

## Family camping program provides equipment

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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) welcomes beginning campers to join in an overnight guided camping experience this summer at an Oregon state park. Registrations are now being accepted for the Let's Go Camping program. For \$30 per family, OPRD provides tents, sleeping bags and other gear. Volunteers help campers set up tents, build campfires, prepare meals in the campsite and more.

Activities could include ranger-led hikes, owl prowls, bat chats and s'mores. Most events are limited to 35 people and spots are filling quickly. The dates and locations are as follows: June 16 to 18, L.L. Stub Stewart State Park, Buxton; June 30 to July 2, Deschutes River State Recreation Area, Wasco; July 7 to 9, Cascadia State Park, Cascadia; July 14 to 16, Willamette Mission State Park, Gervais; July 21 to 23, Silver Falls State Park, Sublimity; July 21 to 23, Prineville Reservoir, near Prineville; July 28 to 30, Ainsworth State Park, Cascade Locks; Aug. 11 to 13, Milo McIver State Park, Estacada; Aug. 25 to 27, Champoeg State Park, St. Paul; and Sept. 8 to 10, Memaloose State Park, Mosier.

Register for an event by calling 800-551-6949.

## SELF-HELP GROUPS

**Narcotics Anonymous** — The Northwest Oregon Area of Narcotics Anonymous (NWO-NA) holds meetings in Clatsop County. For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the Helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to [www.nworegonna.org](http://www.nworegonna.org)

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (Astoria)** — 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.

**TOPS (Seaside)** — 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.

## Union workers, management donate blood

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The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2746 and Clatsop County management co-sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 10 at the Boyington building in Astoria. Lisa Lindberg, a property appraiser in the county Assessment and Taxation Department and a union member, organized the event in the spirit of the local's slogan: "Proudly Working for Our Community."

The blood drive collected 45 pints of blood — two more than the goal. Up to three people may be able to receive help from each of those pints of blood collected, according to the Red Cross. Forty-seven people showed up to donate; 11 donating for their first time.

Both management and union members volunteered their own time to check in blood donors and assist at



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Senior engineering technician and AFSCME union member Terry Hendryx enjoys a cookie as he donates blood for the first time.

the blood drive. They also donated cookies and beverages for donors, and some rolled up their sleeves and donated blood. The event was good-naturedly dubbed the "Bloody Challenge — Labor vs. Bosses!" The "side" with

the greater percentage of donors, volunteers and food/beverage donors would win bragging rights. Labor won.

The union also registered potential blood stem cell and bone marrow donors for the nonprofit DKMS.

## Garhofer crowned Miss Clatsop

### Scholarships awarded to contestants

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SEASIDE — About 450 people watched as three local young women were crowned Miss Clatsop County 2017, Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen 2017 and Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen 2017 March 11 at the Seaside Convention Center, where over \$6,100 in scholarships was awarded.

Twenty-year-old Hannah Garhofer of Seaside walked away with \$2,050 in scholarships being named Miss Clatsop County 2017, and sweeping all the Preliminary Awards as well as the Platform Presentation, Service Above Self, Marketing and Entrepreneurial Awards. She is a 2015 graduate of Seaside High School, and is currently enrolled at Northwest Christian University.

Named Runner-Up in the Miss division was 18-year-old Haylie Bell, also of Seaside, who received a \$525 scholarship.

Winning the Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen 2017 title was 13-year-old Peyton Sims of Gearhart. She will receive a total of \$825 after also winning the overall Teen Interview, Talent and Eveningwear Preliminaries. Sims, who attends Broadway Middle School, also received the Teen Entrepreneurial Award.

The Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen title went to 15-year-old Nicole Ramsdell

of Astoria, who will receive a \$525 scholarship for her efforts.

Sixteen-year-old Shelby Rhodes of Gearhart was named Teen runner-up and Overall Teen Fitness Winner. She attends Seaside High School and qualifies for \$325 in Scholarships.

The wins by Garhofer, Sims and Ramsdell will move them forward to Miss Oregon and Oregon's Outstanding Teen competition in late June in Seaside. They will also serve as official ambassadors for this area for the year.

Voted by their peers, Hannah Garhofer was named Miss Congeniality and Peyton Sims was named Miss Teen Congeniality. They will both receive an additional \$75 into their scholarship accounts.

The Teen Service Above Self Award went to 14-year-old Lilly Boothe of Clatskanie, giving her a total of \$225 in scholarships, and the Teen Marketing Award was given to 14-year-old Riley Mitchell of Warrenton, raising her scholarships to \$225. Mitchell's basket, titled "Play Ball" and included six tickets to a Seattle Mariner's game, generated the most money at the auction, raising \$600 for the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program. The remaining contestants will receive a minimum of \$125 as nonfinalists.

By random draw, 7-year-old Taylor Betts of Gearhart was named Miss Clatsop County's Princess. She will accompany Garhofer on stage at Miss Oregon in July and attend events throughout the county.

Also on stage Saturday night were outgoing 2016 title holders, Ryen Buys, Tess Rund, Caitlin Hillman, Nikkole Sasso and Taryn Miller, as well as Miss Oregon 2016 Alexis Mather. Miss Oregon 2007 Kari Virding Christianson and her husband, Eric, were the emcees. The judges included Jessica Nelson-Deering, Miss Clatsop County 2001 and 2003.

The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is supported in part by corporate sponsors. Through the Friday live auction and Saturday's silent auction an additional \$4,000 was raised. The Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Program is an official preliminary to the Miss Oregon and Miss America Organization. For information, contact Sandy Newman at 503-717-3501 or go to [www.missclatsopcounty.org](http://www.missclatsopcounty.org)

## Visit Washington state parks for free Sunday

ILWACO, Wash. — Washington State Parks turns 104 years old on Sunday, and visitors are invited to help celebrate by enjoying a state park for free that day, and are not required to display the daytime use Discover Pass.

Free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, which costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a one-day permit, and is required for vehicle access to state recreation

lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 "free days" when the pass would not be required to visit state parks.

For a list of all the free days for 2017, go to <http://bit.ly/2nnq9ZB>

## Schenbeck named Student of the Month

WARRENTON — Elle Schenbeck, a Warrenton High School senior, has been selected for the Warrenton Rotary Club's February Student of the Month award. The program honors accomplished local high school students, chosen by the school administration, who make a difference in their school and/or community.

Schenbeck, an outstanding student with a GPA of 3.9, is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in leadership

classes. She plans to attend a university after graduation.

Each student of the month receives a printed award along with gift certificates from area businesses who also want to acknowledge noteworthy student achievements, including Warrenton Fultano's Pizza, GB Jewelers, Warrenton Mini Mart, Sweet Scoops, Lucky Locks, Arnie's Café, Starbucks and Sandi Kelly.

For information, go to the Warrenton Rotary Club Facebook page.



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Warrenton Rotary Club president, Birch Kelly, left, and Rotary February Student of the Month, Elle Schenbeck.

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