

## IT'S FOR THE BIRDS



“On Saturday, I will be the featured artist at ‘Romancing the Home’ for the Gearhart Art Walk,” **Reba Owen** wrote to the Ear. “I will be showing and demonstrating watercolors of Oregon birds.” She’ll be at 3350 U.S. Highway 101 from 2 to 5 p.m. that day. One of her works, “Flute in the Tanglewood,” is shown.

“All proceeds go to the **Wildlife Center of the North Coast**,” she added. “It’s a good cause.” Indeed.

And, speaking of the WCNC and birds, the center has joined other conservation groups in filing a **lawsuit** against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (and other federal powers that be) who want to kill around 11,000 double-crested cormorants at the mouth of the Columbia River. One is pictured, inset, in a photo by Peter Wallack.

Want to help the wildlife center’s efforts to save the cormorants from a grisly demise? Tax deductible donations for legal expenses can be made via PayPal at [www.coastwildlife.org](http://www.coastwildlife.org) or by check, payable to the Wildlife Center of the North Coast, and mailed to P.O. Box 1232, Astoria, OR 97103.

## THINK PINK



“**Matt Winters** of Ilwaco, Wash., editor of the Chinook Observer, had a special reason to be interested in the (April 26) Virgin Money London Marathon this year,” former Daily Astorian editor **Patrick Webb** of Long Beach, Wash., told the Ear in an email. “The race, which attracts 38,000 runners, is one of the largest charitable fundraisers in the world. Matt’s British cousin, **Colin Plews**, ran to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research, a charity close to his heart because a special person in his life has suffered.” Patrick’s photo of Colin is shown.

“Just to make sure everyone noticed him, the 6-foot plus bearded Plews wore this lovely pink dress,” Patrick explained. “Running in the 45-49-year-old division, he finished the 26 miles in a creditable 6 hours and 14 minutes.” Patrick’s niece, 34, and cousin, 58, also completed the course.

Colin and the dress have a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Bigpinkdress2015](http://www.facebook.com/Bigpinkdress2015), but now he’s known beyond social media circles. “He was even interviewed on national BBC TV ahead of the race,” Patrick noted.

Nor is the marathon Colin’s first brush with fame wearing a bright pink dress to raise money for the Breast Cancer Campaign (BCC). In November, he donned a much tighter gown (not suitable for marathon runs, but perfect for posing) for his eye-popping, and extremely popular calendar.

“I think stepping out into the street was the worst bit,” Colin told The Shields Gazette of the calendar photo shoot (<http://tinyurl.com/pinkplews>), “but after the first few photographs I was soon posing like a professional. It was a real laugh.” The calendar was also a real hit, and sold out in one week.

## OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

Wandering around downtown, you can see that the city of Astoria, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Transportation, has replaced all the Historic District **street signs** with fancy new ones. But what happened to the old bright green signs? A pile of them is pictured in a shot from the city of Astoria website.

Well, those old street signs are for sale. It’s first come, first served, to buy them, and they’ll be available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Wednesday at the Astoria Public Works Shops, 550 30th St. It’ll cost you \$10 for two signs, and you can pay by cash or check.

Have at it, Astoria fans, here’s your chance to own a little piece of local history.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

**SATURDAY**  
**Detachment 1228 Marine Corps League** — noon, Uptown Cafe, 1639 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton. For information, contact Lou Neubecker at 503-717-0153.

**Astoria Regional Gaming Hub** — 12:30 to 6 p.m., Hondo’s Brew and Cork, 2703 Marine Drive. ARGH is a group of people who enjoy getting together to play various board and card games at different locations along the North Coast. Must be 21 and older to join. New people welcome. For information, call Tanisha Caravello at 503-325-2234.

**Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club** — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

**SUNDAY**  
**Coalition to Impeach Obama Now** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., corner of Broadway and U.S. Highway 101, Seaside. Protest rally. Bring a flag

and/or banner, dress according to the weather.

**Line Dancing** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

**MONDAY**  
**Senior Lunch** — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

**Columbia Senior Dinners** — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

**Warrenton Senior Lunch Program** — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call

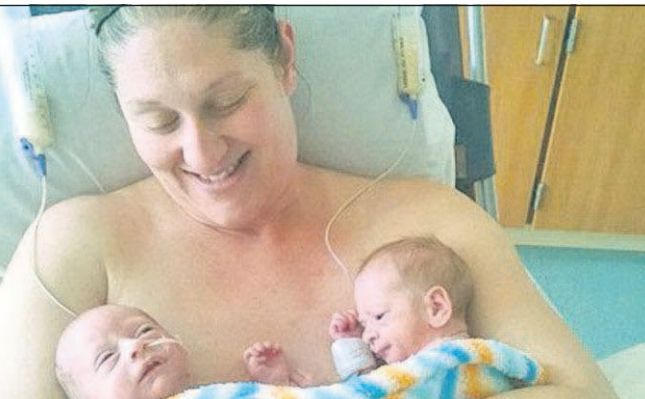
## In One Ear



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## SEEING DOUBLE



“**Steven and Jessica (Taylor) Greene** of Seaside became the unexpectedly early parents of little **Steven and Anthony Greene** on March 30, 2015.” **Autumn Perdew** of Providence Seaside Hospital wrote. Jessica and the babies, who arrived 10 weeks early, are shown.

“As with many twin pregnancies, Jessica’s had been high risk from the beginning,” Autumn noted, “but unanticipated complications and a nasty case of the flu brought them much sooner than normal. After an ambulance ride to Portland, Anthony (the bigger twin) was born first via natural means at 3:54 p.m. and weighing in at 3 pounds, 3 ounces. Steven came via emergency Cesarean section at 4:10 p.m. and weighing 2 pounds, 13 ounces.”

Both boys went into the neonatal intensive care unit immediately, but now they are breathing well on their own, digesting their mother’s milk via tube-feeding, and are able to stay warm without needing heated blankets.

“A GoFundMe account has been started to help the family with the unexpected expenses of Jessica having to stay in Portland to be with the babies and to help the raise funds to purchase a newer, safer vehicle,” Autumn added. “Dad, Steven, is at home working as much as possible and preparing for the boys’ homecoming. Jessica is having to take an undetermined leave from her new job (working as a medical receptionist) to take care of the boys, and to recover from her surgery and complications that arose from that ... the family is struggling to make ends meet at this time, and a safe car tops their list of needs before the babies come home.”

You can donate at [www.gofundme.com/qmagg2bbk](http://www.gofundme.com/qmagg2bbk). Anything you can give would be appreciated.

“Thank you in advance, for your help,” Autumn wrote. “It isn’t every day we get an opportunity to do something small that means so much to a family in our community.”

## POND POWER

After the 2011 Fukushima radiation leak, the Japanese wisely thought perhaps an alternative (and safer) method of generating electricity ought to be developed. And it was.

According to Gizmag.com, the Kyocera Corporation and the Century Tokyo Leasing Corporation partnered to build two huge floating solar power plants on ponds in Kato City, Japan (<http://tinyurl.com/katopanel>). The combined output is expected to be 3,300 megawatt hours annually, providing power to over 900 households. Some panels are pictured in a photo courtesy of Kyocera and Century Tokyo Leasing.

An interesting plus side: The shade provided by the panels is expected to reduce both algae growth and water evaporation. The Ear couldn’t help but think about Cullaby Lake ...



## ARCADIA BAY



Like psychological mystery/science fiction and a healthy dose of coastal scenery to go with? The Ear has just the thing for you: a short, mostly locally filmed movie, “**Arcadia Bay**,” from director **Joshua Jacobs** ([www.ghostforest.co](http://www.ghostforest.co)). Pictured, from left, **Phillip Abraham** ([www.phillipabraham.com](http://www.phillipabraham.com)) who plays Thomas, **Nevan Richard** who plays Ian, and **Taylor Tunes** ([www.taylor-tunes.com](http://www.taylor-tunes.com)) who plays Naomi.

The plot is, well, complicated, and you’ll love the scenery (scene stealer, really), which includes glimpses of Astoria, the Iredale shipwreck, Cannon Beach, Haystack Rock and killer ocean vistas. You can watch the movie at <http://tinyurl.com/arcadiabay>. All in all, it’s a fun ride.

503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

**Astoria Rotary Club** — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to [www.AstoriaRotary.org](http://www.AstoriaRotary.org)

**Knochlers Pinochle Group** — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

**Astoria Toastmasters** — 6:30 p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) or call 503-894-0187.

**Line Dancing for Seniors** — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** — 7 to 9 p.m., Room A, Columbia Memorial Hospital, 2111 Exchange St. Open to all those diagnosed with a mood disorder, or have a family member or friend diagnosed, or who think they might have depression or bipolar disorder. For information, contact Patricia Fessler at 503-325-8930.

**TUESDAY**  
**World War II Warbirds** — 8 a.m., Labor Temple Diner, 934 Duane St.

**Do Nothing Club** — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men’s group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

**Senior Lunch** — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

## THE DUDE ABIDES



“An additional prize category has been added to Friday’s **Astoria Big Lebowski Festival**,” **Jeff Daly** told the Ear. The event, celebrating the bowling/White Russian/philosophic film, “The Big Lebowski,” is being held tonight from 7 to 8 at the Astoria Event Center, and 8 to 10 p.m. at Lower Columbia Bowl.

“**Biff**, transformed as **The Dude** (played by **Jeff Bridges** in the movie), was seen at a different location every day this week promoting the event for photo opportunities,” Jeff revealed. “A prize for the best photo with The Dude will be given at the bowling alley Friday night at 9:30 p.m. A distinguished team of judges will make the final decision.” Pictured, Biff, out and about, schmoozing with some locals.

The Ear asked why Biff — who seems, well, a little stiff — looked familiar. “He was originally the MOB (man overboard dummy), used for training, and has been involved in many roles since his retirement in 2012,” Jeff explained. “Acting as The Dude is perhaps his biggest role so far.”

## ET 2, GOONIES?



At last, a hint about what’s going on with a **Goonies sequel**. Original “The Goonies” writer **Chris Columbus** was interviewed recently by Collider.com editor in chief **Steve “Frosty” Weintraub** at CinemaCon in Las Vegas, and he offered up a few nuggets when asked if there was any progress (<http://tinyurl.com/columbgoon>). Columbus is pictured in a screen shot from the interview.

He said there is “not as much movement as there’s been on the Gremlins sequel. And Goonies is a much tougher nut to crack for obvious reasons. It actually comes up about every five years. We’re in the thick of it now trying to figure it out.”

So, what about a script? “We are still searching, avidly, but we are searching very hard to try and make it work,” he said. “But we’re not going to let anybody down. If we don’t feel it’s right — and that’s between (**Richard Donner**, (**Steven Spielberg**, and myself — if we don’t feel it’s right, we’re not going to do it.”

Will it be called “Goonies 2, Goonies Never Die,” perhaps? “If that’s what the fans want,” Columbus replied, laughing, “that’s what we’ll call it!”

“So that’s something that could really happen?”

“Yes, completely.”

“Legit?”

“Legit,” Columbus declared. “It’s not as far along as Gremlins, but it’s something we would all like to happen.”

So there you have it. Keep your fingers crossed.

## AX ME NO QUESTIONS



Astoria/Goonies fan **Jason Kozarsky** of State College, Pa., is sent in an item about an intriguing new “physics-exploiting” axe that apparently “splits wood in record time,” created by Finnish inventor **Heikki Kärnä** (pictured inset), as reported by Geek.com (<http://tinyurl.com/finnaxe>).

The tool is called the **Vipukirves**, or **Leveraxe**, because it acts as a lever instead of a wedge to get the job done. Both models, Leveraxe 1 and 2 are pictured in a photo from the website, [www.vipukirves.fi/english/index.htm](http://www.vipukirves.fi/english/index.htm), which claims it is safer and easier to use than a regular axe, and “can even be put in the hands of women and children.” It does not get stuck in the wood, and “does not bounce wildly as might happen with (a) traditional axe ...”

There is but one caveat: “Of course, (the Leveraxe) can not help you if you miss the log by a mile ...”

**Columbia Senior Dinners** — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. The cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

**Astoria Kiwanis Club** — noon, El Tapatio, 229 W. Marine Drive. For information, call Robert McClelland at 503-894-0187 or Susan Brooks at 503-741-0186 or 503-338-4994.

**Astoria Lions Club** — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

**Line Dancing for Seniors** — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Spinning Circle** — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

**Evergreen Masonic Lodge No. 137** — 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, 201 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside. All Masons and their families are welcome. For information, call 503-717-0808.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Moms Offering Moms Support Club** — 9 a.m., Capt. Gray Port of Play, 785 Alameda Ave. For information, go to [www.momsclubofastoria.org](http://www.momsclubofastoria.org) or email [president@momsclubofastoria.org](mailto:president@momsclubofastoria.org)

**Help Ending Abusive Relationship Tendencies** — 10 to 11:30 a.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. HEART covers subjects related to the effects of domestic violence on children, parents and other family members, dynamics of power and control, and how to recognize red flags. For anyone in an abusive relationship, or who knows someone who is. Call Audrey Williams ahead to reserve a spot at 503-325-3426 ext. 104.

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