

Recital features students of Friday Musical Club



Friday Musical Club
The Friday Musical Club hosted a recital on May 6 where eight scholarship students performed. Pictured, front row, from left, Hayley Rollins, Serena Moha, McKayla Medjo and Alissa Hardesty. Back row, Allison Johnson, Brandon Andres, Hally Chauvin and Jeff Lafferty. Music lesson scholarships will be offered again in the fall by application from students in local schools.

Assistance League gathers, receives Pacific Power grant



Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific
On May 3 more than 80 members and guests assembled for the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific's annual Spring Luncheon to celebrate the group's volunteers and their contributions to helping local children. Also at the event, a \$2,500 contribution from Pacific Power was accepted. Pictured, from left, Karyn Grass, ALCP Research Development, and Sally LaCoste, ALCP president. To become a member, or for information, go to assistanceleaguecp.org

BRIEFS

DAR collects torn American flags for proper disposal

The Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is collecting torn, tattered and faded American flags for proper disposal. Flags may be given to any member, or left at City Lumber, 2142 Commercial St. in Astoria. They will be disposed of on June 14, Flag Day, at the historic area at Fort Stevens State Park in Hammond.

Golf Ball Drop fundraiser helps clothe schoolchildren

WARRENTON — The Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific's 11th annual Golf Ball Drop is Saturday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Road. A Champagne Reception is at 3 p.m., the Golf Ball Drop is at 3:30 p.m., and a Cocktail Party and Silent Auction is from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tickets for the event are sold separately at \$25 each; Golf Ball tickets, which are \$10 each, must be purchased in advance at Holly McHone Jewelers, 1150 Commercial St. in Astoria, or from Assistance League members.

Only 2,000 Golf Ball Drop tickets will be sold. Each ticket number is put on a golf ball, and the balls will be dropped from a helicopter. The ball that lands closest to the pin wins a prize of \$1,500 in cash. There are second, third, fourth and fifth-place prizes, as well, consisting of a stay at a local lodging and meals.

The proceeds from the event go directly to the Assistance League's philanthropic program, Operation School Bell, to purchase new clothes for the upcoming school year for children in grades K-12 in Clatsop County. Purchasing 10 tickets dresses one child.

For questions and contact information, go to assistanceleaguecp.org

Washington schools seek pledges for children's books

ILWACO, Wash. — The West Sand Island Beach Cleanup and Children's Book Fundraiser is Saturday. There already are enough volunteers for the cleanup, but pledges of donations in proportion to the amount of beach trash collected during the event are needed.

Long Beach and Ocean Park Elementary Schools have given 10 books to every one of their students at the end of the school year for the last two years. The money raised will be used to buy children's books to give out at the start of this year's summer break.

"Please, help our kids, help our natural environment; help us succeed by pledging to donate just 5 cents per pound of col-

lected beach garbage," Nathan Moore of Washington Reading Corps said. "No donation is too small. Cap the donation wherever you need to. Remember, it goes to putting books into the hands of children." For information, or to pledge your support, contact Moore at 360-244-2335 or email nathan.moore@ocean-beachschools.org

Warrenton students score big in underwater robotics contest

Students from Warrenton Grade School (Water Warriors) and Middle School (Water Whisperers) won first and second place, respectively, in the novice level Scout class of the Marine Advanced Technology Education — Remotely Operated Vehicles (MATE ROV) regional underwater robotics competition, held April 28 in Lincoln City.

The teams were two of 40 from Oregon and Southern Washington that participated. Students from elementary school through high school demonstrated devices they built for the competition, which aims to prepare students for careers involving science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Teams were tasked with building an underwater robot that could locate and retrieve the hypothetical wreckage of a downed airplane, deploy hypothetical equipment to monitor earthquakes and install simulated renewable energy devices. Students also formed mock companies, gave presentations and created plans to manufacture, market and sell their devices.

The competition, coordinated by Oregon Sea Grant and sponsored by the Oregon Coast STEM Hub, was divided into several categories based on skill and grade level, and was one of 31 regional contests held around the world that are supported by the California-based Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center.

A video of the 2017 competition is at bit.ly/2rsZvDd

Tongue Point Job Corps honors local law enforcement

Tongue Point Job Corps Center recently hosted a prime rib luncheon to honor five local law enforcement agencies: the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and the Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart and Seaside police departments.

Twenty-five lunches were served to officers, detectives, deputies, sergeants and chiefs, including take-out for members on duty. Also in attendance were Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear and Seaside Mayor Jay Barber, who received and delivered Seaside's award.

"Clatsop County is enriched to have such dedicated and honorable law enforcement," Kim Shillinger, Tongue Point Job Corps Center director, said. "They offer quality service, build constructive partnerships, serve and protect people and property, and maintain peace and order. They are a vital part of community life."

RELIGION BRIEFS

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Rev. Kit Ketcham's topic is "What do men want?" based on the answers PUUF men have contributed to the question.

Following the service is the monthly potluck lunch at the Masonic Temple across the street. All are welcome.

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, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

Interfaith Partnership

SEASIDE — The South County Interfaith Partnership meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at 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.

Christian Science

The Astoria Christian Science Church and the Gearhart Christian Science Church are sponsoring international speaker and Christian Science practitioner Joshua Niles, who is presenting a talk, "The Law of Harmony and Christian Science Healing" at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Flag Room at the Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St. His ideas come from the Bible, and he will also introduce concepts from the book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science.

Niles enjoys serving others, and has tutored, coached and

taught, as well as serving in the U.S. Army. Since 2008, he has dedicated full time to Christian Science. He is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, traveling from his home in Boise, Idaho.

Vacation Bible School

Six area churches have combined to create the annual Astoria Community Vacation Bible School, being held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 25 to 29, and open to ages 3 to those entering sixth grade.

The theme this year is "Ocean Commotion," based on the Genesis story of creation. The week is filled with learning new songs, understanding the creation story, arts, crafts and games. The cost is \$15 for one student or \$25 per family.

The six churches participating are First Baptist Church of Astoria, First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, Grace Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, Peace Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church.

For information and registration, go to fpcastoria.org/register-online.html. To volunteer to help with the VBS, call 503-325-1761.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, 1103 Grand Ave., holds its weekly service Sun-

day at 10 a.m. Rev. Bill Van Nostran's sermon is "Leaders by Lots." Denise Reed provides musical accompaniment on organ and piano.

Fellowship Hall is the site of the "Second Saturdays Market" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Arts, crafts and specialty food are offered. Attendance is free.

Family Bowling Night is at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Lower Columbia Bowl, 826 Marine Drive.

Classes are held each Tuesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to learn how to ring English hand bells. For information, call 503-325-1702, or email pastorbill@fpcastoria.org. Recordings of sermons are available at fpcastoria.org

Grace Episcopal

There is a reception for the new art exhibit hanging at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, featuring mixed media paintings by artist Laura Allen. The exhibit runs through May, and can be viewed from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and on Sunday morning.

Applications for the annual Jean Barney Grace Art Show "Sacred Spaces" are available at the church or on the website; intake is June 1. The show opens with a gala reception on June 10 and runs through July 12.

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

Astoria First United Methodist

Astoria First United Methodist Church is joining "Table Talks" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church. Regional United Methodist churches are meeting with District Superintendent Tim Overton-Harris to discuss the denomination's beliefs and practices regarding human sexuality. The United Methodist Council of Bishops is recommending that the General Conference vote to affirm local conferences to ordain and marry LGBT individuals.

To carpool, call the church at 503-325-5454. Meet for transportation at the church by 8:45 a.m. at 1076 Franklin Ave.

THURSDAY, MAY 17
COLUMBIA FORUM PRESENTS

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF
LIGHT

Join us for a visual presentation of the science and art of light, manipulated as a 3D medium. Discover through an artist's eye the natural wonder and beauty of light in Oregon, in myth and in Aztec and Mayan prehistoric cultures.



Presenter:
Jill Mulholland PhD
University Professor &
Executive Director of the
International Association of
Lighting Designers

Jill is a part time light artist. She has practiced, taught, researched, published, designed and built with light in many manifestations.

She has a B.A. in Maya archaeology from Rutgers College, learned light as a three-dimensional art form in the theater, and has a master's degree in interiors from the University of Oregon. She completed a PhD. in architecture from Texas A&M University, where she taught design studios in the architecture and visualization departments.

Jill's work has come full circle back to archaeology, forming her research interests and the inspiration for the book she plans to write called "The Archaeology of Light."

TO ATTEND:
Appetizers will be available at 6 p.m.
Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.,
provided by Baked Alaska
(\$25 for members, \$35 for non-members)

The speaker will begin after the dinner service is complete and the non-dinner members and guests (program only guests: \$10 per person) of the audience take their seats.

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Exchange St., Astoria

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