

# Knappa High hosts Back to School Day

Clubs and sports fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 10

KNAPPA — Knappa High School's Associated Student Body will host a Back To School Day on Sept. 10 on the high school's practice field, located at 41535 Old Highway 30.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. with a 10K fun run sponsored by the high school track team.

There will be a variety of fun activities offered, including a mushball tournament, a bean bag toss competition,

and game booths with games like darts, fishing and more.

There will also be a raffle, face painting, food booths and many other vendors.

The evening will end with a free movie showing on the green.

The event is a fundraiser for clubs and sports teams at Knappa High School.

If you want to be a vendor, participate in a competition, be a sponsor or just need more information, contact event organizer Cathi Thompson at thompsonc@knappak12.org or call 503-468-7018.

# Enjoy music in Clatskanie City Park on Labor Day

CLATSKANIE — The Clatskanie Arts Commission will present a free Big Band in the Park concert from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5 in Clatskanie City Park.

Music will be provided by the North Coast Big Band thanks to the support of Donna and Larry Garlock.

Food will be available for purchase at 1 p.m., including hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, ice cream and beverages. Bleacher seating will be available, but audience members are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Free cake and coffee will be provided at intermission.

Owners of older vehicles are encouraged to park them on the grass behind the



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The North Coast Big Band will perform Sept. 5 in Clatskanie.

bleachers for all to enjoy.

This annual event is a kick-off to the Clatskanie

Arts Commission's 28th Performing Arts Series. The 2016-17 series will feature

six other concerts: Tayla Lynn and Eric Tingstad on Sept. 24; Grupe Condor on Oct. 14; Oregon Symphonic Band on Nov. 6; a Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Aladdin" on Jan. 20 and 21; University of Oregon male acappella group On the Rocks on Feb. 10; and the Jefferson Dancers on April 14. Tickets for the concerts are on sale.

Clatskanie Arts Commission provides a variety of entertaining programs and events that enrich the lives of the people who live on the lower Columbia River.

For more information, contact Elsa Wooley at 503-728-3403 or visit clatskaniearts.org

## EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS \* 6-11PM

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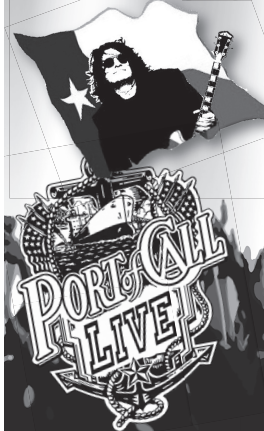
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# North Coast Symphonic Band readies for 37th season

ASTORIA — Conducted by Dave Becker of Manzanita, the North Coast Symphonic Band will return for its 37th season with a series of four concerts starting Oct. 30 at the Liberty Theater.

The first concert is themed "All Treats — No Tricks." The guest soloist will be percussionist Mark Goodenberger of Ellensburg, Washington, who will return to his hometown to dedicate a marimba he is donating to the band in memory of his mother, Peggy Goodenberger, former long-time Astorian. Goodenberger and his wife, Denise Dillenbeck, who plays violin, will pro-

vide preshow music before the October concert.

Other concerts in the symphonic band's season include the annual holiday show with Liberty Presents on Dec. 17, a spring concert April 8, and the popular patriotic community birthday for America on July 3. Guest conductor for the July concert will be the band's former conductor, Larry Johnson, who will return so Becker can lead 400 music students from Oregon on a concert tour in Europe during July.

The symphonic band offers local musicians of all ages the chance to network and maintain their skill level in a supportive environment. Members come from the greater North Coast region, including Pacific County in Washington and as far south as Manzanita.

Currently there are openings in most sections, but there is a special need for clarinet, trumpet, horn and trombone. The band rehearses Monday evenings in Astoria, and musicians



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North Coast Symphonic Band, conducted by Dave Becker, will start rehearsals Sept. 12 in Astoria.

interested in joining should e-mail personnel director Lee Stromquist at [encore1@charter.net](mailto:encore1@charter.net) or call 503-861-1328 to discuss openings.

Potential new members should be able to read music, own their own instruments, and have advanced high school-level performance skills or higher. They should commit to regular rehearsal attendance and participation in concerts. There are no dues or fees. The first rehearsal of the new season

will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Clatsop Community College's Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St.

For more information on the symphonic band, visit [northcoastsymphonicband.org](http://northcoastsymphonicband.org), e-mail [nband@charter.net](mailto:nband@charter.net), or call 503-325-2431.

Ticket prices for the 2016-17 season remain the same at \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. For ticket purchase, visit the Liberty Theater box office or call 503-325-5922, ext. 55.

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