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ABOVE: A member of the U.S. Coast Guard's honor guard, left, and retired Capt. Robert Stevens performed the call to colors during a Memorial Day service Monday at Ocean View Cemetery. BELOW: Spurgeon Keeth, one of the region's last survivors of Pearl Harbor, was escorted during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday to plant a wreath in honor of those lost in the attack more than 75 years ago. More Memorial Day photos available online at DailyAstorian.com

'This is a remembrance'

NORTH COAST HONORS SERVICE OF THE FALLEN

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Jon Marsh, a former commander of the American Legion in Oregon, reminded a somber crowd gathered at the Ocean View Cemetery Monday about the purpose of Memorial Day.

"This is not a holiday," he said. "It's a remembrance."

The way to honor the dead's sacrifice for America's freedom, Marsh said, is to carry on their legacy and provide veterans with proper compensation, shelter, education and employment opportunities.

Veterans, friends and family gathered Monday at the cemetery, surrounded by U.S. flags and flowers peppering the hills and headstones, to remember those Clatsop County residents who died in combat.

Memorial Day has been celebrated since 1866. The American Legion Clatsop Post 12 has organized the local ceremony in some form since 1919.

Honoring the dead

Those killed in action were honored with prayers, poems, flowers and wreaths planted at the ceremony. There to accompany a wreath honoring those who died in the Pearl Harbor attack more than 75 years ago was Spurgeon Keeth, who was a 16-year-old U.S. Army

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Members of the American Legion Riders salute the flag as part of a Memorial Day ceremony held in Seaside on Monday.

SEASIDE LEGION REACHES OUT TO HONOR AREA VETS

Oregon Sen. Johnson seeks fair share of lottery funds

By R.J. MARX
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SEASIDE — Jan Jackson of the Seaside Elks recalled a time when America marked graves with flags and "spilled our tears upon the ground, in memory of those whose courage and valor led to their death."

Known as Decoration Day, the ceremony evolved into Memorial Day, observed in communities large and small throughout the nation.

Jackson, who was named Oregon's Elk Officer of the Year at the organization's April convention in Seaside, was introduced by American Legion Post 99 Cmdr. Steve Gibson at Monday's legion event.

Supporting veterans

Along with remembering our nation's fallen, the event put a spotlight on veterans' affairs legislation in Oregon. The biggest concern is making sure the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs is fully funded, keynote speaker state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, said before the formal ceremony.

She said Gov. Kate Brown's budget fails to add voter-approved lottery funds intended for veterans' services to the base level of support.

"The veterans were of the mind that we should have gotten our base support plus what the voters

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Ag faces big labor shortages

Low unemployment, immigration fears

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It's three weeks before the start of harvest and the Chelan Fruit Cooperative is short hundreds of workers needed to pack this year's cherry crop. General Manager Reggie Collins worries about whether some of the crop will have to go un-picked in June and July.

"Last year, we were scared to death and we were able to get barely enough for our packing lines with high school kids. This year it looks shorter," Collins

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Benjamin Lugo ties pieces of Extenday reflective fabric together as Fernando Licona pulls it down a row on an ATV at Lyall Orchards in Mattawa, Wash., this month. The fabric helps ripen fruit. They are year-round workers but owner Charles Lyall is concerned about having enough pickers through harvests.

Q&A

An artistic chef with a love of good food

A staple at Nanci and Jimella's

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KLIPSAN BEACH, Wash. — It's no surprise that Katie Witherbee-Allsup became a chef. From a young age her family taught her the importance of good food.

She's worked in the restau-

rant industry for about 20 years now, her first job coming as a busser for The Ark restaurant in Nahcotta when she was 14. Witherbee-Allsup spent six years living on the Long Beach Peninsula in her early teens, before moving and eventually attending Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in Portland.

She then worked as a chef in the city, but eventually moved back to the

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