

Friends of Skamokawa host 'Deck the Halls' open house

SKAMOKAWA, WASH. — Friends of Skamokawa's annual Christmas & Holiday Open House "Deck the Hall" will run Friday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Dec. 16, at the RiverLife Interpretive Center-Central School-Redmen Hall, 1394 W. Washington State Route 4.

This year has a big opening weekend: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25.

The event will continue for the following three weeks, noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. This is a lovely gift shopping event with a wide range of unique items for all tastes.

Friends of Skamokawa is currently accepting holiday crafters for this event. To sign up or for more information, call the office at 360-795-3007 or email fos1894@gmail.com.

R.A.C.E. a treat for pups and their humans

ASTORIA — Classy Canines 4-H Club is holding its annual public participation Dog Recreational Agility CGC Event (Dog R.A.C.E.) on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds & Expo Center arena, 92937 Walluski Loop.

This event gives dogs and their owners a chance to try some beginner-level dog agility. No experience is needed.

Participants can also test for the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen or Trick Title certification from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A rally obedience course with helpful coaching will be available.

The day starts with mandatory free registration and orientation at 8 a.m., followed by a free Introduction to Jumpers with Weaves Workshop.

Afterward, participants can compete in a Jumpers with Weaves Fun Run Competition for \$3 each.

Next will be a free Introduction to Agility Contacts Workshop followed by an Agility Touch 'n' Go (Contacts) Fun Run Competition for \$3 each.

The afternoon will conclude with a Standard Agility



Teach your dog new tricks at Dog (R.A.C.E) Recreational Agility CGC Event.

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Fun Run Competition for \$3 each.

The competitions feature unique ribbons for the top placements. A spectacular prize drawing and dog-themed vendors will also be on-site. Proceeds go to local pet charities.

Participants should bring a dog, a kennel or crate, a non-tightening collar or harness, a 6-foot leash, many tiny soft treats such as quarter-inch cheese cubes, a water bowl and plastic clean-up bags. The arena is cold in the morning, so dress in layers and wear shoes you can run in.

Participants are asked to help put the equipment away at the end of the day.

Spectators are welcome to watch the dogs learn to navigate the obstacle courses.

To learn how to donate to the drawing or become a vendor (no charge for a vendor table), contact Sally Freeman at youngsriverr@yahoo.com or 503-325-7161 or text 503-308-2372.

Submit your shorts for film festival

CLATSKANIE — A festival of short indie films is coming to Clatskanie. Promoters Ray and Migdalia Etheridge invite filmmakers from Oregon and Washington to submit their work for consideration.

Films must be no longer than 15 minutes, and may be of any genre, such as comedy, drama, horror, animation or documentary. Filmmakers from anywhere in the world are eligible.

Films will be selected by a five-judge panel on a point system and graded on their technical merits, acting, script and entertainment value.

The judges are not looking for home movies or silly YouTube videos, but for serious, well-made films with good stories, Migdalia said.

Films with the highest points will be screened at the festival, taking place at the Clatskanie Cultur-



al Center in August 2019. Award certificates will be presented in many categories. The Etheridges expect to receive about 150 films; 40 will be selected for the event.

For more information, email the Etheridges at clatskaniefilmfest@yahoo.com.

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Sunday at 4:00pm
CCC Performing Arts Center
588 16th St. Astoria, OR 97103

This special event benefits the CCA Regional Food Bank. Cash & non-perishable food donations are encouraged. Bring your own instruments to play-along & singing voices to sing-along or simply enjoy.

Presented By: **The North Coast Chorale**
Direct by Dr. **Denise Reed**

