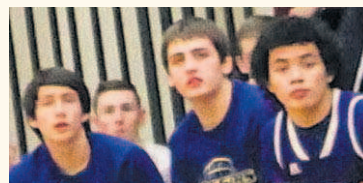


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Taryn Miller waves to the crowd after being crowned Miss Columbia Pacific Outstanding Teen during the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Saturday. More photos online at www.dailyastorian.com

ONWARD TO MISS OREGON

Contestants take the stage at Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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SEASIDE — Five contestants will advance to the state stage after winning titles at the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program Saturday in Seaside.

Ryen Buys of Seaside won the Miss Clatsop County crown and Tess Rund of Astoria is Miss North Coast.

Pageant weekend started Friday night with a benefit dinner, which was a chance for the 20 contestants to relax and “have some fun” with family and friends before starting competition in full force, program Director Sandy Newman said. The dinner, attended by about 200 people, also raised money for scholarships. The contestants gave two-minute speeches on their platforms.

Interviews in front of judging panels were held Saturday afternoon, ahead of the main event that evening. During the pageant, the contestants competed in various categories, such as formal wear and talent.

About 700 people attended the event, which normally sells out at 500.

This year, “I have added 250 (seats) because of the number of contestants and

The crown winners

Miss Clatsop County Ryen Buys, Seaside
Miss Clatsop County Outstanding Teen Caitlin Hillman, Gearhart
Miss Columbia Pacific Outstanding Teen Taryn Miller, Scappoose
Miss North Coast Tess Rund, Astoria
Miss North Coast Outstanding Teen Nikkole Sasso, Astoria

the caliber of the contestants,” Newman said.

The pageant is the preliminary competition of the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and is part of the Miss America Organization.

For 13-year-old Taryn Miller, of Scappoose, who won Miss Columbia-Pacific’s Outstanding Teen, the opportunity to compete in Clatsop County was a pleasure, as Columbia County does not have its own pageant.

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Teen contestant Isabella Clement performs during the talent competition at the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program.



Princess Annabella gives a thumbs up to Tess Rund, who was crowned Miss North Coast during the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program.

Appeals court upholds verdict

Astoria man convicted of 24 sex-crimes

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian



Thomas Michael Kelly

An Astoria man’s appeal of his conviction for sexually abusing a 9-year-old girl was rejected Thursday by the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The state court upheld the 24 sexual abuse and sodomy convictions against Thomas Michael Kelly. The 65-year-old remains sentenced to more than 33 years in prison.

The court’s decision essentially ends a decadelong ordeal.

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Officer’s wife could qualify for tax breaks

Bill cleared state Senate, moves to House

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The state Senate unanimously passed a bill Friday that allows counties to grant property tax breaks of up to \$250,000 to the surviving spouses of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

The wife of Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Gooding would be eligible. Gooding was shot and killed earlier this month trying to arrest a man on a felony assault warrant.

“Every day our firefighters and police officers go to work, and they don’t know if they will come home,” state Sen. Fred Girod, R-Stayton, the bill’s sponsor, said in a news release. “These men and women put their lives on the line to protect their communities. This bill is a chance for us to show them our respect. If we can help their families in their time of need, we should.”

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Erick Bengel/The Daily Astorian

Tatjana Queener, an attorney from Tillamook, moved to Warrenton this month with her husband, Gary, and their 2-year-old son, Drew. In high school, she was a foreign-exchange student from Germany who studied in Naselle, Wash., and later attended Clatsop Community College.

Attorney Queener lays down the law

Former exchange student sets up practice in Gearhart

Tatjana Queener became a lawyer to ensure that neither she nor the people she cares about would face discrimination under the color of law.

For Queener — who lives in Warrenton and set up a practice in Gearhart this month — discrimination is a very personal matter, an injustice she both saw and experienced as a child in Russia and Germany.

“While I was living in Russia, I witnessed quite a bit of discrimination, not necessarily against me so much, but neighbors and other people who were of German ancestry, and it was something that really struck me

at the time,” she said.

Many Russians, in their own country, discriminate against non-Russians, said Queener, who is of German descent.

One of her neighbors, a bright young man with a German last name, discovered that his application to a Russian public university had been sabotaged, she said.

“There was no recourse for that. There was nothing that anybody could think to do,” she said. “That was one of those examples where it’s just so glaring, so wrong — how can you possibly do that?”

Then, when Queener was 12 and her family moved to Germany, her Russian background made her a tar-

get of discrimination from a principal who tried to force her onto an educational track that would lead to a trade school rather than a university.

“It was just sort of this constant push from the principal to get me to go into this lower school where all the other kids from Russia were,” she said. “It turned out, if you came from Russia and move to Germany, you’re a Russian in Germany.”

But, in the 11th grade, she came to Naselle, Washington, as a foreign exchange student, speaking fairly little English. It was the first time she felt supported by her peers — the

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