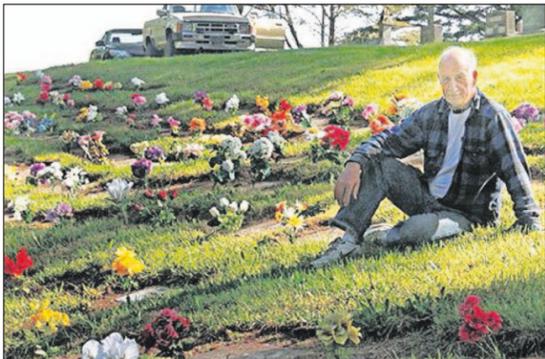


AN ACT OF KINDNESS



“Recently I received a phone call from a friend, Carl Hagnas,” Judy Bearman wrote. “He asked if I could come to Ocean View Cemetery and take some pictures for him. When I arrived at the cemetery, I couldn’t believe my eyes. Carl had been working in the ‘Baby’ section of the cemetery, uncovering buried tombstones, pulling weeds, setting gopher traps. He had also placed artificial flowers on almost all of the babies’ graves.” Carl and his handiwork are pictured, in Judy’s photo.

“The sight brought tears to my eyes,” Judy recalled. “Carl has no child buried there, he just believes in taking care of the burial places.”

“My husband and I traveled to Ocean View Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend for our annual tradition of placing flowers on my family’s graves,” Mary Kujala told the Ear. “Imagine our surprise when we walked up to the children’s hill and saw flowers at every resting place, each stone lovingly tied up. I have been making this trip for over 50 years, and I have never witnessed such a generous and thoughtful gift. Whoever was responsible for this act of kindness, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

“Yeah, it looks nice,” Carl told the Ear. “I uncovered all those stones. It was like building a cake, and I put the frosting on ‘em.”

SOCK IT TO ME



Are you ready for this? Princess Helloo Studios has produced a 4-minute version of “The Goonies” on YouTube — with sock puppets. No, the Ear is not kidding. The silliness begins at <http://tinyurl.com/sockgoon>. A screenshot of the truffle shuffle is shown.

An “entire family participated in the production” of the clip — shot at locations in Astoria and Cannon Beach used in the original film — which is a “loving, goofy tribute to this great movie.”

A FRIEND TO ASTORIA



“Adrienne Norris (pictured), a devoted and caring Astoria resident, has just left and moved to Central Point to be closer to family and friends,” Karen Howsmon wrote, describing Adrienne as a “wonderful volunteer and friend to Astoria,” who was “relentless to beautify the town that she loves.”

“Let me tell you what this lovely lady has done for our wonderful town,” Karen explained. “She has been a frequent visitor to City Hall, for as she went about town she would see something that needed repair, off she would go to City Hall to make them aware of the need.”

For instance: Adrienne was relentless until the ramp and walkway to Grace Episcopal Church were repaired; and persisted until the sign in the Fort George Park was replaced; and, was “instrumental,” Karen said, in upgrading the Ranald MacDonald sign.

But that’s not all. Adrienne swept the alleyway on 13th Street several times a week, earning the moniker “The Broom Lady.” The old owners of the Fort George Brewery gave her permission to weed and sweep up around the area, and she continued with the permission of the new owners (although they got a Master Gardener to handle the weeds), “because she did not want anyone to slip on wet leaves.”

When Adrienne became hearing impaired, she looked for ways she could still help — such as sorting and alphabetizing the CDs and videos at the Astoria Senior Center.

“She just turned 86, and we were sorry to see her go,” Karen said. “Her last words, as she drove off with her wonderful family, was, ‘I will be back, I love Astoria.’” She will be missed.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
Angora Hiking Club — 9 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot. Manzanita Volkswalk 6.2 mile hike. For information, call June Baumler at 503-368-4323.

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
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.

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 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

Knockers 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.

In One Ear



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UP FROM THE DEEP



Yet another treat for marine biology enthusiasts: Huffington Post reports that a **giant squid** washed ashore in New Zealand (<http://tinyurl.com/squidzeal>). The creatures are so elusive in the wild that little is known about them, so scientists are overjoyed at the prospect of studying this one, a 23-foot adult female. The squid is pictured, courtesy of Kaikoura Marine Centre and Aquarium, which has the cephalopod on display in a windowed freezer.

“She was still fresh and with all her parts including her eyes still intact,” aquarium biologist Megan Lewis noted. “It suggests that she didn’t come from very far away. Somewhere close by. And the fact that they are present so close to land ... is so exciting to think about!”

A ‘SMALL GEM’

The Astoria Senior Center (pictured) remodel is moving along nicely, but there’s more than construction needed before the job is done.

“Recently the city of Astoria and Astoria senior citizens were the recipients of a federal block grant for the purpose of remodeling the 1946 building,” Larry Miller, director of the center, wrote. He’s a big fan of the “small gem” of a center on Exchange Street.

Unfortunately, the federal grant doesn’t cover everything. “Monies received by this grant can only be used for remodeling the building, and cannot be used for necessary comfort items such as chairs, tables, desks, etc.,” Larry said. Which means private donations are needed to buy new furniture.

Want to help make the new senior center a nice, comfy place? You can donate at www.gofundme.com/pp1hh8

“Most of the items from the ‘old center’ are from the 1980s and desperately need to be replaced,” Larry explained. “We are raising funds by having garage sales, creating and selling crafts, cards, etc. Donations have been few and far in-between but every little bit helps. Can you help furnish the senior center?”



LOOK UP — OR NOT



Even though AllAboutBirds.com says that **turkey vultures** are supposed to be a common sight on the North Coast in spring and summer (<http://tinyurl.com/turkvult>), the Ear has never seen one. No one the Ear has talked to has seen one, either.

Except **Janelle Hux** of the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula. She saw not one, but about eight turkey vultures recently, near the Cranberry approach in Long Beach. One of her photos is shown. Pictured inset, a little graph from AllAboutBirds.com showing local turkey vulture sightings; red dots mean recent sightings, blue dots mean sightings that are 30 days or older. So, they seem to be everywhere — and nowhere.

Did you know the turkey vulture can detect odors at a few parts per trillion to find carrion, even under a forest canopy? Their wingspan is about 6 feet, they weigh about 4.5 pounds, and they are immune to diseases their dinner may contain, including botulism, anthrax, cholera and salmonella. And, turkey vultures can’t sing; they hiss when vexed, and sometimes whine in flight.

“Turkey vultures are common on the coast and are especially prevalent from March to August/September,” Peter Pearsall of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service told the Ear. “Look for them perched on wind-bent conifers or offshore rocks, or soaring high on thermals farther inland.”

p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to 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.

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.

ENCORE Lunch Bunch — 12:30 p.m., Pig ‘N Pancake, 146 W. Bond St. Topics are Father’s Day and National Doughnut Day. Guests are welcome to attend and learn about Exploring New Concepts Of Retirement Education (ENCORE). For questions about Lunch Bunch, call Reta Leitner at 503-717-2297. For information about ENCORE, go to www.encorelearn.org or contact Mary Kemhus-Fryling at 503-338-2408.

HEY, YOU GUYS!



OK! I’ll talk! **Jeff Cohen**, aka **Chunk** in “The Goonies,” is joining the **Goonies 30th Anniversary Celebration**. He is pictured now, and inset (courtesy of Warner Bros.) as Chunk. You can buy event tickets, including for “Growing up Goonie with Jeff Cohen,” at <http://tinyurl.com/goontick>

His days of acting long behind him, Jeff is an entertainment lawyer in Beverly Hills, and now, author. His first book, “The Dealmaker’s Ten Commandments: Ten Essential Tools for Business Forged in the Trenches of Hollywood” was published this month by the American Bar Association.

In case you’re wondering if he still does the **truffle shuffle**, the answer is: Not since college. According to an interview with BitterEmpire.com (<http://tinyurl.com/jefftalk>), “I was the mic man at the football games, trying to pump them up,” he recalled. “... and this frat guy in the back row started screaming ‘truffle shuffle’ ... Next thing you know it caught on, and 10,000 students were cheering ‘truffle shuffle!’

“... I raised my hand like Moses before the Red Sea. I raised my shirt and did the truffle shuffle. The crowd went crazy. Every game, the chant would start, and everyone would do it. I paralyzed that into being the president of the student body. It was a supreme sacrifice, but it paid off.”

OUT OF THE BLUE



A surprise order arrived May 24 for **Susan and Sean Amoretz**, owners of the **Crab Pot** in Long Beach, Wash., by literally dropping out of the sky.

Many of the restaurant’s customers had noticed the **helicopter** earlier, while it was cruising around over Long Beach, and at first Susan thought it was the Coast Guard “looking for a boat or something.” But nope, the helicopter finally landed in a grassy area right across the street (pictured), and the occupants strolled on over to the Crab Pot with Dungeness crab on their minds.

Apparently the last time the group (who are from Medford) came to get crab, it took two days. This time, they called ahead to be sure they could get could snap up some of the tasty crustaceans then and there — but neglected to mention how they planned to arrive.

“They weren’t in here five minutes,” Susan reported, laughing, calling the escapade a “helicopter crab grab.”

“It was pretty bizarre, but cool,” she said. “In 20 years, it was the first fly-in seafood to go order we’ve had!”

BOWLED OVER

Astoria has yet another claim to fame, this time in a CNN travel section article, “**America’s best old-school bowling alleys**,” which extols the glories of **Lower Columbia Bowl**, 826 Marine Drive (<http://tinyurl.com/lowerbowl>).

“You may recognize this bowling alley from the opening scene of the famous cult film, ‘The Goonies,’ where **Chunk** smears pizza on the window,” the article says (pictured in a screenshot from the Warner Bros. film’s credits).

“Originally built in 1946 as a car dealership and garage, it was turned into a bowling alley in 1956. Hand-painted murals of Astoria and the Columbia River on the alley walls pay homage to the town’s working waterfront. Visitors can have a bowling ball custom fit by the same pro who has worked there for 39 years and pick out old-school bags and shoes ...”

Lower Columbia Bowl’s response, posted on their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/lcbowl): “Woohoo! Astoria is famous for more than just beer!” Indeed.



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 or email 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.

Open Sewing Gathering — 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Homespun Quilts, 108 10th St. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177 or go to <http://homespunquilt.com>

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