

Learn about timebanking this month

Meet and greet set for May 12, picnic scheduled May 30

ASTORIA and WARRENTON — Anyone curious about how timebanking works will have two different opportunities to find out during May.

Lower Columbia TimeBank members will hold their final spring meet and greet from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at the Blue Scorchers Bakery Café.

Timebank board member Craig Holt will introduce special guest Bereniece Jones-Centeno, who will give a verbal preview of the Astoria Music Festival and discuss ways of getting involved. There will be information and discussion about timebanking following the presentation. The public is invited.

Timebankers will conclude their spring activities calendar with an afternoon party at Sunset Beach on May 30. From noon to 3 p.m. there will be



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The Lower Columbia TimeBank will host a beach event May 30 with kite buggy demos, a drum circle and picnic.

kite buggy demonstrations and a drum circle. Members may bring their families and guests as well as their own picnic or a dish to share.

Timebank members help each other with gardening, pet care, learning new skills and languages, errands, and household tasks like simple repairs, oil changes, haircuts and more. Everyone's time is equal irrespective

of the work done or the experience of the worker. By connecting people in this way, without money, timebanking helps build a stronger community.

For more information on the Lower Columbia TimeBank or the May events, visit www.LowerColumbia-TimeBank.org, email LC-TimeBank@aol.com, or call 503-325-6886.

Fire science instructor tackles burning issue of wildfires at next Ales & Ideas

ASTORIA — In 2015, 630,000 acres were consumed by wildfire in Oregon, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry. Across the Pacific Northwest, some 675 structures were lost, including many permanent residences, and three firefighters were killed in north-central Washington.

Oregon experiences its heaviest wildfire activity during the summer, but fires occur during all seasons of the year. Wildfires that occur in the wildland-urban interface often start due to human activity and then spread to the forest, following the fuel — whether it's trees or houses. The threat to lives and property can be dramatically reduced with

simple prevention strategies. For example, spring is a good time to remove dead, flammable vegetation and brush from around homes.

May is Oregon Wildfire Awareness Month, and to help spread the word about wildfire prevention, Clatsop Community College Fire Science Instructor Kurt Donaldson will speak at the next Ales & Ideas lecture.

Donaldson's talk, "Fires in Our Forests: A look at the past, present, and future of our wildfire problem," will address the wildfire threat in the local community and region. Donaldson will explore questions of where the threat comes from, what is happening now and what the future may hold.

The talk will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5 at the Fort George Lovell Showroom. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to all ages.

Donaldson has been a firefighter and educator for over 20 years. In addition to being CCC's full-time fire science instructor, Donaldson is a volunteer captain at the Knappa Fire District and fights wildfires during the summer for the Oregon Department of Forestry. Before his current position, he worked for over a decade as a high school teacher in the Knappa School District. Donaldson holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in education from Western Oregon University.

'The Fourposter' explores moments in a marriage

Romantic comedy play opens May 6 at Coaster Theatre

CANNON BEACH — "The Fourposter" is a charming romantic comedy chronicling 35 years of marriage of Agnes and Michael. From their wedding night in 1890 to 1925 when they leave the house that has been their home for 35 years, audiences see the good, bad and other moments of marriage as the play journeys through the trials and tribulations, laughter and sorrow, and hopes and disappointments of Agnes and Michael.

The small cast is comprised of the real-life husband-and-wife team of Timothy and Aftyn Garvin.

Timothy was most recently seen on the Coaster stage in "The Apple Tree." Timothy grew up in a suburb outside of Baltimore, Maryland, but is now a resident of Manzanita with his wife. During the day, he assists with technology troubles up and down the Oregon Coast as The Tech Toolman. He's been involved in plays for the Riverbend Players in Nehalem and also modeled as a robot for the Trashion Show at CARTM.

Aftyn made her Coaster Theatre debut as a Lady in



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Real-life couple Aftyn Garvin, left, and Timothy Garvin star as wife and husband Agnes and Michael in "The Fourposter."

Waiting in "Once Upon A Mattress." Born and raised in Maryland, she participated in theater and choir through high school and college. She has performed in shows as an actress and worked behind the scenes in costuming, stage managing, assistant directing and set construction.

The show is helmed by Coaster Theatre Executive Director Patrick Lathrop. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in theater performance, a Master of Fine Arts in musical theater, and a Master of Arts in costume history and design. Lathrop has been a teaching artist for over 25 years with a background in informal and museum education using the

visual and performing arts to foster creativity in young people. He has directed several shows, including "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Importance of Being Earnest," "White Christmas" and "The Apple Tree."

Veteran actor and board member Karen Martin assists with the production as assistant director/stage manager.

The show takes the stage May 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances start at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 or \$20 and are available through the box office by calling 503-436-1242 or visiting coastertheatre.com

CCC MERTS campus holds open house

ASTORIA — The community is invited to an Open House at the Clatsop Community College MERTS Campus, located at 6540 Liberty Lane, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 6.

This event includes activities for all ages, demonstrations and vendor displays.

The CCC Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station campus

is Oregon's designated Maritime Training College. The campus houses the Maritime Science Department, Fire Response & Research Center, The Living Machine, and the Industrial & Manufacturing Technology Center that includes automotive technology, welding and historic preservation. Programs will feature displays and interactive demonstrations.

Visitors will also be able to tour the college's training vessel, M/V Forerunner.

Visitors can meet representatives from the business department and college admissions, try out a virtual welding machine, explore Air National Guard and National Guard displays, and view classic cars.

For more information, call 503-338-7670.