

COMMUNITY IN BRIEF

The Daily Astorian

CCC scholarship fundraiser features artists and experiences

Gerry Swenson has been a consistent figure at Clatsop Community College for nearly the entire history of the college, starting as a mathematics instructor in 1965. She was recently recognized for her 50th year on the board of the Clatsop Community College Foundation, and has seen the foundation grow from raising around \$3,000 a year for scholarships into supporting scholarships, equipment and academic programs.

Swenson, who received the college's Spirit of Clatsop Award in 2008, has long been part of the foundation's Arts & Experiences dinner and auction, a primary fundraiser for scholarships. "Several years ago we decided our event and efforts should serve two purposes: raise money for student scholarships and help promote local artists," she said.

This year's fundraiser is May 6 at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, and features both regional artists and experiences, including trips to Cortona, Italy, and Bali, Indonesia.

For information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/kybr4kc>

'Savvy Social Security Planning' offered by Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial is holding a free workshop, "Savvy Social Security Planning," at two times and locations on Thursday. The first event is at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Best Western Bayfront Hotel, 555 Hamburg Ave. in Astoria; the second is at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 34 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside.

The workshop explains what Baby Boomers need to know to maximize retirement income. Join Linda Moreland, a certified financial planner, who will talk about recent legislation that affects some Social Security strategies for those born before 1954. Thrivent Financial guest speaker Jason Susee covers Social Security and strategies for maximizing benefits; the ideal time to apply for Social Security; and ways to minimize taxes on Social Security benefits.

To reserve a spot for yourself and a guest, call 503-780-8704.

ext. 2, or email Nancy.Schwickrath@thrivent.com. Refreshments, coffee, water and cookies will be served.

Free program offers practical advice on how to talk to doctors

WARRENTON — A program, "How To Talk To Your Doctor," practical tips that can be used to communicate better with healthcare providers, takes place from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Lane.

The featured speaker is Helen Osborne, who helps others communicate health information in ways that patients, caregivers and the public can understand. She speaks, podcasts, writes and teaches about health literacy to audiences across the country and around the world. Her website is www.healthliteracy.com

This free program is open to patients, their caregivers and families, and no registration is required. Refreshments will be served.

For questions, email Janet Holboke at jholboke@gobhi.net

Fishing Derby Fundraiser set for Saturday at Cullaby Lake

The Fisheries Technology class at Astoria High School holds its seventh Annual Aquatic Biology Program Fishing Derby Fundraiser on Saturday at Coffenbury Lake in Fort Stevens State Park. Ticket sales and derby hours begin at 7 a.m., and the derby ends at 4 p.m.

About 70 color-tagged 1-4 pound rainbow trout, reared by students in an on-campus hatchery, will be released into the lake. Fishermen can purchase tickets for \$10 each at the lake on derby day from AHS Aquatic Biology Program students to earn the right to redeem these specially marked fish for prizes, which have been donated by local sponsors. Any additional businesses interested in becoming a sponsor can contact Lee Cain at lcain@astoria.k12.or.us

Fisheries Technology is the culminating class in a two-year Aquatic Biology Program. Because of its hands-on, real-world approach to learning, the projects and field trips require materials and expenses above what the current Science Department budget can cover, so fundraising is a necessity.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. The April "Fifth Sunday" is a music service with Sandy Nielsen and Nancy Logan. For information, call 503-338-6883 or go to www.pac-uuf.org

Christian Science

"The Healing and Unifying Power of Divine Love: Your Prayer Can Make a Difference," a free talk given by Maryl Walters, is being given at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Walters is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston.

This event is sponsored by the Christian Sci-



Maryl Walters

ence churches in Gearhart and Astoria. For information, call 503-738-0200 or 503-325-5719.

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., holds a movie night at 6 p.m. Sunday, and shows the movie, "Risen." The movie imagines what might have happened when a Roman soldier went to investigate the resurrection of Jesus, and how his life was changed. There is no cost for this event, and the public is welcome. For information, call 503-325-2925.

Grace Episcopal

There will be a single 9 a.m. service on Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. It is an opportunity for those who usually attend either the 8 or 10 a.m. service to come together. Those attending are invited to bring a pie to share.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

GRADUATE

The following student has graduated from college:

Grantham University
Lenexa, Kansas

Astoria: Darin McCracken, associate's degree, business administration.

Warrenton Rotary selects Sheppard as Student of Month

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WARRENTON — Brian Sheppard, a Warrenton High School senior, has been selected for the Warrenton Rotary Club's March 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. Sheppard models a strong value system and leads by example, and was chosen for his skills in goal setting. A member of the National Honor Society, his current GPA places Brian in the top 10 percent of graduating seniors. He participates in the ROV (underwater robotics) Club, and has been a leader for in the football and wrestling programs, both on and off the field, and

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was nominated by the wrestling program to participate in Student Athlete Leadership.

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 Face-

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**Clatsop County Animal Shelter
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503-861-1621**

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