

MORE NOTES

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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.

North Coast Chorale Practice — 6:45 to 9 p.m., Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Looking for more singers. Just show up or call 503-791-5681 or 503-338-8403.

WEDNESDAY

Warrenton Sunrise Rotary Club — 7 a.m., Dooger's Seafood & Grill, Youngs Bay Plaza, 103 S. U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call 503-325-4030.

Moms Offering Moms Support Club — 9 a.m., Capt. Gray Port of Play, 785 Alameda Ave. For information, go to www.momclubofastoria.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 Juli Hol to reserve a spot at 503-325-3426, ext. 103.

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

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen 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.

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 \$7. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Blood Pressure Checks — noon to 2 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For in-



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Aubrey McMahan



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Kristen Travers

Astoria Regatta chooses 2016 court

Four Clatsop County high school students have been chosen to join 2015 Queen Ally Bentley on the Regatta Court for the 2016 Astoria Regatta Festival. The court will give speeches, make appearances and attend parades throughout the season.

Bentley, daughter of John and Gina Bentley, is a senior at Warrenton High School. Since 2012 she has been an active participant in the Columbia Empire Volleyball Association, and is also a varsity letterman in both golf and volleyball, earning two all-league honors for volleyball in her high school career. She is an active member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church and youth group. She has been involved with various community activities, including volunteering for the CHIP-in Park Clean Up and Astoria High School's North Coast Volleyball Camp, and helping to collect food for the food bank. Each summer, she is a counselor at Camp Kick-A-Lot, put on by the Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association. She also enjoys

being involved in her high school, and she is part of the leadership and spirit committee, as well as student council. After high school, she plans to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Brenna Borup, daughter of Emily and Jeff Borup, also attends WHS, where she is junior class president. She is a member of student council, leadership class, and the prom committee. She is also a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea high school youth group. Borup volunteers her time at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River holiday events for children. She works part time at Warrenton Prep Preschool as a teacher cadet. She plans to pursue a degree in medicine, specializing in either neonatal or pediatric nursing.

Victoria Holcom, daughter of Floyd and Sheryl Holcom, is a junior at Astoria High School. She is a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club, Chinese Club, Business Leaders of Tomorrow, and the Waldorf German Exchange Program. She is a varsity letterman in both soccer and

track and field. She studied 12 years of dance at Maddox Dance Studio, and has participated in leadership organizations such as the Ford Institute Leadership Program and the National Youth Leadership Forum for National Security. Holcom currently works part-time at Coffee Girl. She plans on attending George Mason University to study economics and international relations and affairs, while joining the school's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Aubrey McMahan is the daughter of Boaz and Kaia McMahan and Nathan and Angela Messick. She is a junior at Knappa High School, where she is currently playing varsity basketball, and is engaged in the leadership program. She is also passionate about social programs, which has led her to be the main anti-bullying advocate in the school. She also volunteers for school blood drives. McMahan is involved in Talent Search through Clatsop Community College, and has attended three Oregon Writing Festivals (OWF), held at Portland

State University. She plans to attend Portland Community College for two years, then move on to the University of Oregon to earn a Ph.D in forensic psychology.

Kristen Travers, daughter of Daniel and Caroline Travers, is a junior at Astoria High School, where she plays on the soccer team. She has been involved in scouting since she was in kindergarten, and has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards. She is also a member of the Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society, and is vice president of the Spanish Club. She has also volunteered at Columbia Memorial Hospital and the Astoria Sunday Market. She currently enjoys working at Frite & Scoop, and after high school she plans on attending Pacific University to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Chaperones for the court are Mike and Donna Kuratli.

This year marks the 122nd year of the Astoria Regatta Festival, which is being held Aug. 10-14. This year's theme is "Bridge to Everywhere."

formation, call 503-325-3231.

Sit and Stitch Group — 1 to 3 p.m., Custom Threads, 1282 Commercial St. Knitting, crocheting and needle work. For information, call 503-325-7780.

Ukulele Players — 1:30 p.m., Warrenton Masonic Lodge, 66 S.W. Fourth St., Warrenton. All are welcome, including beginners. Loaner ukuleles available. For information, call Roger Williams at 503-717-5645.

Seaside Dementia Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Necanicum Village, 2500 S. Roosevelt Drive, Seaside. For families and/or caregivers of dementia patients. All are welcome. To attend, RSVP at 503-738-0900.

Warrenton Gateway Masonic Lodge No. 175 — 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, at 66 S.W.

Fourth St., Warrenton.

Seaside Elks Lodge No. 1748 — 7:30 p.m., 324 Avenue A, Seaside. For information, call 503-738-6651 or email seasideelks@yahoo.com

THURSDAY

North Coast Republican Women — 11:30 a.m., Astoria Golf and Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Lane, Warrenton. For information, call 503-717-0392 or go to www.clatsopcountyoregon republican

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Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. The cost is \$7. 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.

Seaside Rotary Club — noon, Shilo Inn, 20 N. Prom, Seaside. For information, go to <http://seaside Rotary Club>

Lower Columbia Hospice Bereavement and Grief Support Group — 2 to 4 p.m., Meeting Room 1, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Group is open to those who are age 18 or older. For information, call 503-338-6230.

Lower Columbia Danish Society — 7 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Scandinavian Dancers give demonstration of folk dances following business meeting. The public is welcome. Meetings are in English; only an interest in Danish heritage, culture and traditions is needed to participate. For questions call 503-325-2612.

FRIDAY

AAUW Walking Group — 9:30 a.m. Seaside Branch of American Association of University Women weekly low-impact group walk, followed by coffee and fellowship. For information, call 503-738-7751.

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Community Skate Night — 5 to 9 p.m., Astoria Armory, 1650 Exchange St. Admission \$3. Limited roller skate rentals available for \$3; roller blades available. For information, call 503-791-6064 or go to www.astoriaarmory.com

Bingo — 7 p.m., Wickiup Senior Center, 92650 Svensen Market Road. For information call Mark Tischer at 503-458-6482.

Ciao, raffle winners!



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Evalin Roberts of the Astoria Little Ballet Theater, left, draws the winning ticket from the Liberty Theater raffle for a trip to Venice, Italy. She is assisted by Christine Lolic, vice president of the Liberty Theater Board of Directors. The winners of the trip are John and Jan Nybakke.

Astoria Scandinavian Festival installs 2016 officers

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association installed officers and board members at its January meeting. The 2016 executive board includes Leila Collier, president; Bonnie Fisher, secretary; Carole Lyngstad, treasurer; Corleen Mathews, historian; Katrina Ivanoff, publicity; Bernadeth Ladd, general director; and Nettie Blair, board member at large.

In addition to the newly installed officers, a dedicated group of over 70 volunteers helps with festival planning, setup and cleanup. The Scandinavian lodges — Finnish Brotherhood, Danish Society, Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway, and VASA Swedish Lodge — participate with their own groups of volunteers as well, making the Midsummer Festival a true community effort.

The 2016 Midsummer Festival is June 17, 18, and 19 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, and has been a tradition on the North Coast for over 40 years. The festival embodies the rich cultural heritage that was transplanted to the region by Scandinavian immigrants in the early



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The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association recently installed officers and board members. Standing, from left, Katrina Ivanoff, publicity; Lorán Mathews, board member at large; Carole Lyngstad, treasurer; Leila Collier, president; and Corleen Mathews, historian. Seated, Nettie Blair, board member at large. Not pictured, Bonnie Fisher, secretary, and Bernadeth Ladd, general director.

20th century. Activities at the three day festival center around heritage, tradition, family, food and fun.

Featured musical entertainers in 2016 include three trios traveling from Denmark,

Finland and Norway. Also featured are Scandinavian dance groups, singers and dancers from the Astor Street Opry and Viking re-enactors. Retail booths offer handcrafts, Scandinavian import items, and

traditional Scandinavian foods. Schedules and details will be posted at www.astorianscanfest.org as they are available.

To volunteer, call Lorán Mathews at 503-325-6136 or email mathews3168@charter.net

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Seaside TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — 8 to 8:45 a.m. weigh-in, 9 to 10 a.m. meeting Tuesday, North Coast Family Fellowship Church, 2245 N. Wahanna Road, Seaside. For information, call 503-861-2904.

Astoria TOPS — 5 p.m. weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, First

Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-325-4114.

Warrenton TOPS — 9 to 9:45 a.m. weigh-in, 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St., Warrenton. For information, call Marilyn Bamard 503-861-2918 or Jeannie Pike 503-861-1404.

Windermere Stellar supports local charities

SEASIDE — Windermere Stellar supported 46 charitable organizations throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington in 2015. Through the Windermere Foundation, \$350,000 was given to charities supporting

low-income children and families, with a portion of that going to nonprofit organizations based in the North Oregon Coast communities, such as the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific in Astoria,

Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton and the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Gearhart.

"I am proud to say that our brokers are equally successful at real estate as they are raising money for worthy causes," Joan

Allen, Windermere co-owner and Windermere Foundation co-chairwoman, said. "Working to build better communities is a natural extension of what real estate professionals do on a daily basis."