

Golf Ball Drop tickets for sale

Proceeds help buy clothes for local children in need

WARRENTON — The ninth annual Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific's Golf Ball Drop is Saturday, May 7 at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, located at 33445 Sunset Beach Road. A free kids' golf ball clinic, putting contest and barbecue begins at 11 a.m.; the helicopter drop takes place at 12:15 p.m.

The barbecue is \$5 per person, and kids younger than 5 eat for free. There is a bicycle and gift raffle at the event; tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5, for a chance to win a bike or other gift items. A bake sale will feature pies, cakes, cookies and more.

Tickets to participate in the helicopter golf ball drop, with chances to win prizes from many area businesses, must be purchased in advance, and are on sale now at Holly McHone Jewelers in Astoria and from Assistance

League members. Each golf ball ticket is \$5 and represents one ball and one chance to win.

Only 2,000 tickets are being sold. Each ticket number is put on a golf ball and dropped from the helicopter. Golf balls that land closest to the pin win a prize. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not have to be present to win.

Proceeds from the event go directly to Assistance League's Operation School Bell to purchase new clothes for children for the school year. Purchasing 20 golf ball tickets dresses one Clatsop County child.

This year's Golf Ball Drop sponsors are Pacific Power, U.S. Bank, Columbia River Bar Pilots, Lektro, Astoria Golf and Country Club, NW Natural Gas, ReMax River & Sea, Seaside Temps and state Sen. Betsy Johnson.

For information, and a list of prizes and sponsors, go to www.assistanceleaguecp.org, or contact Jane Cartwright at 503-738-2734 or Shelby Mogenson at 503-325-6687.



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A helicopter will drop 2,000 marked golf balls over the Astoria Golf & Country Club golf course for Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific's annual Golf Ball Drop fundraiser May 7.



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Astoria Golf & Country Club golf pro John Kawasoe coaches an aspiring golfer during the 2014 Golf Ball Drop fundraiser.

Speaker to discuss surveillance, privacy

ASTORIA — Recent revelations about government surveillance, including Edward Snowden's leak of the National Security Agency's documents, have renewed worldwide attention to questions around privacy. Why is privacy important? What are the uses of surveillance? What are the dangers? What are the scope and consequences of government surveillance, and what are the ethical and legal limits of surveillance practices?

This is the focus of "Keeping Tabs on America: Surveillance and You," a free conversation with Kristian Williams at 6 p.m. Friday, May 6 at the Astoria Public Library, located at 450 10th St. This program is hosted by the Astor Library Friends Association and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Williams has studied state surveillance for almost 20 years, writing as both a scholar and a journalist. He is the author of "Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America," "American Methods: Torture and the Logic of Domination" and "Hurt: Notes on Torture in a Modern Democracy." He is one of the editors of "Life During Wartime: Resisting Counterinsurgency," as well as an occasional contributor to Counterpunch, Toward Freedom, and In These Times.



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Scholar and journalist Kristian Williams will speak about surveillance May 6 at the Astoria Public Library.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to people's daily lives and the state's future. For more information about this free community discussion, contact Ami Kreider at 503-325-7323 or akreider@astoria.or.us

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Fisherpoet, environmentalist Dave Densmore to share stories

Astoria, Alaska fisherman to read poems May 12

CANNON BEACH — Famed poet and fisherman David Densmore will read poems and stories at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12.

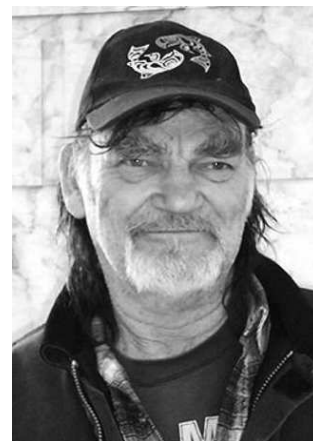
Densmore has appeared in the New York Times and Smithsonian Magazine, he was one of the subjects of a documentary called "Fisher

Poets," and he has published several books of his writings. He is well known as an artist and fisherman on the coast of Oregon and in Alaska.

He has appeared at events for the Bioneers, Astoria's FisherPoets Gathering, Columbia Riverkeeper events, and at New Bedford's Working Waterfront Festival. When not fishing in Alaska or writing in Oregon, he spends his free time in Belize and Guatemala.

Densmore is more than a fisherman and more than a poet — he is a staunch protector of nature and mother earth. His recent works are often more about the pain inflicted on Mother Earth by his fellow man than the contents of his fishing net, but the seas and the fishing life are his first love.

The reading event is free and open to the public. Cannon Beach History Center & Museum is located at 1387 S. Spruce St. Coffee and tea will be



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Dave Densmore will read poems at the Cannon Beach History Center on May 12.

served. For more information, call 503-436-9301 or visit cbhistory.org

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