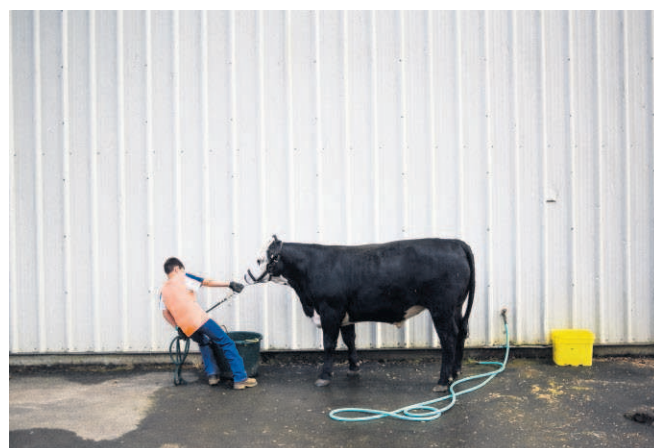




Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
Astoria resident Vernon Hall rides his bike on the Riverwalk with his cat, Princess, on his shoulders June 11.



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Matthew Cano leads a cow to a water bucket Aug. 2 during the opening day of the Clatsop County Fair in Astoria.



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The remains from a dead humpback whale washed up on Short Sand Beach on Sept. 20 at Oswald West State Park.



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Kendrik Byman, of Longview, Washington, leaps from a hill over the beach on May 29 at Fort Stevens State Park.



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Community members cheer and wave as the historic Tourist No. 2 ferry arrives Aug. 1 in Astoria.



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High school competitors sprint through a mud pit at the 3-Course-Challenge on Sept. 17 at Camp Rilea.

THROUGH THE LENS: 2016 PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

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Daily Astorian photographer Danny Miller and former photographer Joshua Bessex chronicled the North Coast through their lenses capturing the beauty, quirkiness and spirit that imbues our area. Enjoy their journey through 2016.



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Isabella Churchill, 4, reacts to the parade in front of her during Warrenton's Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Parade on July 4.



Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian
Sea lions and harbor seals dive off the docks of the East End Mooring Basin after crews from the Port of Astoria inflated air dancers in an attempt to scare the pinnipeds on March 17.



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Hundreds of corgis, their owners and admirers walk up and down the beach during the fourth annual Oregon Corgi Beach Day benefiting the Oregon Humane Society on June 30 in Cannon Beach. The event included a beach-themed costume competition, a raffle, beanbag toss and other activities.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
A woman crosses 14th Street as snow falls in downtown Astoria on Dec. 8. The last few weeks of 2016 saw some freezing temperatures and icy roads in Clatsop County.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
Rain falls as Astoria football players stand at attention for the national anthem before facing off against Banks on Oct. 13 at CMH Field in Astoria.



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U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Survival Technician Darren Hicks is lowered into the water from a helicopter as Aviation Maintenance Technician Chelsea Stark assists, while completing water rescue training exercises on Aug. 24 off the coast of Tillamook.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
Miami's Lucas Roque makes a kick mid-air during the Team USA Footvolley qualifying final on June 26 in Seaside. Team Miami defeated Team Los Angeles 2-1 and represented the U.S. Footvolley team as a demonstration sport in Rio de Janeiro.



Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian
Visitors search for clams along the beach at Fort Stevens State Park on Feb. 9. Starting in the spring, local doctors were able to begin writing prescriptions that are good for free entrance into state and national parks and community recreation centers.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
Audience members shield their eyes from sunshine as Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson speaks during a Think and Drink event organized by Oregon Humanities on July 21 at the Fort George Lovell Showroom in Astoria.



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Josef Barbic, top, sits on Sam Beaudolin's shoulders while posing for a celebratory photo on stage during the Seaside High School graduation ceremony June 13 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center in Seaside. The 2016 graduating class was the 100th graduation in the school's history.



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Yacht Club member Curt Yoder sails his boat Shearwater as another boat sails in the distance during an Astoria Yacht Club Rally on June 30 on the Columbia River. Yoder named his boat after the shearwater seabird. "Sailboats seem like birds to me, the way they can fly," said Yoder.