

Olympic gold medalist to share memoir in Seaside

SEASIDE — On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Friends of the Seaside Library will host Carolyn Wood, author of “Tough Girl: An Olympian’s Journey.” The event will take place at 1 p.m., and there will be book sales and singings by Beach Books. Wood had been scheduled to speak in December but had to cancel due to weather.

Wood was born in Portland and swam for the Multnomah Athletic Club and Beaverton High School, where she won seven individual state championships in butterfly, freestyle and the individual medley. At the 1960 U.S. Olympic Trials, at the age of 14, she finished first in the 100-meter butterfly and was favored to win the gold medal in Rome. At the Olympics, during the women’s 100-meter butterfly final, Wood swallowed water during the turn and did not finish the race.

She did win a gold medal as a member of the women’s 4X100-meter freestyle relay team, together with Joan Spillane, Shirley Stobs and Chris von Saltza. The U.S. relay team set a new world record in the event final — nine seconds faster than the previous record. Wood was the youngest member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic team to win a medal.

Wood’s story in “Tough Girl” details the training and commitment it took to become an Olympian at just 14 years old. She also tells of growing up in mid-century Portland, of being a closeted athlete, and of coming out and fighting for gay rights. It is the account of youthful dreams and exuberance, of struggle and the will to overcome obstacles in sport as well as in life.



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Carolyn Wood will share her memoir, “Tough Girl: An Olympian’s Journey,” Feb. 4 at Seaside Public Library.



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“Tough Girl: An Olympian’s Journey” by Carolyn Wood.

Following the Olympics, Wood returned to her hometown and completed her studies at Beaverton High School. She attended the University of Oregon, became an English teacher, and taught at both Beaverton and Wilson High Schools. She was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

She started writing her memoir “Tough Girl!” in 2010, and it is her first book.

Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call (503)738-6742 or visit us at www.seasidelibrary.org

World of Haystack Rock lecture focuses on forest

CANNON BEACH — The next World of Haystack Rock lecture is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St. Bob Van Dyk will give the presentation “How to Help Protect Over 50,000 Acres of Forest in Clatsop County.”

Van Dyk first worked for Wild Salmon Center on Oregon State Forest policy in 2010, and he now leads efforts to protect and restore salmon strongholds in Oregon and California. His background is in forest policy and in academia. He has a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington, and he worked for 21 years at Pacific University in Forest Grove, where he is now a professor emeritus.

Van Dyk is also trained G.I.S., and he has a passion for illustrating public policy

through maps.

World of Haystack Rock lectures are sponsored by Friends of Haystack Rock and the Cannon Beach Library. Lectures are held the second Wednesday of each month, November to April at the library.

Upcoming lectures are:

- March 8: Tommy Swearingen, “Oregon Marine Reserves: An Overview of the Human Dimensions Research Program”;
- April 12: Tom Horning, “Geology of Haystack Rock.”

Friends of Haystack Rock supports the Haystack Rock Awareness Program in cooperation with the City of Cannon Beach, promoting the preservation and protection of the intertidal life and birds that inhabit the Marine Garden and the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

What are the implications of immigration reform?

Next Ales & Ideas lecture to focus on history, economics of immigration

ASTORIA — The recent presidential election and the uncertain future of immigration in the Americas have made immigration reform a hot topic. But immigration is older than the U.S. flag or Constitution, and it plays an immense role in our regional, national and international economy.

This is the subject of the next Ales & Ideas free community lecture, set for Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Fort George Lovell Showroom, located at 426 14th St. Craft3 Financial Systems Analyst Fernando Rodriguez will give the presentation “Immigration Nation: History, Reality & Re-

form.” Doors open with food and beverage service at 6 p.m., and the lecture starts at 7 p.m. Minors are welcome.

In a multimedia lecture, Rodriguez will begin with the history and root causes of immigration to the United States, provide an economic analysis of the current situation, and close by discussing the implications, both economic and humanitarian, of immigration reform.

Rodriguez joined the Ilwaco, Washington, branch of Craft3 as the coordinator of the Hispanic community services program in 2004. He has since been promoted to director of immigrant programs (2006), accountant (2009) and is currently financial system analyst. He is also active as board director of the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council.

Prior to joining the Craft3

Help your child learn to read with free classes

Free classes for parents and preschoolers

WARRENTON and ASTORIA — Clatsop Kinder Ready is offering free Every Child Ready to Read classes in Warrenton this February and in Astoria during March.

The series of three classes will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

The Warrenton classes will be held Feb. 7, 14, and 21 at Warrenton Grade School, located at 820 S.W. Cedar Ave. The Astoria classes will be held at Astor Elementary School, located at 3550 Franklin Ave., on March 7, 14, and 21.

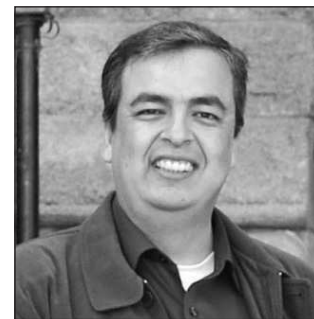
The purpose of the Every Child Ready to Read classes is to help parents and caregivers learn how to use the fun daily activities of talking, reading, writing,

singing and playing to help build their children’s brains during the early critical years and help their children learn.

Classes are for families with children ages birth to 5, but expectant parents are welcome too. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish at each location.

Pizza dinner is served each night to participants, and families go home with children’s picture books at each session to build their home libraries. Free childcare is offered during the classes as well.

Space is limited in each session, so register early. To register, call Angie at the Clatsop E.S.D. at 503-338-3377 or email her at aharrington@nwresd.k12.or.us. Spanish-speaking families can contact Diane at 503-738-2109 or email ddieni@nwresd.k12.or.us



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Fernando Rodriguez will speak at the next Ales & Ideas on Feb. 2.

team in January 2004, Rodriguez was a Migrant Bilingual Assistant at the Ilwaco Jr/Sr High School.

Rodriguez grew up primarily in Morelia, in the state of Michoacán in México. While there, he worked at Banco de México FIRA as software developer and systems analysis and design specialist for 10

years to formulate, evaluate, analyze and implement agriculture projects. At Universidad Latina de América he held the position as director and teacher of the computer systems’ school for nine years teaching computer science, computer programming, operations research, systems and software analysis and design.

He received his industrial engineer degree from Morelia Institute of Technology. He went on to earn a Master Degree in computer science from Toluca Institute of Technology, a Master Degree in information systems from Fundación Arturo Rosenblueth, and a degree in financials from Universidad LaSalle Campus Morelia.

The monthly Ales & Ideas lecture is presented by Clatsop Community College and the Fort George Brewery.