night \$6,450.

By random draw, 8-year-old Halle Moore of Warrenton was selected Miss Clatsop County's Princess, and 8-year-old Amara Ames of Warrenton was named

Miss North Coast's Princess. Each will accompany their respective Miss titleholders on stage at Miss Oregon and at several events throughout the year.

Also on stage Saturday were outgoing 2014 titleholders, Jessica Humble, Haylie Moon and Olivia Colburn and Miss Oregon 2014 Rebecca Anderson. Co-emcees for the evening were Miss Oregon 2007 Kari Virding Christianson and her husband, Eric.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is an official preliminary to the Miss Oregon and Miss America Organization, a nonprofit corporation established to provide contestants with the opportunity to enhance their professional and education goals, and to achieve those pursuits with the assistance of monetary grants and awards, according to a press release.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is supported in part by corporate sponsors Seaside Kiwanis, Seaside Factory Outlet Mall, Lazerquick, Restaurant Development Company of America, Columbia Bank and Les Schwab Tires.

For more information, visit [www.missclatsopcounty.org](http://www.missclatsopcounty.org)



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After being named 2015 Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen, Hayliehe Bell hugs Libby Olsen, Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen 2014.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian  
Miss Oregon 2014 Rebecca Anderson sings "Let it Go" with the prince and princesses during the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship pageant.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian  
Sandy Newman, director of the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship program, takes a moment by the curtains during the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship pageant. After more than 15 years of being involved in the program, this was Newman's last Miss Clatsop County Scholarship pageant.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian  
Contestant Kayla Worwood sings "Stay With Me" by Sam Smith during the talent competition.

## Kitzhaber: Oregon Ethics Commission to decide in March whether to investigate

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He said the couple files separate tax returns, and he could not address questions about the first lady's filings. He declined to say whether he discussed the returns with Hayes.

The group that paid Hayes in 2011 and 2012, the Clean Economy Development Center, has also worked to shape Oregon's low-carbon fuel policy. That prompted Republican legislative leaders on Friday afternoon to call for Democrats to suspend work on a bill that would make the low-carbon fuel standard permanent, at least until any investigations of Kitzhaber and Hayes are complete.

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission is considering whether to proceed with an official investigation into whether Hayes and Kitzhaber used their public positions for private gain. A decision is expected in March.

A hearing on the low-carbon fuel legislation, SB 324, is scheduled for Monday. Democratic leaders in the state House and Senate did not respond to requests for comment by deadline Friday.

Kitzhaber rejected the idea that groups that paid Hayes influenced his policy positions.

"I think the fact that Cylvia and I have some areas of common interest, climate change being one, low-carbon fuels being one, measuring outcomes



AP Photo/Don Ryan  
Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, middle, is sworn in for an unprecedented fourth term by Senior Judge Paul J. De Muniz in Salem, Ore., Monday, Jan. 12, 2015. Standing next to Kitzhaber is his fiancé, Cylvia Hayes.

through metrics being another, the fact that we have a convergence of interests does not seem to me to imply that if those issues appear in my administration, that influence has necessarily been exerted." So I don't buy the basic premise."

Kitzhaber also declined to say on Friday whether it was appropriate for Hayes to contact state employees on behalf of her clients, such as Demos, a group that hired Hayes to work with states to adopt an indicator called the Genuine Progress Indicator.

"I believe that it is an appropriate question for the ethics commission to address," Kitzhaber said.

An email released to the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau

this week reveals the awkward position that Hayes' contracting created for state employees.

In May 2013, Hayes called David Allaway, an employee with the Department of Environmental Quality's solid waste program, to discuss the Genuine Progress Indicator, or GPI, and how it might align with DEQ's strategic planning. Allaway summarized the conversation in an email to DEQ director Dick Pedersen and legislative coordinator Palmer Mason.

"Although it was official in her capacity as a private contractor (3E Strategies), and not as the First Lady, the fact is she is the First Lady and some of this may get back to the Governor," Allaway wrote. "She also mentioned a few rel-

evant initiatives that the Governor's Office will be supporting or leading."

In an email Friday afternoon, Allaway said DEQ did eventually participate in development of a GPI for Oregon. The agency discussed methodologies and data for the environmental measures with staff at the Department of Administrative Services, which is working to create an Oregon GPI.

Kitzhaber said he and Hayes tried to keep separate her role as an unpaid policy adviser and private contractor.

"We have attempted to draw a very clear line over the last four years between her paid professional work and her volunteer work as first lady," Kitzhaber said.

Kitzhaber said he would not call for an investigation of his and Hayes' activities.

"I still don't believe that is necessary," Kitzhaber said.

The couple is still engaged to be married and although the governor deferred to Hayes on many questions, he would not say if the first lady will be available to answer questions any time soon. Hayes is in Sweden visiting friends at her own expense.

"She's an independent woman, she doesn't work for the state of Oregon and it's not my role to make her available," Kitzhaber said. "If Cylvia wants to talk to the press, she'll get in touch with you."

## TRO: Pacific Seafood agreed to encourage competition

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order until late March. The judge set a hearing on the fishermen's suit and Pacific Seafood's motion to dismiss for March 5. A hearing on the suit had initially been scheduled for early February.

Panner also rejected Pacific Seafood's request to protect any documents related to a possible purchase of Ocean Gold. The judge ruled that Pacific Seafood would not be harmed by disclosing the documents to the fishermen's attorneys and experts so long as the information is subject to strict confidentiality.

Fishermen had previously filed a similar lawsuit alleging monopolistic business practices by Pacific Seafood, a dominant fish processing and distribution company based in Clackamas. The lawsuit was settled in 2012.

Pacific Seafood agreed to several steps to encourage competition, including an end to an exclusive marketing agreement with Ocean Gold when the agreement expires in February 2016. Frank Dulcich, Pacific Seafood's president and chief executive officer, already has significant stock in Ocean Gold, among the largest fish processors on the West Coast.

"Pacific Seafood Group could end this case by entering into a stipulated preliminary injunction and permanent injunction that it will not in the future attempt to purchase Ocean Gold Seafoods or control it through any sort of contractual or other means," Michael Haglund, a Portland attorney representing the fishermen, said in an email. "So far, their lawyers have refused to consider such a stipulation."

Pacific Seafood's general counsel could not be reached for comment.

## Garcia: Gema's older siblings also volunteered at the Migrant Summer School

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Over the years, she and her siblings participated in similar migrant education programs and picked up English to the point they were translating for others. Following in the footsteps of her older siblings, Rosalia and Salvador, Garcia started three years ago as a volunteer for the Migrant Summer School. For the past two years, she's been an employee, serving as educational assistant and translator for students.

"I'm grateful that I got the ability to learn a second language," said Garcia, who holds a 3.46 GPA and

is involved in Key Club, Business Leaders of Tomorrow and AHS' Spanish Club.

### Picking a winner

Each year, the Oregon Department of Education's Migrant Education Program seeks nominations from across the state.

"Right away we thought about Gema, because she has been working in the summer school with us," said Maria Monchilovich, a recruiter in the Northwest Regional Education Service District's English Learner/Migrant Department. She and Veronica Guerrero, a fellow recruiter, nominated Garcia.

### OTHER WINNERS

**Migrant Parent of the Year**  
**Rafael Flores**  
Woodburn School District  
Parent Advisory Council  
Washington Elementary School

**Migrant Advocate of the Year**  
**Jonathan Fost**  
North Clackamas School District

Migrant students come from families working in the agricultural industry and following jobs across district and state lines with seasons and crops. In Astoria's case, migrant

workers are mostly in the seafood industry. As recently as 2013, there were an estimated 19,000 migrant students in Oregon.

"Our numbers go up and down, because these are migrant families," said Guerrero, estimating an average of 110 to 160 migrant students in Clatsop County during the course of the year, working in seafood and forest products operations like Fernhill Holly Farms. "Sometimes they move; sometimes they come in for the season. When we don't have a peak season in the canneries, a lot of families leave, and then they're going to return."

In previous years, local parent

Esther Perez won Migrant Parent of the Year for her support of migrant education programs. Local English literacy tutor Eileen Purcell previously took home Migrant Advocate of the Year.

As the third child in her family to attend college, Garcia is busy applying to colleges, with an interest in studying medicine and education. She's applied to Portland State University, where her older siblings Rosalia and Salvador have attended, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, University of Portland and Portland State University. Being named Migrant Student of the Year should help.