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Miss Oregon crowned in Seaside



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Ali Wallace, of Portland, reacts after being crowned Miss Oregon 2015 during the Miss Oregon scholarship pageant at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Saturday. More photos at www.dailyastorian.com

Pageant punctuated by love for retiring executive director

By MCKINLEY SMITH
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Miss Oregon pageant Saturday night was all about family.

Ali Wallace, of Portland, was crowned Miss Oregon the same night the organization celebrated the retirement of Dana Phillips, the longtime executive director of the scholarship program.

"It's crazy because I've grown up watching the pageant," Wallace said. "So to be included in the sisterhood is just surreal, and it's hard to fathom."

Wallace is the daughter of Tammy Fazzolari Wallace, who was Miss Oregon in 1987.

"Now she's my mom and my sister," Wallace joked, referring to the sisterhood of the Miss Oregon pageant winners.

As a former contestant, Fazzolari Wallace knew what her daughter was going through. And so as a mother, she worried about how Wallace — and she herself — might take disappointment.

"It was scary," Fazzolari Wallace said. "I was so afraid of her not winning and how she might handle it."

Wallace said you wouldn't compete in the pageant unless you knew you had the skills to be Miss Oregon.

After that, "it was really in the hands of God and the judges," she said.

Phillips said the judges had no idea that Wallace's mother was a former Miss Oregon.

"She has that ability to be very endearing to people," Phillips said. "She's going to be a wonderful Miss Oregon."

Wallace received a \$10,000 scholarship for being crowned Miss Oregon — \$10,500 total from the Miss Oregon pageant — and will move on to the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.

Wallace's platform issue is education and awareness about traumatic brain injury and her talent is lyrical dance, which she performed to the song "Latch" by Disclosure.

Local participants

Alexis Mather, Miss Clatsop County, received a \$1,500 scholarship as fourth runner-up. She received \$3,250 total in scholarships from the Miss Oregon pageant.

Mather excelled Wednesday in the lifestyle and fitness swimsuit preliminary and Thursday in the preliminary talent competition with her operatic performance of "Nessun Dorma." Her platform issue was to be a mentor your own way.

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Miss Happy Valley Hailey Kilgore reacts after being crowned Miss Oregon's Outstanding Teen during the Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen scholarship competition at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Friday.

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Poyer ready for big season

NFL's Cleveland Browns player, former AHS star, returns for camp

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

Among Jordan Poyer's "What I did this summer" activities: Got engaged (to Maddi Sprott); played in a celebrity softball game (with Larry Fitzgerald, Colin Kaepernick, Johnny Manziel, Deion Sanders, Richard Sherman, etc.); had a strong off-season training camp with the Cleveland Browns; and — saving the best for last — hosted his second annual Jordan Poyer Football Camp.

There's always time for Astoria in Jordan Poyer's world.

Poyer was in town over the weekend, and spent Sunday afternoon on the football field, with about 80 kids, ages 5-14, who were looking to learn a little more about the game Poyer plays for a living.

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A place to stay warm

Warming center finds new home

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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The homeless will have a place to keep warm again this winter.

The Astoria Warming Center will open on the lower level of First United Methodist Church on cold nights starting in November. The free shelter at 11th Street and Franklin Avenue will be available when temperatures drop to 40 degrees or when there is blustery weather.

The City Council had agreed to allow the shelter to temporarily operate at the Astoria Senior Center last winter while the senior center was closed for renovation.

Between late December and mid-March, the shelter opened on 24 nights and served 66 people.

"What we learned is that there is a real need, and that there is a gap in services here," said City Councilor Drew Herzig, who was behind the warming center. "We can't fill the whole gap, but we would very much like to do more."

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New man at the helm for Fishermen soccer

Longtime worker is taking on new role



Despite the pressure to win, the long hours and lots of travel, the job of coaching varsity boys soccer at Astoria High School is a pretty special one.

Considering only four men have held the job over the last 24 years, it must be.

Yet the torch that does not get passed very often is being Tim Fastabend takes over as head coach for the Fishermen boys, after Bill Patterson stepped down earlier this year.

From his years and years

of service to the Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association — as referee, coach, president, etc. — Fastabend steps into a position held by very few since the early 1990s.

"When you look back, you had Max Bigby, Jerry Boisvert and Bill Patterson," Fastabend said. "They've certainly built quite a tradition for Astoria soccer. I don't know if pressure is the right word, but it's definitely going to be a challenge for the coaching staff to live up to those expectations."

The job of Astoria head coach will just be the latest of many hats that Fastabend has worn over the years, from his job with the Astoria Marine Construction Co. ("We've got a small boatyard over in the Lewis & Clark area"), to coaching soccer and his position as president of the LCY-SA, which he has held since 2010.

"Hopefully we're going to put in someone new, shortly," Fastabend said. "I've been there going on five years, and we have some young parents coming up who want to get more involved, and it's time for the old people to move out of the way."

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Tim Fastabend, left, and Farid Nohrudi officiate a preseason soccer game last year at Vol-unitar in Warrenton.

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