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MUSEUM OF WHIMSY SHARES ITS TREASURES



Trish Bright, Museum of Whimsy owner and curator, chats with visitors to the museum during the grand opening Saturday in Astoria.

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A collection of quirky curios are housed in historic Bank of Astoria building

By ERICK BENDEL
The Daily Astorian

Entering the new Museum of Whimsy in downtown Astoria is like entering the mad-cap mind of Trish Bright, the museum's owner and curator from Kirkland, Washington, who held a grand opening Saturday.

Housed in the historic Bank of Astoria building on 12th and Duane streets, the museum contains curios so unusual that many defy classification — even description — hence, the ultra-inclusive term “whimsy.”



Jackie Bleach, left, and Nikki Fletcher take a look at specialty candy in the candy shop during the grand opening of the Museum of Whimsy on Saturday in Astoria. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com

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“My husband says the definition of ‘whimsy’ is ‘anything Trish likes,’” she said, laughing. Something else her husband,

Walter Bright, says: Trish will never find a room too big to fill.

In the bank building, hundreds of quirky items that Trish has col-

IF YOU GO

The museum is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday. Admission is \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Children under 6 are welcome but must be supervised at all times because of the museum's fragile contents.

lected over a lifetime — plus a handful of pieces she commissioned for the museum — fill the vast ground floor and the luxurious Banker's Suite above it.

Her “whimsies” include a large wooden Jesus carved in crucifixion pose; authentic Iroquois beadwork, African art and ceremonial clothing; refurbished Victorian furniture; a set of eerie Edward Gorey-esque figurines; a “flying” toaster with attached goose wings; a Works Progress Administration mural with

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Better bucks in the offing

Friday marks the first step toward a higher minimum wage

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

About half of Deschutes Brewery's 500 employees will receive a raise when Oregon's new three-tier minimum wage law kicks in Friday. Customers also might notice a change: Menu items at its brew pubs are climbing by about 50 cents each to cover the cost of the wage increase, said company founder Gary Fish.

“There is a direct correlation,” Fish said. “We don't cut staff because we don't schedule people when we're not busy. If, because we raise prices, volume drops, then we don't need to schedule as many people. We will deal with that at that time.”

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Seaside principal closes the book

Elementary school leader reminisces about her long tenure

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — It is a typical midweek morning, and Seaside Heights Elementary School Principal Sande Brown is stationed at her habitual post outside the main entrance to smile, wave and converse with students as they disembark from buses and cars and trek into the building.

“The best part of the day is greeting kids as they come to school,” she says.

During the past 2 1/2 decades, her place — the place she worked, loved, invested her time and developed professionally and personally — has been in the halls of Seaside schools. Today, the curtains will close on that stage of her life when she retires.

Reflecting back on her career, Brown said, “I think the thing I've enjoyed the most is working with children and families to make their lives better, and that could be in a variety of ways.”

With emotion, she explained

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Fresh Foods Cannon Beach opens its doors

Ribbon-cutting celebrates town's new grocery store

By LYRA FONTAINE
The Daily Astorian

Cannon Beach now has a full-service grocery store, Fresh Foods Cannon Beach.

City officials, Chamber of Commerce directors, local businesspeople, architects and neighbors joined Fresh Foods owners and staff Wednesday morning to celebrate the market's opening with a ribbon-cutting.

“It's a big day for the Fresh Foods family,” co-owner Jon Welsh said to the crowd. “We wanted to bring something special to Cannon Beach. This is your store.”

Now that Fresh Foods is open, Cannon Beach resident Krista Tye is excited to have a



Chamber board member Kevan Ridgway presents Fresh Foods Cannon Beach owners Tim Welsh, James Welsh and Jon Welsh with a welcome plaque from the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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