

Petty officer group supports Reach the Stars dancers



Reach the Stars Dance instructor Rebecca McCalmon, left, accepts a check for \$300 from Lauren Walton, right, president of the Chief Petty Officer Association of the Lower Columbia River. The dance company's mission is to keep rates affordable; the CPOA supports multiple youth sports programs and scholarships. "We are so proud to be able to help our community," Walton said. Also pictured, back row, Travis Marsh, CPOA vice president and Casey Dennis CPOA member, and, holding the check, five Reach the Stars Dance students.

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Heather Taccetta/Hill Country Visitor

A newborn calf named Genie has facial marking that resemble Gene Simmons, bass player for the rock group KISS, shortly after its birth in Kerrville. On Sunday, Simmons tweeted his admiration for the calf.

Texas calf looks like rocker Gene Simmons, frontman for KISS

KERRVILLE, Texas — A newborn calf in Texas has strikingly similar black-and-white facial markings to KISS frontman Gene Simmons, and the rock star likes their shared look.

Simmons' onstage persona includes face paint, black leather clothing and wild hair. He tweeted his admiration for the calf named Genie, saying, "This is real, folks!!!"

The female calf was born Friday at a ranch near Kerrville, 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Heather Taccetta, who lives at the ranch with her family, said Tuesday that the calf belongs to her grandmother. The animal is named for Simmons.

Taccetta found the calf in a pasture. She says the 75-pound farm animal and its mother are fine.

Taccetta also says Genie is a family favorite and won't be sold for slaughter.

Dull, Boring and Bland towns forge international bond of sisterhood

LONDON — Dull and Boring, meet Bland.

Dull, Scotland and Boring, Oregon, two small communities united by unexciting names, have joined forces with a third: Bland Shire, Australia.

Dull and Boring became sister communities in 2012, after a Scottish woman passed through the U.S. town on a cycling holiday.

Officials say the relationship has boosted the profile of both places.

Dull officials on Friday hosted the mayor of the region of Bland Shire, New South Wales, at a reception to celebrate the

third member of a club dubbed the League of Extraordinary Communities.

Bland Shire and Boring are both named after early residents, William Bland and William Boring, while Dull's name may come from a Gaelic word for meadow.

Boring has a population of about 10,000 while Bland Shire has about 6,000 people and Dull is a hamlet with just 84 occupants.

Dennis Melloy, provost of the Perth and Kinross region that's home to Dull, said the relationship with Boring and Bland had "created a real feel-good factor for their communities with quirky names."

And he said the alliance could expand.

"We've found Ordinary and Dreary, both in America, and I think they could soon be part of it all," he said.

Tiny mermaid-painted building apparently drifted 200 miles

GRAND ISLE, La. — A tiny building sporting a painting of a blonde, blue-tailed mermaid apparently drifted 200 miles from Florida to south of Louisiana.

The Coast Guard released a photo of the floating dock found 180 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana. Petty Officer Travis Magee says several people have reported seeing it on Key West, Florida.

A Coast Guard news release says it was reported to have broken free from its mooring without anyone aboard.

The building is green with lavender trim. The side that would have faced land features a painting of the mermaid, a sea turtle and an octopus. Above the blue door on one end, a sign appears to include the word "shed."

Magee says there's no report of anyone claiming ownership.

Priests mistaken for bachelor party turned away by UK pub

LONDON — A British pub has apologized for turning away a group of trainee priests after mistaking them for rowdy bachelor-party revelers in costume.

The Archdiocese of Cardiff said Tuesday that seven Roman Catholic seminarians went to the City Arms in Cardiff, Wales, last week to celebrate the ordination of one of the group.

Father Michael Doyle said the clerics were turned away by a doorman, who told them "sorry gents, we have a policy of no fancy dress and no stag dos."

Doyle said the group was reprieved when a bar manager realized the clergyman were real. They were allowed in and given a round of beer on the house.

Assistant manager Matt Morgan said "thankfully they were all great sports and saw the funny side of the situation."

Big Brothers, Big Sisters can get free bike use in Seaside

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Brothers and Sisters.

SEASIDE — Wheel Fun Rentals, located at 151 Avenue A, 407 S. Holladay Drive and 15 First Ave. in Seaside, is participating in the 11th year of the Biking Buddies Program, which gives free one-hour rentals to Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers and their Little

The program is valid for either one multi-rider product that they can ride together, or two single-rider products that they can use side-by-side, and the program is unlimited.

For information about Wheel Fun and the Biking Buddies Program, go to <http://bit.ly/1TVvrZ6>

Clatsop Care Health District welcomes new board members



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Newly elected board members of the Clatsop Care Health District attended their first board meeting July 20. Pictured, from left, are Allison Sansom and Mindy Stokes, former employees of the district, holding their Certificates of Election. "I am looking forward to working with Mindy and the rest of the board," Sansom said, "to support the Health District's mission to provide high quality care and services to meet the needs of our community."

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St.; 12 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087; 7 p.m. Thursday, Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. For information, call 503-458-6467.

provided. For information, call D.B. Lewis at 503-741-5977.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, call 503-810-5196 for information.

Eating Disorders Anonymous — 1:10 to 2:10 p.m. Wednesdays, River Zen Yoga, 399 31st St. A 12-Step program. For information, call Susan Williams at 510-417-5553.

Alateen (Tillamook) — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 5012 Third St. For information, call 503-730-5863.

Kick Butts Group Meets (Nicotine Anonymous) — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting in Clatsop County, call 971-601-9220, in Tillamook County, call 503-739-4856, or go to www.aa-oregon.org

Men's Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Tuesday nights. Part of the Pure Life Alliance (www.purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voice mail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Celebrate Recovery — 6 p.m. Thursday, The Table Church, 852 Broadway, Seaside. Faith-based 12-step program designed to help anyone struggling with hurts, habits and hangups, including drugs and alcohol, anger, co-dependence, domestic abuse or sex, food or pornography addictions. Being religious not required. Free dinner and child care

Narcotics Anonymous — The Northwest Oregon Area of Narcotics Anonymous (NwONA) 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

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

Astoria Column — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, provide information and answer questions about the Astoria Column and the city of Astoria. For information, call the Friends of the Astoria Column Visitor Center at 503-325-2963.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call the 503-325-6311.

Astoria Senior Center — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at

the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

Camp Kiwanilong — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to www.campkiwanilong.org

Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Care Center — Volunteers needed daily for all three meals to provide one-on-one assistance to dining dependent residents. Volunteers must participate in a 16-hour training program. For information, contact Mandy Brencley at 503-325-0313, ext. 209.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking or

ders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

Clatsop County Public Works — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

Columbia Memorial Hospital — Needs volunteers to provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to www.columbiamemorial.org. To schedule an interview, call 503-325-4321.

Columbia River Maritime Museum — 1792 Marine Drive. Volunteer opportunities for those with an interest in maritime history. For information, call the volunteer coordinator weekdays at 503-325-2323.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Volunteers needed weekdays to serve tables and for kitchen help. To volunteer, call 503-325-9693.

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