

'I'M NOT GIVING UP'



A little more than a year ago, **Judy Madson** (pictured) and her husband, **Mike**, of Seaside, were visiting Innsbruck, Austria, when Judy came down with what she thought was a cold — but it rapidly got worse. After an ambulance ride to the hospital, she was put into a medically induced coma. “Leaving the hotel is the last thing I remember for the next six weeks,” Judy recalled.

When Judy finally awoke, Mike explained she'd actually been sick with **bacterial pneumonia**. It had spread into her bloodstream causing sepsis, which triggered lung and kidney failure — she needed a ventilator and dialysis to survive, and was given a 5 percent chance to live. The sepsis had also interfered with her circulation, and portions of her hands and legs had to be amputated.

It wasn't until August that Judy was flown by medical transport jet back to Oregon Health and Sciences University for a two-month stay, until she could survive without dialysis. She was then moved to Vibra Specialty Hospital in Portland for wound care and physical, occupational and speech therapy. She was also weaned off the ventilator, and learned to eat and talk again.

The next phase of her recovery was at Avamere Rehab, where Judy learned how to use prosthetics for her arm and legs. After a stay at the Rehab Institute of Oregon, almost a year to the day from when she fell ill, Judy finally went home to Seaside, a courageous survivor. “I'm not giving up,” she told her friend, **Jan Riggs**, “I'm playing golf again!”

Now that Judy is home, she is in serious need of a **handicapped-equipped van** so she can get around. Jan has set up an account at www.gofundme.com/jmadson to try to fill that need. If you want to contribute, but don't want to use the Internet, call Jan at 503-285-5405.

“Please think about Judy's needs, trying to start a life over in her own home,” Jan asks. “A handicapped van is a necessity.” Can you help?

HAVE YOU SEEN JOSEPHINE?



Monte Ramvick's beloved dog, **Josephine** (pictured), a 7- to 8-year-old Newfoundland, disappeared from the Warrenton Costco parking lot the afternoon of June 13. Monte went inside for a short while, leaving Josephine in the back of his truck. While he was gone, she either got out of the truck, which would not be normal for her, or was taken out.

A woman, who had Josephine on a rope (it was not Monte's rope), approached the doorman at the Costco. She appeared to be in her 40s, and had three older children with her, two boys and a girl. She said she had found Josephine, and was going to wait for the dog's owner to come out. If she couldn't find the owner, she was going to turn the dog in to a pound in Washington. Why Washington? Nobody knows, and she disappeared with Josephine shortly thereafter.

Monte went directly to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter as soon as he realized Josephine was missing, just in case, but she wasn't there. She was wearing a purple collar with lots of identifying tags, yet no one has contacted him. The Warrenton Police Department has put out a flyer (<http://tinyurl.com/lost-newfie>), and **Rita Smith** of **River Song Foundation** (<http://riversongfoundation.org>) has been helping with the search, but so far, no luck.

Monte is worried. Josephine needs medicine, and it's now been almost two weeks since she's been gone. He's also worried about the Fourth of July, because she hates fireworks.

Have you seen Josephine, or do you know someone who has? If you have any information, call Monte at 503-458-6828 or Rita at 503-861-2003. The Ear hopes someone will come forward so Josephine can be returned home to the family who loves and misses her.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
Angora Hiking Club — 9 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot, or 10 a.m. at trail head. Phyllis Dubb Memorial flower climb, Saddle Mountain. For information, call Michael Dubb at 503-791-5325.

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
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Family to Family Support Group, for anyone with friend or loved one suffering from a serious brain (mental) illness. For information, contact Myra Kero at 503-738-6165, or k7erowood@q.com, or go to www.nami.org

Lower Columbia River Chapter, Military Officers Association of America — 5 p.m., Serendipity

Café, 160 S. Main Ave., Warrenton. Quarterly meeting and buffet dinner. Live demonstration and presentation of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office K9 patrol is scheduled. All officers of U.S. armed forces, active duty, former, retired, and reserve and warrant officers welcome. For information, contact Capt. Robert Stevens (U.S. Coast Guard, retired) at 503-861-9832.

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.

MUNDAY
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 Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church

In One Ear



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'IT'S NOT A TUMOR,' IT'S A REBOOT



Maybe we aren't going to get 'The Goonies 2' anytime soon but, maybe we will have to settle for '**Kindergarten Cop 2**!'" Astorian **Jerry Olson** wrote. The original 1990 movie, shot mainly in Astoria, starred **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, who is pictured in a screenshot from the film.

The reboot is a whole other kettle of fish. There's no word yet on where it will be filmed, but according to Roger Friedman at [Shobiz411.com](http://tinyurl.com/kinccop2) (<http://tinyurl.com/kinccop2>), the movie comes from the same studio, Universal.

Yes, there's still a kindergarten class, a beautiful teacher and witness protection in the story line, but major changes are afoot. For starters, there will be a new director and scriptwriter, an Indian sidekick named Sanjit, Albanian bad guys, and a missing flash drive. What there won't be is Schwarzenegger.

Disappointed? As "Ahnold" says in the original movie, "Oh come on ... Stop whining!"

SNIPPETS

Ca-ching: Did you know that NerdWallet (no, the Ear did *not* make that up) has proclaimed Seaside No. 7 and Astoria No. 9 on its latest list, "**Top 10 Best Places to Start a Business in Oregon**"?



"NerdWallet examined communities with at least 5,000 people and more than 500 businesses ranging in size from sole proprietorships to big companies," the press release says. "We analyzed a community's business climate and local economic health based on U.S. Census data."

Seaside hit the list as the smallest community, but rated because "nearly 50 percent of businesses in the coastal community have paid employees — the highest rate among our cities." NerdWallet also liked Seaside's long-term planning project Seaside 2034.

Astoria is deemed notable for being a backdrop for several movies, which helps "fuel the local tourism industry" and for the "hopping local businesses."

Basking in the glow: **Cannon Beach** got some media love recently, too, when CNN declared it No. 12 of "**16 Can't Miss**

AND THE WINNER IS ...



Cyndi Mudge is a kind soul and took in pot-bellied pig named **Hamilton** as a foster pet when he outgrew his home. Given as a gift from a husband to his wife, all went well for a while. But the couple lived on the second floor, and Hamilton kept growing. It finally became too difficult to carry him down the stairs to go outside.

Once Hamilton settled in, Cyndi tried to find him a new forever home, describing him on fliers as a "wonderful personality" who "loves belly rubs" and needs "companion pets and people who enjoy spending time with him." Sadly, there were no takers.

Finally, Cyndi contacted the **Harmony Farm Sanctuary** in Sisters — which, according to their Facebook page, "is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and occasionally rehoming farm animals" — and they said they would take him. Rounding perfect for Hamilton, everyone agreed. Except Hamilton, apparently.

When the day came to transport him to Sisters, Cyndi recruited **Ronni Harris** to help coax Hamilton up a ramp and into the van. "We lured with his favorite snack — Cheerios. Nope. Didn't work." Nothing did. He resisted all efforts to get him into the van, and Ronni injured her foot in the process.

Pictured, Hamilton sleeping serenely in the backyard, unmoved. Also pictured, Ronni (left), and Cyndi (right). "That is the look of defeat just before tears," Cyndi recalled.

So far, Fig. 1, Cyndi and Ronni: 0.

(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, contact Capt. Robert Stevens (U.S. Coast Guard, retired) at 503-861-9832.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

Knocklers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., 1225 Chisholm Community Center, 1205 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 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.

TUESDAY
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 Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. The cost is \$5. For information, or to have a

GO FISH



Have an overwhelming urge to go trout fishing, but don't know where to start? The Ear's knowledge of the sport only goes as far as **Richard Brautigam's** "Trout Fishing in America" (<http://tinyurl.com/braut-trout>), which could never remotely be confused with a fishing manual.

However, for you ambitious types who want to learn about trout fishing from scratch, from the coziness of your armchair, no less, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has an ideal solution: A new intensive 14-segment video series, "**How to fish for trout in Oregon**" (<http://tinyurl.com/catch-trout>). Don't let the number of segments scare you off, they're pretty short. Pictured, the star of the series, guide **Cody Herman**, in a screenshot from one of the videos.

By the time you finish watching all that advice, you ought to be an expert on trout fishing. Now all you have to do is go out and actually catch one.

UNHENGED



As a belated **summer solstice** offering, the Ear brings you (ta dah) **Fridgehenge**. KentOnline of the U.K. (<http://tinyurl.com/UKhenge>) reports that while more than 20,000 people made their way to **Stonehenge** to celebrate the solstice, a hearty 20 souls gathered in Maidstone at Fridgehenge, which is pictured, courtesy of KentOnline.

"I thought it would be a good idea given the solstice was coming, so I went out at 3 a.m. and built it using about 30 fridges lying around in the yard," **Kevin Wildeman** said, who created metal monument with his colleague, **Paul Stone**. "It took about three hours and ... It's fully bolted down."

No word on if Fridgehenge will be there for next year's solstice, but you could always head for the **Stonehenge Memorial** (<http://tinyurl.com/maryhenge>), in Marysville, Wash., instead. It is pictured, inset, in a photo by Ben Canales. Even though the memorial is aligned to the astronomical horizon, not the solstice sunrise, and it's 3 degrees off from the original Stonehenge, what's a few degrees among friends?

SHE MADE US PROUD



"I recently ran into **Michelle Lesniak**, the **Season 11 Project Runway** winner, from Portland, and she's here visiting," **Cyndy Lee** (pictured inset) wrote. Cyndy works at Godfather's Books in Astoria, and was outside on the sidewalk taking a break when she spotted the now-famous fashion designer walking by.

Michelle is pictured in a photo from her website, <http://michellelesniak.com>, where it says that she trained at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and is self-taught in both garment design and leather working. She plans to stay in the fashion industry in Portland, which is her home town. You can watch Michelle's Project Runway win here: <http://tinyurl.com/runway11>

"She's got her traditional hairdo, where it's kind of shaved on one side, long on the other," Cyndy recalled. "I said to her, 'Thank you for making us proud,' and she was very nice. She's just like on TV — just being herself."

"I should keep a camera," Cyndy noted, "as we get lots of celebs in the store." Good idea.

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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>

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 Re-

lationship 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://homespunquilts.com>

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svendsen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

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