

Midsummer Scandinavian Court debuts Monday

The formal presentation of the 2015 Astoria Midsummer Scandinavian Court is at 7 p.m. Monday at Astoria High School. The Scandinavian Nordic dancers are performing, and refreshments will follow the presentation.

Senior Court Princesses

Miss Denmark is Meisha Boettcher, a junior at Knappa High School. Her parents are Gary and Ingrid Boettcher of Knappa. Grandparents are Don and Marcy Boettcher and John and Maria Thorslev, all of Knappa. She is the captain of the school Forestry Team, and works at the Astoria Dairy Queen. She enjoys reading novels, wrestling, riding bikes and spending time with her best friend.

Miss Finland is Kaisa Johnson, a senior at Astoria High School. Her parents are Troy and Lori Johnson of Astoria. Grandparents are Tom and Ione Johnson, all of Astoria, and the late Donald and Sally Johnson. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and is on the varsity soccer and track teams. She also has been involved in youth activities as a member of First Lutheran Church. She enjoys ballet, reading and writing.

Miss Norway is Leah Marie Telen, a senior at Astoria High School. Her parents are Jeff and Tracy Telen. Grandparents are Vern and Diane Telen and Bob and Claudeane May.

Miss Sweden is Kristina Kjellberg, an exchange student at Astoria High School. Her parents are Hans and Mia Kjellberg of Uppsala, Sweden. Her grandparents are Jan and Birgitta Kjellberg and Bror and Alice Eriksson, all of

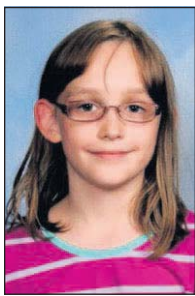


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Miss Norway
Leah Telen

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Junior Miss
Denmark Sophie
Alsbury



Junior Miss
Finland Avery
Biederman



Junior Miss
Iceland Delaney
Patterson



Junior Miss
Norway Raelee
Telen



Junior Miss
Sweden Payton
Harper

Sweden. She plays soccer in the fall and is now going to try the swim team for the first time. She likes singing, and she comes from a musical family. She also enjoys movies, food, travel and experiencing things and adventures.

Junior Court Princesses

Junior Miss Denmark is Sophie Rose Alsbury, who is in third grade at Warrenton Grade School. Her parents are Brian and Sarah Alsbury of Warrenton. Grandparents are Lynn and Rose Alsbury, Lynette Litwin and the late David Litwin. Great-grandparents are the late Joan Crawford, David and Ja-

neice Crawford and Kathy Litwin. Her family has been involved in the Lower Columbia Danish Society for many years. Her mother was previously both a junior and senior Miss Denmark. Sophie looks forward to the festival every year and eating ebleskivers.

Junior Miss Finland is Avery Biederman. Her parents are Faborn and Laura Biederman of Astoria. She enjoys soccer, softball, guitar lessons, hip hop dance, swimming and is involved in 4-H.

Junior Miss Iceland is Delaney Patterson, a third-grader at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Her parents are Kelley and Me-

lissa Patterson of Astoria. Grandparents are Christine Paterson of Knappa and the late Danny Paterson. Great-grandparents are the late Hugh and Harriette Forney. She enjoys dancing with the Scandinavian Nordic Dance Group, crafting with her grandmother, clam digging and spending time with her friends.

Junior Miss Norway is Raelee Anne Telen. Her sister, Leah, is Miss Norway.

Junior Miss Sweden is Payton Harper, who is in second grade at John Jacob Astor Elementary School. Her parents are William Harper and Ashley O'Bryant.

Grandparents are Bill and Sally Harper of Astoria, Billie Tarabochia of Astoria and Gig Harbor, Wash., and Mark Tarabochia of Astoria. Great grandparents are the late Obie and Gertie O'Bryant. She enjoys reading, science, and also enjoyed ballet and tap and jujitsu. She loves animals and likes to visit the Clatsop County Animal Shelter to visit the cats and dogs.

Crown Bearer is Stian Matthews, who attends Lewis and Clark School. His parents are Greg and Saara Matthews. Grandparents are Andy and Maija Carlson and Dick and Diane Matthews. He likes outdoor activities, especially fishing, and plays soccer and basketball. He has attended the festival every year since he was born and likes the food, barne fest and troll. Although he is mainly Finnish, he attended a 2-week Norwegian camp where he learned language, dancing, cooking and culture.

Chaperones

Lora Posey is Senior Court Chaperone. Her parents are Mike and Sheri Posey of Knappa. She works as a veterinary technician at the Astoria Animal Hospital, and is a volunteer at Astor Street Company. She enjoys reading, horses and taking care of her cats. She likes to hike and try new adventures.

Junior Court Chaperone this year is Laura Biederman. She and her husband, Fabron, live in Astoria. She is a teacher at John Jacob Astor Elementary School, and enjoys spending time with her family, watching her daughters in their sports and other activities and her workout classes.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Seaside TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)— 8 to 8:45 a.m. weigh-in, 9 to 10 a.m. meeting Tuesday, North Coast Family Fellowship Church, 2245 N. Wahanna Road, Seaside. For information, call 503-861-2904.

Astoria TOPS — 5 p.m. weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-325-4114.

Warrenton TOPS — 9 to 9:45 a.m. weigh-in, 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St., Warrenton. For information, call Marilyn Barnard

503-861-2918 or Jeannie Pike 503-861-1404.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting, call 503-861-5526 or go to www.aa-oregon.org

Kick Butts Group Meets (Nicotine Anonymous) — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Al-Anon Family Groups information line for Clatsop and Tillamook counties, 503-338-5688. Oregon Area Al-Anon website. oregonal-anon.org

Astoria Al-Anon — 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Harbor, 1361 Duane

St. For information, call 503-861-1703; noon Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087; 7 p.m. Thursday, Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. For information, call 503-458-6929.

Nehalem Al-Anon — 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St, Nehalem. For information, call 503-368-8255.

Seaside Al-Anon — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, call 503-810-5196 for information; noon

Friday, same location, call 503-738-5727 for information.

Tillamook Al-Anon — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Albans Episcopal Church, 2102 Sixth St., Tillamook. For information, call 503-842-5094.

Narcotics Anonymous — The Northwest Oregon Area of Narcotics Anonymous (NWOANA) holds meetings in Clatsop County. For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the Helpline

at 503-717-3702, or go to www.nworegonna.org

Men's Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Tuesday nights. Part of the

Pure Life Alliance (www.purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voice mail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

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