



Astoria School District

Astoria High School's marine biology team placed second at the Salmon Bowl, a regional ocean sciences competition. The team includes, from left, Jenna Travers, Moira Welsh, Matthew Grauff, Michael Postlewait, Kevin Kumar and Lee Cain, coach and marine biology instructor.

## Astoria High School teams compete in Salmon Bowl

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CORVALLIS — The Salmon Bowl, a regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl between teams from schools in mostly from Oregon and Idaho, was held Feb. 3 at Oregon State University. Two teams from Astoria High School were among those competing in a buzzer-based match with multiple choice and short answer questions about the oceans. There are

also Team Challenge Questions, where teams problem-solve questions.

The topics are varied, and 10 to 20 percent of the questions are built around the annual theme, which was "Ocean Effect on Weather" this year. There are scholarship opportunities just for participating, and this year's winners received \$1,000 scholarships to Oregon State University. State winners compete at National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) in

Seattle.

The A Team went to the finals against the team from the Oregon Coast Aquarium and took home a second-place trophy. Members of the A Team are: Jenna Travers, Matt Grauff, Michael Postlewait, Moira Welsh and Kevin Kumar. The Astoria High School B Team won a match despite being rookies. B Team members are: Riley Cameron, Lily Randall, Jacob Matlock and Donovan Burns.

To prepare for the competition, Coaches Nick Baisley and Lee Cain led the teams in weekly study sessions all year in after-school and tutorial meetings. The teams also went on educational and field trips, such as touring National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research ships, visiting the OSU seafood/surimi lab, learning about beached mammals and strandings, going on aquarium visits and tide-pooling.

## Rethati advances to regionals in Poetry Out Loud contest

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A student from Astoria is the winner of the Poetry Out Loud contest for Oregon Connections Academy (ORCA) for the second year in a row. Mikayla Rethati, 16-year old senior, advances to the regional competition in Portland March 3.

ORCA is a statewide virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12. At the recent ORCA Poetry Out Loud contest, Rethati had stiff competition from 18-year-old Abigale Koch, a senior from Gearhart, and William Laursen, a 16-year-old senior from Salem.

Rethati recited two poems from memory: "Break of Day" by John Donne and "Memory As a Hearing Aid" by Tony Hoagland. She is an avid writer and has been a poet since elementary school.

Poetry Out Loud is a state and national competition sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and



Oregon Connections Academy Mikayla Rethati is the winner of the Poetry Out Loud contest for Oregon Connections Academy.

the Poetry Foundation in partnership with the Oregon Arts Commission. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.

For information, go to bit.ly/2GfuGXH or poetryoutloud.org

## Brownsmead Grange presents Valentine Spaghetti Dinner

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BROWNSMEAD — The Brownsmead Grange, 42280 Fish Lane, holds its annual Valentine Spaghetti Dinner, a family-friendly event and fundraiser, from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Follow the signs from U.S. Highway 30 in Knappa on the day of the event.

Tickets are available at the door, and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for chil-

dren 12 and younger. The meal includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs (vegetarian option available), garlic bread, salad and dessert. Coffee and lemonade are available, as is a no host bar.

For information, call 503-458-5229 or email brownsmeadgrange@gmail.com. Information can also be found on Facebook at fb.me/brownsmeadgrange or tinyurl.com/GrangeDinner.

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Rev. Kit Ketcham's topic is "The #MeToo Experience and How it Affects Us All."

Religious education for the children is available each week following the "Moment with the Children" near the beginning of the service.

Following the service and the social time, there is a discussion led by Frank Logan on "Gnostic Christianity: Had Beliefs Similar to UU. What Are the Similarities? What Are the Differences?"

For information, call 503-325-5225, email pacuuf@gmail.com or go to pacuuf.org

### Religious Society of Friends

ILWACO, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Quakers, also known as the Religious Society of Friends, meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Ilwaco Community Center, 158 First Ave. N. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, go to lowercolumbiaquakers.org

### Common Ground Interspiritual

A Celebration of Spirit, sponsored by Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship, meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Wesley Room at the Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. Use the 11th Street building entrance. This morning gathering is not defined by any particular belief system, and is intended for the "spiritual but not religious," as well as those who draw from more than one faith tradition. For information, go to cgifellowship.org

### Community HU sing

SEASIDE — A Seaside Community Eckankar HU Sing takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Regardless of one's beliefs or religion, anyone can sing HU (pronounced hue), an ancient name for God; it is for the spiritual upliftment of those who come, and is not directed to any other purpose. For information, call Seann Valen at 503-717-5485, email access49@gmail.com or go to eckankar.org

### Cannon Beach Community

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhmd (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

### Interfaith Partnership

SEASIDE — The South County Interfaith Partnership meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Riley's Restaurant, 1104 S. Holladay Drive, to foster better understanding among faith practitioners and to nurture one another in spirit. All faiths are welcome. For information, call Ann Souvenir at 503-738-0200.

### St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Stations of the Cross are held at 6 p.m. Fridays at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, with a soup and bread supper to follow in the Star of the Sea School Auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. Parishioners are encouraged to bring meatless soups in Crock-Pots and breads.

The Knights of Columbus annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Star of the Sea School Auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. This dinner is the group's largest fundraiser of the year.

The classic Italian dinner menu consists of spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread, and an assortment of beverage choices, including wine. The cost is \$12 per person, \$5 each for children 10 and younger, or \$30 per family. Desserts are available for purchase from the youth group.

The event includes a raffle drawing for cash prizes of \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$25; the winner does not need to be present. Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

A Vigil Mass is at 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Francis de Sales, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond. On Sunday, Mass is at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, with a bilingual Mass at 11 a.m.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Ministry Fair at approximately noon Sunday in the Star of the Sea School Auditorium. All of the many ministries have booths for members to learn of their goals and join. Raffle prizes will be awarded. Entries are earned by donating two or more food pantry items to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. The event also includes breakfast treats and kids' activities in the gym.

Forty Days for life will be said on Tuesdays during Lent starting at 6:15 p.m. Feb. 20. A rosary will be recited on the Clatsop County Courthouse steps to support life.

The St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Office is closed Monday for Presidents' Day.

### Calvary Episcopal

SEASIDE — Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive, features pianist Diane Amos presenting the second in a series of "Moments for Meditation" for the season of Lent from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Feb. 23.

"Moments for Meditation" are half hour offerings of music intended to provide an opportunity to enjoy thoughtful music and a time for personal meditation and reflection.

Calvary also offers the Holy Eucharist weekly at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

For information, call the church at 503-738-5773 or go to calvaryepiscopalseaside.com

### Bethany Free Lutheran

During the season of Lent Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., holds Lenten services at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. The Old Testament book of Hosea will be looked at during each service. Before the services there is a soup supper beginning at 6:15 p.m. The public is welcome to the suppers and services.

For information, go to bethanyfree.com

### Grace Episcopal Church

The Rev. Lance Peeler presents "Lent 101," exploring the meaning and spiritual practices of Lent, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. A Lenten book study on "Final Words from the Cross"

by Adam Hamilton begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

On Sunday, the First Sunday in Lent is celebrated at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services.

During Lent, the noon series "Fridays in Lent" offers contemplative music, for listening or for walking the Stations of the Cross, beginning at 12:10 p.m. On Feb. 23 guitarist Dave Drury is featured.

Grace Church has issued a Call for Art for the seventh annual Jean Barney Memorial Art Show. The theme this year is "Spiritual Spaces," with artwork to be submitted on June 1. Information about the show and entry forms are available at the church and on the web-

site, graceastoria.org

For information, call the church at 503-325-469.

### First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, 1103 Grand Ave., meets Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor Bill Van Nostran's sermon topic is "A Season of Contrast." Denise Reed provides musical accompaniment on organ and piano.

Guided Meditation is offered at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Marcotte Room (behind the sanctuary), led by Sumedha Murdock.

For information, call 503-325-1702, email pastorbill@

fpcastoria.org or go to fpcastoria.org

### First United Methodist

Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave., holds a worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday. The sermon title is "What's New With You?" The children can enjoy working on art projects at their table, while staying in the service.

A new series begins at 11 a.m. Feb. 25. It is led by John Dominic Crossan and features "The Challenge of Paul," which includes a video and congregational discussion. For information, call 503-325-5454.

## FEBRUARY 20 Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis

A Columbia Forum Presentation



Josh Marquis is about to start his 25th year as Clatsop County's District Attorney. First appointed by Gov. Barbara Roberts in 1994 after the recall and criminal conviction of his predecessor.

A graduate of the Honors College and Law School of the University of Oregon, he has spent most of his 37 years as a lawyer as a prosecutor, first in Eugene, then Newport, and as Chief Deputy DA in Bend before coming to Astoria. He also spent time as a newspaper reporter and speechwriter in Los Angeles and two years as a criminal defense lawyer. He

lectures and teaches to lawyers and others across the nation and overseas and has been asked to testify four times before Congress. Marquis served as President of the Oregon District Attorneys Association and Vice President of the National DA's Association, on whose board he still serves 21 years later. He is married to City Councilor Cindy Price. For more than 20 years he's been a jazz programmer at KMUN and appeared in SHANGHAI IN ASTORIA every year since 1994.

### TO ATTEND:

For Members: Dinner & Lecture: \$25 each; Lecture only: no charge

For Non-Members: Dinner & Lecture: \$35 each; Lecture only: \$15 ea.

Appetizers will be available at 6 p.m. • Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The speaker will begin after the dinner service is complete and non-dinner members and guests of the audience take their seats.

Forum to be held at the CMH Community Center at 2021 Exchange St., Astoria.

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