

PARTING SHOTS

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Pilings are shown lit by the lights of moored cargo ships in the Columbia River Feb. 2.

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Students at Astor Elementary School jump rope in the gym.



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Students at Astor Elementary keep busy during Jump Rope for Heart.

Jump rope: Area recently passed \$100,000 mark on fundraising

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“That’s my goal each year, is to beat Brian,” said Barnes, who’s been a part of Jump Rope for Heart and its variants at St. Mary Star of the Sea, in Harrisburg and at WGS the past two years.

Babbitt, whose been a part of Jump Rope for Heart for at least 20 years, said it’s not so much about the money raised, but rather another

way in which to get the kids active.

Each grade participating takes a turn jumping rope in their gyms.

At Astor, Babbitt organizes students into waves, each jumping for 25 or more seconds or more before passing off their ropes to the next group. Meanwhile, he demonstrates various jumping techniques. At WGS, Barnes arranges her

students into different stations, including single, limbo, long, snake, hurdle and helicopter on the ground jump-roping, along with a jump rope race and the ice cream soda jumping rhyme.

Model schools

“I can’t speak highly enough about Kathy and Brian over at Astor,” said

Emily Anderly, a youth market director for the AHA who coordinates Jump Rope for Heart at 190 schools between Medford and Castle Rock, Wash., and from the coast to the western side of the Cascade Mountains.

Babbitt dedicated this year’s event at Astor to Larson, a PE teacher who brought Jump Rope for

Heart to Astor and kept it going until her medical retirement in 1999. Anderly said she looked up the results over Larson’s years with the program and found that her students had raised around \$70,000.

Anderly said the entire territory recently passed the \$100,000 mark on fundraising, including \$80,000

online and the rest through the paper donations of four schools she has the data for. The fundraiser is trying to move donations mostly online, where kids can set up fundraising accounts and solidarity donations via email and social media. Anderly said the AHA won’t know the final figure until April or May.

Bears: They travel by their noses

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on the Long Beach Peninsula, though there has been little reported activity in the past couple weeks.

“The same safe practices apply whether you are talking about black bears or grizzly bears,” Smith said. “We urge that people in bear country know how to manage bear attractants. Bears travel by their noses in search of food. We

recommend the use of bear-resistant garbage containers and advise that the cans should be put out on the morning of pick up, not the night before. Feed pets indoors whenever possible, and don’t leave food for pets or livestock in areas accessible to bears. Beehives are another prime target for bears, and are best protected behind an electric fence. Bird feeders are another source of calories sought out by bears. When out recreating,

keep food in bear resistant containers and away from campsites and consider carrying bear spray in areas of high bear use. At Western Wildlife Outreach we want people to know that in warmer weather any time of the year, bears may become active.”

Western Wildlife Outreach is a regional nonprofit that conducts outreach programs on bears and living safely with bears and other large carnivores.



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A bear pauses to eye a human encountered on a city street in Ilwaco last year.

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