

CASA fundraiser set for next week

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Clatsop Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is holding its 21st annual fundraiser, Hands & Hearts, from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Bridgewater Bistro, 20 Basin St.

The event provides an opportunity to enjoy appetizers and competitive bidding as groups vie to win the dessert of their choice. The appetizers and desserts are spe-

cially created by Clatsop County chefs. The Basin Street Jazz Ensemble performs.

Hands & Hearts honors the 30-plus volunteers who have trained to become CASAs to advocate on behalf of Clatsop County's foster children. CASA volunteers are the only participants in the child welfare system who speak solely for the child's best interests in making recommendations to the court and advocating for services.

Hands & Hearts also celebrates others in the community who support the continuation of this work through their contributions; CASA relies on community support to fund the recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers. With more than 100 children in foster care in Clatsop County today, the goal is to have at least 50 CASAs.

A highlight of the event is the drawing of the winning raffle ticket for a trip for two, worth

\$2,000, to see "Hamilton" in San Francisco this summer. The prize also includes airfare, two nights in the Hotel Whitcomb, and a \$150 gift certificate to the Foreign Cinema restaurant. Raffle tickets cost \$50 each; only 200 are available.

Space is limited for this benefit event; only 150 tickets are being sold. Tickets are \$30 each, \$225 for a table of eight, or \$275 for a table of 10. For raffle or event tickets, call 503-338-6063.

RELIGION BRIEFS

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 Warhmund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection. For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

Communities in Partnership

SEASIDE — Spiritual Communities in 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.

Astoria Church of Christ

Astoria Church of Christ, 692 12th St., hosts Don Hindsley as its guest speaker for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. His topic is "Bridging the Gap," from Romans 8:35-39. A Bible study is at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome.

On April 27, the church hosts its seventh annual After Easter Community Sing-along at 3 p.m. All faiths and denominations are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 503-791-3235.

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., celebrates the Second Sunday in Lent at a single 10 a.m. service.

The noon series "Fridays in Lent," with music for listening or walking the Stations of the Cross, takes place between 12:10 and 1 p.m. March 22 with Laurie Drage, piano and voice, and Phyllis Taylor.

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

Calvary Episcopal

SEASIDE — Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside, presents "Moments for Meditation," featuring singer Deac Guidi, a teacher and performer who lives on the North Coast, accompanied by Calvary's organist, from noon to 12:30 p.m. March 22.

"Moments for Meditation" are half-hour offerings of music intended to give an opportunity to enjoy thoughtful music, and perhaps take time for personal meditation and reflection, during the season of Lent.

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

Sculpture and painting exhibit opens Saturday

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CANNON BEACH — A reception with the artists, and exhibit opening, takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at White Bird Gallery, 251 N. Hemlock St., for new clay and metal sculptures by Robin and John Gumaelius, and new paintings by Robert Schlegel.

The husband and wife team combines steel, ceramic and wood to create animated human and bird-like sculptures. They work together on each piece: she creates decorative glazes and surface imagery; he adds metal armatures and wood details.

Schlegel, a native Oregonian, finds inspiration in coastal estuaries, valleys, harbors and farmlands, and his work is rooted in plain air. He has participated in numerous solo and group exhibits



White Bird Gallery
Houses on bay painting by Robert Schlegel.

across America.

The exhibit runs through April 30. For information, call 503-436-2681 or go to whitebirdgallery.com



White Bird Gallery
Boat sculpture by Robin and John Gumaelius.

Clatsop County 4-H youths attend leadership retreat

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Nine Clatsop County youths recently joined 80 other youths from around the state at the Western Oregon Regional Leadership Development (WORLD) Retreat.

They participated in classes on trust building, cooking, rocketry, plant identification hiking, avoiding stereotypes, photospheres, dancing, creative writing, being safe with equipment, card games, public speaking and learning personality traits.

Emily Bergerson and Lacey Arwood were on the governing board, which helped plan and organize the multicounty event. Community service projects at the retreat included cleaning up around the camp and making blankets for the needy. Each county was given blankets to take home for those in need.

For information about 4-H, call 503-325-8573.



Several Clatsop County 4-H youth attended a regional leadership retreat. Pictured, front row, from left, Madison Korff, Emily Bergerson, Lacey Arwood, Jarrett Arwood and Samantha Carlisle. Back row, Baylee McSwain, Henry Samuelson, Dalton Smith and Jena Russell. Not pictured, Charlie Hall, chaperone.

Marine Corps League seeks Marines and FMF Corpsmen

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The Daniel E. Crockett Detachment 1228 of the Marine Corps League, serving the Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington coasts, is looking for a few good men and women who served in the Marines and Fleet Marine

Force (FMF) Corpsmen.

Members of the Marine Corps League preserve the traditions and history of the U.S. Marine Corps and promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. The League renders assistance to all Marines and former Marines, as well as their widows and orphans,

and is involved with community programs such as Toys for Tots, Welcome Home Veterans, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and assisting veterans.

Detachment 1228 seeks officer and enlisted active, honorably discharged, retired Marine veterans and qualified Navy FMF Corps-

men. Spouses and other branches of the Armed Services are welcomed for associate memberships.

For information on the Marine Corps League, contact Lou Neubecker at 503-717-0153, Hans York at 360-431-2887, Gene Strong at 360-607-1349 or Mike Allen at 360-642-8947.

VOLUNTEERS

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

Angels for Sara Senior Dog Sanctuary — Needs volunteers to help care for elderly dogs who are unable to stay with their owners. Anyone interested in fundraising, yard maintenance, spending quality time with the dogs or fostering a senior dog, short or long term, contact Jacque Pressly at angelsforsara@gmail.com or call 503-325-2772.

Astoria Column — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, provide information and answer questions about the Astoria Column and the city of Astoria. For information, call the Friends of the Astoria Column Visitor Center at 503-325-2963.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call

the 503-325-6311.

Astoria Senior Center — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

Astoria Veteran Van Drivers — Volunteer drivers needed for the Disabled American Veterans van for one or more trips per month. The van leaves Astoria at 7 a.m. for the Portland Veterans Administration Hospital and returns in the early afternoon. To volunteer, contact Dick Lang, Astoria DAV van coordinator, at 503-298-8757 or dicklang@charter.net. Drivers receive free breakfast and lunch vouchers for the hospital canteen on every trip.

Astoria Warming Center — 1076 Franklin Ave. Winter overnight emergency shelter for homeless persons needs volunteers for three-hour shifts from evening through the night to help with welcoming guests, serving dinner, cleaning the kitchen, monitoring the sleeping area overnight, and closing the shelter in the morning. Volunteers also needed for weekly litter patrols in the neighborhood. To volunteer, email astoriawarmingcenter@gmail.com

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

Camp Kiwanilong — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to campkiwanilong.org

Cannon Beach Academy — 3781 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for breakfast or lunch preparation and cleanup, reading groups, math groups, lunch/recess duty and housekeeping. Shifts are 1.25 hours or longer. For information, call 503-298-5245.

Cannon Beach Library — 131 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks and time commitments, including alphabetizing bookshelves, covering books, doing minor building maintenance, helping with a speakers' series, and participating in annual book sales and other events. For information email info@cannonbeachlibrary.org or call 503-436-1391.

Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. — Needs volunteers who have

a strong commitment to work on behalf of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter's dogs and cats. For information, email info@dogscats.org or call 503-861-0737.

Clatsop County Animal Shelter — Animal care volunteers age 16 and older needed for one 3-hour shift per week. Pick up an application at 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton. For information, or to schedule orientation, call Leslie Atkinson at 503-325-1000.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking orders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

Clatsop Community College Outreach Literacy — Needs volunteer literacy tutors to work with adults, native and non-native speakers. Training available. For information, call 503-338-2557.

Clatsop County Public Works — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two

times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

Columbia Memorial Hospital — Needs volunteers to provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to columbiamemorial.org. To schedule an interview, call 503-325-4321.

Columbia River Maritime Museum — 1792 Marine Drive. Volunteer opportunities for those with an interest in maritime history. For information, call the volunteer coordinator weekdays at 503-325-2323.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Volunteers needed weekdays to serve tables and for kitchen help. To volunteer, call 503-325-9693.

Community Emergency Response Team — CERT volunteers needed for community events and disaster response with local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies. Training includes fire safety, first aid, traffic and crowd control, communications, damage survey, disaster planning and civic events within city limits. For information,

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