

Brownsmead Grange hosts chili cook-off

BROWNSMEAD — The Brownsmead Grange will host its annual chili cook-off fundraiser 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

Chefs from local restaurants have been invited to enter the challenge and represent their businesses. The family friendly event serves the community with a full chili dinner, as well as prizes, raffle and fun for all.

To enter the cook-off, bring at least three quarts of homemade chili in a warmer (crock pot) along with a

3-inch-by-5-inch card listing the ingredients (to keep “secret” recipes secret, amounts need not be listed) and spice level (mild, med or hot) by 5 p.m. to the grange.

The meal will include fresh corn bread and honey, a hot bowl of chili — meat and vegetarian options will be on offer — or a chili dog with fresh-chopped onions and a sprinkle of grated cheese.

Lemonade and beverages will be provided, as well as freshly brewed coffee donated by Columbia River Coffee

Roasters in Astoria.

Contestants will be judged anonymously by a panel of judges. A crowd favorite will also be chosen, so everyone who comes will get to vote for their favorite chili.

Tickets are available at the door (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under).

For more information, call 503-458-5229 or email BrownsmeadGrange@gmail.com, or find visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/brownsmead-grange>.

Young choreographers present their own dances

ASTORIA — Nine young choreographers will dance onto the Liberty Theatre stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, for the annual Young Choreographers Concert Showcase.

The dancers are members of Little Ballet Theatre and students of Maddox Dance Studio in Warrenton. They pick their costumes, prepare the staging, select their music, then appear in front of a panel of judges for feedback on their creations, one week before the performance.

This culminates in the



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public showing at Astoria’s historic theater.

Augmenting the performance will be several Little Ballet Theatre group performances, highlighting the choreography of faculty members Emily Madsen, Carleta Lewis Allen and Caroline Wright.

Tickets are available at the Liberty Theatre 30 minutes before the performance: \$10 adults; \$5 seniors and students 12 and under; children under 6 are free.

For more information, call Jeanne Peterson, the dance studio founder, at 503-861-1971.

Beaver fever hits Seaside

SEASIDE — Beavers are a much-maligned and, in many areas, banished species, but can play a key role in wetlands habitat restoration efforts, and a Portland scientist will share her ideas on how to bring the animals back.

Kate Holleran, a natural resources scientist at Metro, will give a talk at the Seaside Public Library at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, about her beaver restoration research and her own experience with the rodents. She will discuss how her team has lured beavers back to streams, and how landowners cope with the results of beaver activity on their property.

“Dam, Beaver! Dam!” is the fourth of five wildlife-themed Listening to the



Kate Holleran

Land presentations in 2017. Admission is free.

Holleran has implemented several projects to improve the aquatic and forest habitat along Johnson Creek on the east side of the Metro district, on Chehalem Ridge on the west side, and on other

nearby streams.

On May 6, artwork depicting beavers and beaver habitat will go on display at Fairweather House & Gallery and other venues throughout town in time for the Seaside First Saturday Art Walk. That day, the author of “Once They Were Hats: In Search of the Mighty Beaver” will make a special appearance at Beach Books.

Visit NCLCtrust.org/dam-beaver-dam for more information on these events.

Listening to the Land is a monthly winter speaker series offered January through May and presented by North Coast Land Conservancy and the Necanicum Watershed Council, in partnership with the Seaside Public Library.

Are you an artist in need of a studio?

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts seeks applications from local artists interested in working in a rent-free studio May 1 through Aug. 30.

The application deadline is midnight, Saturday, April 22; the notification of selection will take place Saturday, April 29.

Successful candidates are provided with one of

two studios available in the Astoria Downtown Historic District, free of charge, for a four-month residency beginning May 1.

The AVA a-i-r Program is designed to encourage the creative, intellectual and professional growth of local artists. Residency finalists are chosen on the basis of

merit by an independent selection panel of working artists and arts patrons. Past applicants are encouraged to reapply with an updated portfolio and statement reflecting updates and changes.

To apply online, visit <http://www.astoriavisualarts.org/ava-a-i-r.html>.

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