

## Astoria school staff recognized for 'A Tradition of Excellence'

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Nearly 150 Astoria School District staff, as well as friends and families filled the Hampton Inn meeting room May 18 for the annual "A Tradition of Excellence" Awards. The event, sponsored by the Astoria School Foundation, recognized individuals for their accomplishments in and out of the classroom.

Staff members recognized for 10 or more consecutive years in the district include Clint Blacker, Beth Frausto, Glen Fromwiller, Tiffany Golden, Cindy Sapp, Stephanie Sparks, Ryker Thornton, Michelle Gardner and Gretchen Gaydos.

Staff members recognized for 20 or more consecutive years in the district are Lisa Rygg, Dan Foss and Chris Hunt.

The Classified/Support Staff Member of the Year award was presented to Carla Oja for her excellent work performance, school and community involvement, leadership and her commitment to the district. She has worked



**LEFT: Astoria High School senior Elizabeth Roe, left, with Mickey Cereghino, an AHS art teacher who received Astoria School District awards for being the Certified Staff Member of the Year and the 2017 Teacher of the Year. RIGHT: Chad Rankin, a certified athletic trainer, received the Astoria School District's Community Recognition Award.**



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for the ASD for over 24 years, and has also served as a swim coach for Astoria High School for 17 years.

Mickey Cereghino, an art teacher at AHS, received the Certified Staff Member of the Year award for inspiring, motivating, encouraging and helping students excel in school. AHS senior Elizabeth Roe also presented the 2017 Teacher of the Year award to Cereghino.

The ASD Collaboration

Team Award was presented to the teaching staff of the Astoria Middle School Science program, Stanette Klatt, Keira Benson and Katy Rininger, for demonstrating outstanding teamwork, exemplary work performance, and improving student learning through their collaborative work.

The Community Recognition Award was given to Chad Rankin, a certified athletic trainer whose services are

provided to the school district by Columbia Memorial Hospital. One of his most important responsibilities is the care and treatment of athletic injuries. He is present for summer camps, and will rearrange his schedule at a moment's notice if needed to visit with a coach or student-athlete.

Baked Alaska prepared the desserts, and Van Dusen Beverages provided Aquafina for the event.

## MORE NOTES

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**Astoria-Warrenton Duplicate Bridge Club** — 12:30 to 4 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Anyone may play if they have a partner; to request a bridge partner, call 503-325-0029.

**Authentic Spiritual Conversations** — 7 to 8:30 p.m., 2021 Marine Drive. Open dialogue about spiritual issues. Group supports participants in sharing their own understanding and putting their spiritual values into practice. All faiths, including "spiritual but not religious" welcome. For information, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Warrenton Sunrise Rotary Club** — 7 a.m., Dooger's Seafood & Grill, Youngs Bay Plaza, 103 S. U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call 503-325-4030.

**Angora Hiking Club** — 9 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot. Arcadia/Arch Cape hike. For information, call John Markham at 503-436-2310.

**Chair Exercises for Seniors** — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Help Ending Abusive Relationship Tendencies** — 10 to 11:30 a.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. HEART covers subjects related to the effects of domestic violence on children, parents and other family members, dynamics of power and control, and how to recognize red flags. Open group for females and those who identify as female, and for anyone in an abusive relationship, or who knows someone who is. For information, call Juli Hol at 503-325-3426, ext. 103.

**Wickiup Senior Lunches** — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

**Senior Lunch** — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

**Columbia Senior Diners** — 11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. The cost is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

**Blood Pressure Checks** — noon to 2 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Sit & Stitch** — 1 to 3 p.m., Hometown Quilts & Yarn, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or other needlework projects along to this community stitching time. All skill levels welcome.

**Mahjong for Experienced Players** — 1:15 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Beginner Line Dancing for Seniors** — 1:30 to 3 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

## Top spelling contest winners move up to state competition

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Top spellers from Clatsop County, after winning in their respective schools, competed May 15 at the Northwest Regional Education Service District in Astoria for the opportunity to go to the Oregon State Fair on Sept. 2 for the statewide spelling championship.

Division I (grades 1-5) participants were: Aurora Hepner and Aubrey Williams, Warrenton Grade School; Ash Baldwin and Dominik Kuller, Hilda Lahti Elementary School; Nicholas Boyovich and Rogelio Ruiz Buckman, Lewis and Clark Elementary School; Hyrum Shakespear and Jordan Lyly, Gearhart Elementary School; and Isaac Hale, Seaside Heights Elementary School.

**THURSDAY**  
**Chair Exercises for Seniors** — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**North Coast Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m., Astoria Golf and Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Lane, Warrenton. For information, call 503-738-8695 or go to <http://tinyurl.com/CCRepublican>

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**Warrenton Senior Lunch Program** — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

**Seaside Rotary Club** — noon, Best Western Ocean View Resort, 414 N. Prom, Seaside. Lunch costs \$15. All are welcome. For information, go to <http://seasiderotary.com>

**Survivors Circle** — noon to 1 p.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model Peer Support Group for survivors of intimate partner and sexual assault. Held in a safe confidential place to explore the causes, effects and methods of healing from

trauma; emphasis is on empowering survivors. For information, contact Shannon Symonds at 503-325-3426 ext. 106.

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**Trivia** — 6:30 p.m., Uptown Cafe, 1639 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton. Teams of up to four players. Three \$2 games, winners take each pot. Rolling jackpot builds from week to week if no one answers jackpot question. For information, call 503-861-5639.

**Jam Session** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Open to the public.

**Community Skate Night** — 5 to 9 p.m., Astoria Armory, 1650 Exchange St. Admission \$3. Limited roller skate rentals available for \$3; roller blades available. For information, call 503-791-6064 or go to [www.astoriaarmory.com](http://www.astoriaarmory.com)

**Bingo** — 7 p.m., Wickiup Senior Center, 92650 Svensen Market Road. For information call Mark Tischer at 503-458-6482.

**OTHER**  
**Astoria Music Festival** — Volunteers needed for 15th Anniversary Summer 2017 Celebration June 11 through June 25, two weeks of opera and symphonic and chamber music. Many opportunities available, all with flexible hours and commitments, from assisting to leading. For information, email [office@astoriamusicfestival.org](mailto:office@astoriamusicfestival.org)

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### DAR retires American flags in June; new officers installed

The Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution holds a retirement ceremony for American flags at 1 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Stevens State Historical Site. American flags in need of retirement may be turned in to any member or at City Lumber in Astoria.

The installation of new officers was held May 17. The new officers are Regent Laurene Church, Vice Regent Deb Quimby, Chaplain Marge Stevens, Treasurer Barbara Canessa, Secretary Anne Murry, Registrar Sue Glen, Historian Evelyn Laughman and Librarian Robin Rhodes.

Women interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution may call Sue Glen at 503-861-0574 for an application or information.

### Workplace communication workplace seminar set June 7

The Lower Columbia Human Resources Management Association presents "Effective Workplace Communication: Promoting Success Through a Culture of Trust and Belief," from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7 at the Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St.

Anyone with an interest in the topic is welcome to attend. The cost, including lunch, is \$20 for Society for Human Resource Management members, \$25 for nonmembers, and \$15 for students. Register online at [www.lchirma.org](http://www.lchirma.org). Cancellations must be made no later than 5 p.m. June 5 for a full refund.

### Alzheimer's and dementia care free seminar offered June 7

A free event, "Alzheimer's and Dementia Care: What works?" is being presented from 12:30 to 4:40 p.m. June 7 at the Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Drive. Snacks and beverages are provided. The schedule is as follows:

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Registration.  
1 to 3 p.m.: "What to do When Nothing Works," presented by Joyce Beedle, an Alzheimer's disease care consultant. Beedle has 30-plus years of hands-on personal and professional experience, and is an author and the president of the Alzheimer's Consulting Services in Portland.

3 to 4 p.m.: "Legal Considerations," including power of attorney, being a guardian or conservator, and estates, presented by Michael Pijanswski, an attorney at the Oregon Law Center.

4 to 4:30 p.m.: Community resource review.  
To attend, RSVP to Michelle Lewis of Northwest Senior and Disability Services at 503-861-4202.

### Seaside Rotary Club dedicates Peace Pole in Goodman Park

SEASIDE — The Seaside Rotary Club dedicates its Peace Pole in a commemorative ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Goodman Park, coinciding with the Rotary district convention being held in Seaside.

Speakers are Seaside Mayor Jay Barber and Rotary member Bob Moberg, a Chinook descendant, who talks about peace from the perspective of the native tribes from this area. This ceremony marks the close of the District 5100 conference in Seaside.

A Peace Pole is a handcrafted monument that displays the message and prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth" on each of its sides. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world, dedicated as monuments to peace.

For questions or information, contact Veronica Russell at 503-739-0280.

### State parks free camping night is offered in Oregon on June 3

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department offers free camping to celebrate State Parks Day the night of June 3 in all RV hookup sites, tent sites and horse camps. Fort Stevens State Park also offers free fishing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Coffenburg Lake.

Reserve online at [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org) or by calling 800-452-5687. Phone reservations must be made by 5 p.m. June 2. The campsite rental is free, but there is an \$8 non-refundable transaction fee. Day-use parking is free June 3 and 4 at the 26 parks that charge a day-use fee.

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