

Curefest Sister Walk raises awareness for childhood cancer

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A Curefest Sister Walk, hosted by Team Alyssa Renee, starts at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Astoria East Mooring Basin. The walk travels west on the Astoria Riverwalk to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, then back to the East Mooring Basin on Marine Drive.

The event coincides with Curefest, one of the largest childhood cancer awareness events in the nation, which takes place the same weekend in Washington, D.C. The local event is coordinated by Cassie Wilson, whose niece, Alyssa Renee Holmes, was born in 2016 with Stage 4 neuroblastoma, a brain cancer, that spread to other parts of her body.

Alyssa Renee spent the first three months of her life in the hospital. After a long struggle, she was able to participate in a clinical trial, and received the treatment she needed. She is now NED (no evidence of disease), but will have lifelong side effects from her treatment.

According to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation, cancer is the No. 1 cause of death by dis-



Alyssa Renee Holmes

ease among children, yet only 4 percent of federal government cancer research funding goes to study pediatric cancer.

“This is not a fundraiser, this is to raise awareness for our warriors,” Wilson said. “Dress in gold, feel free to make signs — we will also have signs for people to take, if they would like. That evening we will also be holding an informal candlelight vigil at 7:30 p.m. at the Astoria Column for all our warriors who won their battle with angel wings. Everyone is welcome.”

FFA and Les Schwab work together to #DriveAwayHunger

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The Future Farmers of America Astoria Chapter has paired up with the Warrenton/Seaside Les Schwab Tire Center to launch a statewide hunger initiative during the entire month of October to help #DriveAwayHunger and meet the growing need for food.

Community members are asked to be on the lookout for activities and collections happening throughout the local area in October, and encouraged to drop off food donations at any Les Schwab Tire Store, Wilco Store,

Grange Coop Store or local FFA Chapter.

In addition to nonperishable food, the FFA is also seeking farm and ranch crop donations. To donate a portion of a food crop, contact the Astoria FFA Chapter at thamby@astoriak12.org

All donations received will be given to local food pantries. If more food than can be used in a community is donated, it will be distributed by the Oregon Food Bank for other pantries throughout the state.

For information about FFA, go to oregonffa.com or ffa.org

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\$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202.

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

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.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to AstoriaRotary.org

Knockers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

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

Astoria Alzheimer's & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., first-floor conference room, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 222, or email support@clatsopcare.org

Line Dancing for Seniors — 3 to 4:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Not for beginners. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Astoria Toastmasters — 6:30 p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to toastmasters.org or call Christa Svensson at 206-790-2869.

TUESDAY
Stewardship Quilting Group — 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. All are welcome. Donations of material always appreciated. For information,

call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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 Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202.

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Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Astoria Kiwanis Club — noon, El Tapatio, 229 W. Marine Drive. For information, call Frank Spence at 503-325-2365 or Susan Brooks at 503-791-3026.

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.

Bras2Moms Fitting — 1 to 3 p.m., Columbia Memorial Hospital Family Birthing Center, 2111 Exchange St. Free nursing bras and/or tanks to mothers. A \$5 donation is requested, not required. For best fit, come for a fitting two weeks after giving birth. Sizes subject to availability. For information, call 503-338-7581.

Warrenton Caregiver Support Group — 1:30 to 3 p.m., 2002 S.E. Chokeberry Ave., Warrenton. Support, information and resources for caregivers. For information, call Grace Bruseth at 503-738-6412.

Lower Columbia Hospice Bereavement Support Group — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Columbia Memorial Hospital Community Center, Chinook Conference Room, 2021 Marine Drive. Open to age 18 or older. For

information, call 503-338-6230.

North Coast Chapter, ABATE of Oregon — 5:30 p.m., Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th Street. All are welcome. For information, call 503-791-7253.

Peninsula Arts Association — 6 p.m., PAA Office, Long Beach Depot Building, Third Street N. and Pacific Highway, Long Beach, Washington. All are welcome. For information, call 360-665-6041 or go to beachartist.org

Authentic Spiritual Conversations — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Activity Center, first floor, CMH-OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative, 1905 Exchange St. Open dialogue about spiritual issues. 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.

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 Relationships 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. Open group for females, those who identify as female, anyone in an abusive relationship, or who knows someone who is. For information, call Juli Hol at 503-325-3426, ext. 103.

Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution — 11 a.m., Astoria Golf & Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Road, Warrenton,. State Regent Rebecca Taylor is the guest. For reservations or membership information, contact Sue Glen at 503-861-0574.

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 sug-

gested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202.

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

North Coast Multiple Sclerosis Care and Share Help Group — noon, Clatsop Retirement Village, 947 Olney Ave. For information, call 503-325-7898.

Cannon Beach Garden Club — noon, Tolovana Hall, 3779 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Visitors are welcome. To reserve a seat, call Pam Chater at 503-436-2331 and leave a message or email pamchater@msn.com

Sit & Stitch — 1 to 3 p.m., Homespun 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.

Stroke Support Group — 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Providence Seaside Hospital Education Center, Room B, 725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside. Stroke survivors, their caregivers and family members welcome. For information, call 503-717-7781.

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Nick Bond
University of Washington College of Atmospheric Sciences

Nick Bond is a principal research scientist with the Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean of the University of Washington and affiliated with NOAA. A Climatologist for Washington since 2010, Nick’s research focuses on the weather and climate of the Pacific Northwest and it’s link between the climate and marine ecosystems of the North Pacific.

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