Make your own feta with 'The Cheese Guy'

CANNON BEACH — Learn to make feta cheese from scratch with lifelong cheesemaker and World Cheese Championships judge Marc "The Cheese Guy" Bates.

The class takes place 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Tolovana Hall, 3779 S. Hemlock St. The class is \$45.

Feta, a cheese of Greek origins, excels in all kinds of ways, elevating salads, dips, pastries and more — everything from breakfast to dinner, savory to sweet.

If you've already discovered the delights of feta's delicious, salty crumbles, you also know the cheese can be costly. After the course, you'll take home the knowledge and techniques to make feta at home using mostly common appliances

and kitchenware.

After 40 years working with students at the helm of the Washington State University Creamery, Marc Bates is an effective and experienced teacher.

Feta is not a cheese to be overlooked. As Bates notes, a fully realized feta "can rival a blue cheese for flavor."

The course is part of Bates' cheese-centric series, in partnership with the Tolovana Arts Colony.

Registration or RSVP is required and space is limited. Reserve your spot at tvafeta.eventbrite.com or by emailing tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com.

For more information, visit tolovanaarts-colony.org or call 541-215-4445.

Friday night laughs at the Labor Temple

ASTORIA — The Labor Temple Bar is Astoria's home for comedy. Cheap Whiskey and Dirty Jokes features the best comics from around the Pacific Northwest.

The next show — 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 — contains adult material and language. The host is Chad Alan Gemma, and the headliner is Jake Silberman. Other featured comics are Jaren George, Amanda Martin-Tully and Dan Weber.

It is advised that you arrive early for the best seating. Happy hour runs until 7 p.m. The cover is \$5.

Silberman was voted "Funniest Person in Portland" by Willamette Week and has twice been a finalist in the Portland's Funniest Person Contest. He is a regular host and feature at Helium Comedy Club, where he has opened for, among others, Norm Macdonald, Kyle Kinane and Joey Diaz.

Martin-Tully is a stand-up comedian, podcaster, and improviser living in Portland. Alongside Molly Smithson, Martin-Tully co-produces Sex & The Pity, a monthly showcase featuring comedians that are often female-identifying, LGBTQIA+ and comics of color.

Weber has been many things: married, homeless, divorced and dead for 15 minutes. He still is some of them. From religion to politics to life-experience oversharing, he leaves no sacred cow untapped.

The Labor Temple is at 934 Duane St.



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Portland comedian Jake Silberman.

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Artistry meets history in Art Loft exhibit

ASTORIA — Artwork by young artists has come to the Astoria Art Loft from the little Columbia River town of Cathlamet, Washington.

At a time when many schools have done away with art classes, Cathlamet High School supports a vigorous art program. Art teacher Sue Garn challenged her students to tackle portrait painting as well as learning more about the history of Wahkiakum County.

Inspired by a trip to the Wahkiakum Historical Society Museum, students became acquainted with people who lived in the county between 1846 and 1945. After meet-



Astoria Art Loft

A portrait by a Cathlamet High School student now on view at the Astoria Art Loft.

ing people of the past, students selected an individual or a couple whose story appealed to them. These became the subjects of the paintings. Curator Kari Kandall supplied photos and biographies of the chosen people.

Most of the artists were freshmen or sophomores, along with a few juniors and graduates.

This portrait exhibit integrates local history with the creative process, validates the importance of students' artwork and demonstrates the cooperation among school staff members, museum staff and members of the community.

The portrait exhibit is open to the public 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday during January at the Art Loft, 106 Third St.