

Check out vessel, firefighting and welding at MERTS

The community is invited to an open house at the Clatsop Community College Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station (MERTS) campus at 6540 Liberty Lane in Astoria from 3 to 6 p.m. May 1.

It will include activities for all ages, demonstrations, vendor displays, and free hot dogs and hamburgers from 4:30 to 6 p.m..

The MERTS campus houses the Maritime Science program, along with a dock for the college's training vessel, the Forerunner; the Fire Response & Research Center; The Living Machine, a wastewater treatment center; and the Industrial & Manufacturing Technology Center, which includes the Automotive Technology, Welding and Historic Preservation and Restoration programs. They will all feature displays and interactive demonstrations, along with tours of the Forerunner. CCC's specialized facilities and Maritime Science program at the MERTS Campus have earned it the designation of Oregon's Maritime Training College.



Submitted photo

Visitors explore Clatsop Community College's training vessel, the Forerunner, while CCC students demonstrate survival techniques.

Visitors can also explore the Clatsop County Firefighter's Association Fire Safety House, meet representatives from Clatsop's Business and Admissions Departments, try out a virtual welding machine, view Air National Guard and National Guard displays, take their picture with Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey Bear and view classic cars and street rods.

For more information, call 503-338-7670, or visit www.clatsopcc.edu/about-ccc/campuses/merts

AHS artists serve Cereal for Charity

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Astoria High School's art students have cereal, coffee, hot chocolate and a good cause for breakfast Saturday.

As part of their larger spring Art show, a fundraiser for Clatsop Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Mickey Cereghino's art students are creating tens of bowls and mugs for Cereal for Charity, a breakfast iteration of the Soup Bowl Project organized by Clatsop Community College art teacher Richard Rowland.

Over the last four years, Cereghino has had the spring exhibition support a different cause usually through a Mother's Day Tea event. But his wife tired of him being occupied all Mothers Day each year, he added, so he switched things up.

"The biggest factor was that I have two pottery classes, whereas I usually have one,"



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From left, sophomore Jenna Rudolph and juniors Ryker Helmersen and Brendan Coberly throw their bowls in advance of Saturday's Cereal for Charity fundraiser for Clatsop Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Cereghino said. "The kids talk about cereal all the time."

This week, his students have been busily throwing, molding and glazing their bowls and mugs/tea cups for the spring art exhibit, which runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the AHS

commons at 1001 W. Marine Drive. Along with the bowls, the exhibit features all manner of visual arts within an 8-by-10-inch parameter Cereghino said he set to avoid a free-for-all. Everything's going for \$20 apiece. All the proceeds support CASA,



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Mickey Cereghino, an art teacher with Astoria High School, removes bowls and mugs from a kiln in the pottery classroom.

which students earlier voted to support with their art.

"We want to give everybody a fair chance," freshman Megan Postlewait said Monday, working on a clay turtle. She and other students added that they knew the most about CASA, which provides support for abused and neglected children.

For more information on the spring show or fundraiser, visit <http://tinyurl.com/p9f46m>

Walk to recognize violence prevention to be held

By The Daily Astorian

Numerous local partners are hosting a walk at 4 p.m. Thursday in recognition of violence prevention efforts and to raise awareness about such issues in the community.

The event, "Let Us Walk Together! A Walk to End Sexual Violence and Child Abuse," will begin from the south side

of the Clatsop County Courthouse. It will continue through downtown Astoria and end at Deja Vu Thrift Shop.

The public is encouraged to participate in the walk and show their support for violence prevention efforts and the survivors of violence in our community.

Community members are also encouraged to use the walk as an opportunity to

reflect on personal roles in promoting safe, healthy, and respectful relationships including seeking help for ourselves or others in need.

Clatsop County Domestic Violence Council, Clatsop CASA Program Inc., The Harbor, Northwest Parenting, and Choices Counseling are orga-

nizing the walk.

Additional information including local support resources will be available at the walk or can be found by calling The Harbor 24/7 at 503-325-5735.

For more information about the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign, visit www.nsvrc.org



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