

Jennifer Causer receives Works of Heart award

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Coast Rehabilitation Services employee Jennifer Causer recently received the Works Of Heart award from the Oregon Rehabilitation Association (ORA). This award is given once each year to outstanding direct support professionals working in the field of supporting people with developmental disabilities.

Causer has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for many years. She possesses a gift for understanding the needs of her residents. Her nomination was suggested and supported by her co-workers.

“Working with Jennifer has shown me what’s possible when a person truly cares about the people they serve,” Josh Terrill, services coordinator, said, adding that she is an

“unfathomable asset” to Coast. Typically, she would receive the award in front of hundreds of direct support professionals and managers gathered for a region-wide conference sponsored by ORA. However, at the time of the ceremony, she was taking care of her ailing mother-in-law, providing what she does best — attention, care and support.



Submitted Photo
Jennifer Causer received the Works Of Heart award from the Oregon Rehabilitation Association.

Pioneer Presbyterian celebrates 170th year



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Inspired by the church’s daffodil tradition, this cross of dahlias marks Clatsop Plains Presbyterian Church’s 170 year.

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WARRENTON — Dahlias arranged on the sloping lawn of Clatsop Plains Pioneer Presbyterian Church over the weekend marked the 170th anniversary of the longest continuing Presbyterian congregation west of the Rocky Mountains.

The church building, Gray Memorial Chapel, near Warrenton is the third building to house the congregation. The congregation was formed by settlers in 1846. Cheryl Capellen, a church

elder, arrayed the flowers with Pastor Michael Pyburn and Kathleen Teeple, a church deacon.

The church is popularly known as the “Daffodil Cross” church for its long-running spring tradition of arranging on the lawn the blossoms of daffodils — which are grown on the property — in the shape of a cross.

The dahlia presentation, an activity commemorating the church’s anniversary (Sept. 18), is inspired by the daffodil tradition.

SENIOR NOTES

Alzheimer’s Association Oregon Chapter — Information, referral and counseling services for families and caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s, dementia and other related disorders. For information, call 800-272-3900 (24 hours a day).

Astoria Alzheimer’s & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m. third Monday, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St., first floor conference room. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 216, or email support@clatsopcare.org

Clatsop Behavioral Health After Hours Crisis Line — 503-325-5724.

Clatsop Community Action — 503-325-1400. Respite care services, low-income energy assistance, emergency food assistance,

housing information, emergency personal care items.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Cost is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education (ENCORE) — 503-338-2408. Provides a wide assortment of educational experiences for individuals older than 50.

Elder Friendship Line — 800-971-0016. Available from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; crisis calls taken 24/7.

Food Pantries — 503-325-1400. Clatsop Community Action serves six food pantries in Clatsop County through the Oregon Food Bank Network. Call for area locations and hours.

Grief Support Group, Seaside — 2 to 4 p.m. first Thursday, Bob Chisholm Community Center, Meeting Room 1, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. For information, call Lower Columbia Hospice at 503-338-6230.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon — 888-245-4091. Provides free services in civil cases to low income people.

Lifespan Respite — 503-325-1400. Provides information, referral, training and paid respite for family caregivers.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-TALK (8255). A 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service for anyone in a suicidal crisis. TTY users should dial 800-799-4TTY (4889).

National Alliance on Mental Illness — 800-950-NAMI (6264)

or locally, 503-717-1835. Separate support groups for people with mental illness and families of those with mental illness are available.

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority — 503-861-0119. Rent assistance based on income.

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services — 503-861-4202 or 800-442-8614. Medicaid services, food stamps, information and assistance, family caregiver support services, Medicare choice assistance, home delivered meals, senior meal sites and senior peer counseling.

Oregon Aging and Disability Resource Connection — 855-ORE-ADRC (673-2372), www.adrcoregon.org. Information and services for older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and families.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Seaside TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. meeting Tuesday, North Coast Family Fellowship Church, 2245 N. Wahanna Road. All are welcome. For information, call 509-910-0354.

Astoria TOPS — 5 p.m. weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, First

Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-298-9058.

Warrenton TOPS — 9 to 9:45 a.m. weigh-in, 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St. For information, call Marilyn Barnard 503-861-2918

or Jeannie Pike 503-861-1404.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting, call 503-861-5526 or go to www.aa-oregon.org

Kick Butts Group Meets (Nicotine Anonymous) — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Seaside Public

Library, 1131 Broadway.

Al-Anon Family Groups information line for Clatsop and Tillamook counties, 503-338-5688. Oregon Area Al-Anon website. oregonal-anon.org

Astoria Al-Anon — 12 p.m.

Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087; 7 p.m. Thursday, Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. For information, call 503-458-6467.

Clatskanie Al-Anon — 8 p.m.,

Monday, United Methodist Church, 290 S. Nehalem St. For information, call 503-728-3351.

Nehalem Al-Anon — 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St. For information, call 503-368-8255.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Our Saviour’s Lutheran
SEASIDE — Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church presents “Song, Scripture and Sacrament” from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Suzanne Elise Assisted Living, 101 Forest Drive. All are welcome.
For information, call the church at 503-738-6791.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist
The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Kijrsten Severson is delivering a sermon, “Love and Death.”
Severson grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota, received her bachelor’s degree in ethics from George Washington University, and her master’s degree in Western philosophy from Duquesne University. For the past 11 years she has been teaching at Clackamas Community College.
Tod Lundy is the service leader, Kathy Rob-

ertson is the greeter and Anne Gant and Tim Robertson are providing refreshments.
For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to www.pacuuf.org

Bethany Free Lutheran
The youth group of Bethany Free Lutheran Church is holding a yard sale from 9 a.m. to around 3 p.m. Saturday in the church parking lot, 451 34th St. A wide variety of items will be available for purchase, and there is also a bake sale. The proceeds will help with the expenses of attending the 2017 Free Lutheran Youth national convention.
On Sunday at 6 p.m., the church is showing the movie “God’s Not Dead” free of charge. The public is welcome.
For information, call 503-325-2925.

Grace Episcopal
Sunday is Hunger Awareness Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., with an ingathering at both the 8 and 10 a.m.

services for the Hunger Ministries at the church. Both monetary and nonperishable food items are requested. Canned meals such as chili and stew are especially needed, as are paper products such as toilet paper.
Following the 10 a.m. service, there is an acolyte training session, and lunch will be served.
The monthly Community Dinner is being served in the Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Sunday free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up and at 5 p.m. to clean up.
For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

First Lutheran
First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., is offering a Taking Faith Home Event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Children, parents, grandparents and other guardians in the community are invited to learn the four keys (caring conversations, devotions, service and rituals and traditions) for developing faith in the home. Each

household is invited to bring some food items to donate. To register, call 503-325-6252 or email Tami Jones at tamikjones@hotmail.com
At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, a Gathering with Communion is being held at Clatsop Retirement Village.
Worship services on Sunday are at 8:30 and 11 a.m., with Sunday School starting at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided for small children. New member orientation takes place at 9:50 a.m.
On Monday, the Scandinavian Workshop meets in the fireside room at 10 a.m. Sea Scouts meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday’s schedule features Stewardship Sewing (quilting) from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a sack lunch), TOPS at 5:30 p.m. and Pure Life Alliance at 5:45 p.m.
A Gathering Bible Study and Brown Bag Lunch is held Wednesday, followed by a Devotional Bible Study in the fireside room at 6 p.m. and then Senior Choir at 7 p.m.
For information, call the church at 503-325-6252 or go to www.astoriafirstlutheran.com

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