

Miss Clatsop County Outstanding Teen Peyton Sims is crowned by Miss Clatsop County Outstanding Teen 2016 Caitlin Hillman. Taryn Miller, Miss Columbia-Pacific's Outstanding Teen 2016, at right.



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Crowned: Judges evaluate 'overall package'

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More than beauty

The annual scholarship program — celebrating its 67th year — is far more than a beauty contest.

Program director Sandy Newman said judges evaluate the "overall package," with winners serving as ambassadors for the county at parades, charitable and special events.

Judges seek "somebody who's likable, can go with the flow," Newman said. "Great speaking skills are very important."

Garhofer entered her first contest while an eighth-grader at Broadway Middle School in Seaside. She was named Miss Clatsop County Teen in 2013.

"Over the past six years I've evolved into the woman I am," she said onstage after the show. "I am so thankful for this organization."

She was chosen among four Miss Clatsop County contestants, joined by Anna Kaim, Hayliehe Bell and

Kayla Warwood.

Garhofer is a student at Northwest Christian University. During her winning talent display, she tapdanced to "Emergency" by Icona Pop and described her platform as "Live Your Dash — Leave Your Legacy."

Garhofer also won service above self, fitness and congeniality awards. She was crowned by Alexis Mather, who is Miss Oregon and the winner of Miss North Coast Outstanding Teen 2011.

Outstanding teen Sims wowed judges with an emotional rendition of composer Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," while Ramsdell's performance of J.P. Cooper's "We Were Raised Under Gray Skies," and a platform of promoting school and community music programs contributed to her success.

Scholarship funds

Along with recognizing the talent of the county's young women, Miss Clatsop County Scholarship pro-

gram distributed thousands of dollars in scholarship funds.

"I think the experience of interviewing with a panel of judges for 10 minutes is invaluable," Newman said. "You have no idea what questions they are going to ask. They are applying for a job of Miss Clatsop County. Potentially Miss Oregon, potentially Miss America."

Contestants gain self-confidence and skills in interviewing and public speaking, Newman added. "Some of these girls have been competing as teens and now onstage today. In fact, all four Misses competed as teens. Seeing them grow is just amazing."

Next up for competitors: the Miss Oregon and Oregon's Outstanding Teen competition in Seaside at the end of June.

"I will be going to Miss Oregon at the end of June," Garhofer said as she enjoyed congratulations from organizers, family and friends. "I am so thankful for this opportunity! And I cannot wait to represent Clatsop County!"

Cutter: Crew members got to meet McCormick's family, see site of rescue

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McCormick was a commanding officer on the wooden motor lifeboat Triumph — stationed in Hammond — in March 1938 when he rescued a crew member who fell overboard. He received the Gold Lifesaving Medal for the rescue.

Jarmer, 56, of Portland, said her grandfather did not talk about the rescue much to her or her three sisters, preferring to remember it as just part of his job. She coordinated with the crew to develop the ship's crest, which includes a salmon drawing commemorating McCormick's love for fishing.

Top speeds

Near the time of McCormick's death at 85 in 1986, the new 110-foot Island-class patrol boats were just being commissioned. Three decades later, the cutters are replacing many of these boats.

"I think he'd be amazed at the ship and everything it has on it," Jarmer said.

The most noticeable upgrade from the Island-class is the ability to maintain top speeds. Both boats can reach speeds of roughly 30 knots, but the 20-cylinder engine on the Sentinel-class cutter allows it to maintain those speeds for a longer distance. Three generators significantly reduce the possibility of it losing power.

The cutter also holds a 26-foot stern launch boat that can glide from

a lowered platform on the back of the vessel into the water. Its ability to slide into the water as opposed to being lowered allows crew members to use it on larger swells.

"We can get there farther and faster and once we're at a scene, it makes it much easier to do law enforcement," said Lt. Mike Moysesowicz, the cutter's commanding officer.

Upgraded communication and electronic capabilities allow the cutter to function more independently, allowing the crew to handle certain tasks themselves rather than asking questions of a nearby station over radio.

"The technology just supersedes any other platform in the Coast Guard fleet," electrician's mate Pat Connolly said. "It blows your mind the stuff this boat can do."

Upgrades to the living quarters such as separated toilets and showers make it easier for the cutter to incorporate men and women, Moysesowicz said. Three pictures of McCormick also adorn the wall next to the mess tables.

Crew members said Saturday that meeting McCormick's family and sailing past the site of the rescue was a fitting last stop before the commissioning ceremony.

"It really adds that much more of a personal touch to it," Moysesowicz said. "For the crew, it adds that much more camaraderie. It's inspirational to add that much more of his legacy."

Blissett: Firefighter worked with many memorable firemen at the station

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old, they wanted lots of repairs. I closed in 1992.

Q: I heard something about oil company executives getting worked up over the station's decor?

I painted whales on the gas station building. They got crazy. They said we're taking your dealership away from you. I said what difference does that make? I can get the same damn gas and don't have to do what you guys are telling me to do. After that I didn't take Standard Oil cards, I took Bank of America cards. It didn't make any difference to me.

Q: What have you been doing since 1992?

I was a fireman and I clam dug, commercial clam digger. I'm married. I have three boys. One boy lives in the area. He's a captain on the Tidewater Barge Lines. The other two are out of the area, one in Seattle and the other's in Grants Pass.

Q: What kind of activities do you do with the Gearhart Fire Department?

I have been there so long I don't really have a desire to go in and breathe a lot of smoke. I feel like I was in it. We do have younger guys that are really

into it, and it's really good they are.

Q: Things were different when you started?

You might say they were different, but jumping on the trucks and going to the fires was the same. The difference is the improvements between now and then. We didn't have the modern Electrons we have now in our home. We had a siren. The siren would go off. We'd respond to the station. I'd be the first one. Pick up the phone and find out where the fire was, mark it on the bulletin board and then get up and go.

Q: Serious fires?

John Osburn, who owned the Gearhart Hotel, was my uncle. That was quite a building. I worked there in high school. There were fires there. The golf course across the street caught on fire. That was a big one.

One time, we were called into a structure fire. There was smoke coming out of the roof and the windows were black. All the firemen — including myself — thought it was a real serious fire. So we pulled the ladder out and got out the chainsaw and started to drill a hole on the roof to vent and I opened the door and there was just smoke in the building that

wasn't like hot smoke, just smoke. There was no smoke coming out of the chimney, but there was a fire in the stove. I said, I don't think we need to ventilate by cutting a hole in the roof. It's not hot in here. Well, a squirrel had got up into the chimney and built a nest and plugged up all the ventilation for the fire to go up out of the chimney. Smoke was just filling the room.

Q: Who were some of the memorable people you've worked with at the department?

Memorable firemen — there were a lot of them. There's a plaque in front of the firehouse of all the people who built the station. Denny Holmes. Bill Heckenberg. They're still alive. They're older than me. Randy Curs owned the grocery store. When the siren rang, he and I would race down there to see who got there first. The story got out that one time the fire siren rang and I got halfway down to the station and came back and got

my car and drove back to the station — which was a block.

Q: Did you ever lose anybody?

Yeah ... yeah. We lost a small child in the house right next to the gas station. That's not something you want to keep in the back of your mind.

Q: You responded to the plane crash in 2008 that killed five people?

Yes. **Q: Any moments you couldn't deal with?**

I could deal with all of it. The guy on the beach who covered himself with gas, and lit himself on fire, was burning when we got there. Some things we don't want to remember.

Q: Anything special you want to talk about?

The Fireman's Ball. I've been to many fireman's ball. It's always Memorial Day weekend. It's a fun deal. We had it at the Gearhart Hotel for about seven years, then at a place called the Sands. Then we went to the Fire Hall, and

had it in the hall itself by taking the trucks out, which we still do. It used to be where the people would really dress up. It was a different clientele. There weren't that many younger kids. Now the older people would rather sit at home. Now we have it at the station. We rent a large tent.

Q: How do you feel about the idea of building a new firehouse?

It's definitely got to be in the making.

Q: Any preference where it should be?

Not really. The location where it is. Or across the street,

near the grade school where I went to school. I wouldn't want to see the park up the hill used. I think (former Gearhart resident) Lesley Miller donated it as a park to stay a park.

Q: How long are you going to continue to volunteer?

That's a good question. I think that's up to somebody else. The guys are really good guys. There's always a few ... but it seems if they're there long enough, they get straightened out. It's more or less just being able to provide a service rather than how long I want to be there. I'll know.

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Evening listings
MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING													MARCH 13	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (SF) (N)				The Bachelor "After the Final Rose" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (SF) (N)				The Bachelor "After the Final Rose" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "The Blind Auditions"				Taken "Off Side" (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show	
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait (N) Man With a Plan	Super Donuts (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Scorpion (N)	Scorpion (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait (N) Man With a Plan	Super Donuts (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Scorpion (N)	Scorpion (N)		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Blind Auditions"				Taken "Off Side" (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Comedy Gala A comedic special hosted by Howie Mandel.				KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
9	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Modern Family	Comedy Gala A comedic special hosted by Howie Mandel.			Oregon Revealed 2	"An Oregon Field Guide Special 2"		Financial Solutions		
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	24: Legacy "6:00 PM-7:00 PM" (N)	APB "Daddy's Home" (N)			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls	
11	KPDQ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV			Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show	
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	24: Legacy "6:00 PM-7:00 PM" (N)	APB "Daddy's Home" (N)			Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons	
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan (N)		
14	EZPN	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	
15	ESPN	(29) (5:00) Tournament Challenge (L)		College Basketball Live (L)	College Basketball Live (L)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
16	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) 30 for 30	30 for 30 Shorts	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	30 for 30 "Requiem for the Big East"				College Basketball Live (L)		Jalen & Jacoby	NFL Live	
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Ride	Ride	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
18	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Good Luck Charlie	Stick in the Middle	Good Luck Charlie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	
19	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** Mrs. Doubtfire '93, Com	Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Robin Williams.	Young (SP) (N)	Daddy (SP) (N)	A Cinderella Story: If the Shoe Fits '16	Jennifer Tilly, Thomas Law, Sofia Carson.	The 700 Club						
20	FMC	(35) (4:30) Contraband	(45) *** Contraband (2012, Action) Giovanni Ribisi, Kate Beckinsale, Mark Wahlberg.			(55) *** Les Misérables (2012, Musical) Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway, Hugh Jackman.								
21	ROOF	(36) (5:00) *** Sex and the City 2 '10	Cynthia Nixon, Sarah Jessica Parker.	*** Rumor Has It (2005, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Mark Ruffalo, Kevin Costner.		*** Ghosts of Girlfriends Past '09	Jennifer Garner, Matthew McConaughey.							
22	LIFE	(37) (5:00) MLS Soccer Seattle vs Montreal	Mariners Mondays "Midsummer Night Wins" (N)							UFC UFC 187				
23	FST	(38) (5:00) UFC Main Event "Dillashaw vs. Cruz"	UFC Main "Bisping vs. Henderson 2" (N)	UFC Main Event "Cruz vs. Faber 3" (N)		Speak for Yourself				Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				
24	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Campus PD	Campus PD	Cops	Cops	Campus PD	Campus PD	
25	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Archer Pt. 1 of 2	Archer Pt. 2 of 2	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)		
26	HIST	(45) American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Dark Waters"	The First 48 "Last Shift"			Cold Case "She Never Came Home" (N)	Bates Motel "Hidden" (N)			The First 48				
28	DISC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Brandi and Kandi's Story"			My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story"				
29	TLC	(48) Street Outlaws	Fast N' Loud: Revved Up (N)			Fast "Build to Mega Race Part III" (N)	Diesel Brothers (N)			Fast "Build to Mega Race Part III" (N)				
30	NGEO	(49) The Story of God "Creation"	The Story of God "Proof of God"			OriginHuman "Spark of Civilization"	OriginHuman "Cheating Death" (N)			National Geographic Explorer (N)		OriginsHumankind "Cheating Death"		
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at San Antonio Spurs (L)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center — Denver, Colo. (L)							INSIDE the NBA		NBA Basketball Atlanta vs San Antonio		
32	FAM	(51) (4:00) Batman Begins Christian Bale.	*** Sherlock Holmes (2009, Adventure) Jude Law, Rachel McAdams, Robert Downey Jr..							HUMANS (N)				
33	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(05) Friday Tykes "Ruined by Adults" (N)		
34	FOOD	(53) Diners...Dives "Knockout Burger Joints"	Diners, Drive-Ins "Dynamite Desserts"			Diners, Drive-Ins "Flavortown Faves"	Diners, Drive-Ins "World Class Flavor"			Diners, Drive-Ins "Incredible Italian"		Diners, Drive-Ins "Pizza Party"		
35	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It	Love It or List It			Love It or List It "Pool House Problems"	Love It or List It "Overseas Oversight"			House Hunters	House Hunters	TinyHouseHunters	TinyHouseHunters	
36	FX	(56) (5:00) *** American Hustle '13	Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence, Christian Bale.	*** Star Trek: Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.						Anderson Cooper 360		Star Trek: Into Darkness Chris Pine.		
37	CNN	(57) CNN Special Report (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Special Report					The First 100 Days				
38	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	Tucker Carlson Tonight									
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	American Greed: Scam (N)	American Greed: Scam (N)	American Greed: Scam (N)					Paid Program	Paid Program			
40	BRVA	(63) VanderpumpR "Man Tears and Brazers"	Vanderpump Rules "Drag Battle"			Vanderpump Rules				Summer House (SF) (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Vanderpump Rules	
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) Take a Giant Step Johnny Nash.	Hand in Hand (1961, Drama) Finlay Currie, Kathleen Byron.	*** Let No Man Write My Epitaph (1960, Drama) Shelley Winters, Burl Ives.		*** 13 West Street '62, Crime Story	Rod Steiger, Alan Ladd.							
42	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Doom (2005, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban.	*** Dredd (2012, Action) Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey, Karl Urban.			*** Zombieland (2009, Action) Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone, Woody Harrelson.				Jonah Hex (2010, Action) Josh Brolin.				
43	RFD	(62) Rancher (N)	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live"	CanCooker	American Rancher	Red Steagall		Product Showcase	