

# 4-H Presentations Competition winners announced

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On March 5, at the 4-H Presentations Competition, local 4-H members gave their presentations or demonstrations on a particular subject in front of a judge, parents and other 4-H members.

Those in grades four to six talked for three to 10 minutes; those in grades seven to 12 were required to talk for 10 to 15 minutes. Impromptu speeches were also given about various aspects of the 4-H program.

Judging criteria included subject matter, voice, manner and appearance, visual clarity and how they answered the judge's questions. The top junior winners were: Demonstration Champion, Jake O'Connor; Demonstration Reserve Champion and Impromptu Reserve

Champion, Katrina Phillips; Illustrated Talk Champion, Titus Cano; Illustrated Talk Reserve Champion, Faith Jones; Public Speech Champion and Impromptu Speech Champion, William Phillips.

Intermediate winners were: Illustrated Talk Champion and Impromptu Champion, Alicia Cano; Illustrated Talk Reserve Champion and Impromptu Reserve Champion, Matthew Cano.

The top overall winners were: Junior Grand Champion, Katrina Phillips; Junior Reserve Champion, Jake O'Connor; Intermediate Grand Champion, Alicia Cano; and Intermediate Reserve Grand Champion, Matthew Cano.

For information about 4-H membership or 4-H leadership, call the Clatsop County Extension office at 503-325-8573.



Junior 4-H member Katrina Phillips demonstrates how to make peanut butter cookies at the 4-H Presentation Competition.

## Middle schoolers complete Girls Circle program

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A group of Astoria Middle School girls have successfully completed an eight-week Girls Circle leadership program designed to increase self-efficacy, communication and social support using a skill-building approach. The program was facilitated by Teresa Crouter and Laura Parker of the Clatsop County Juvenile Department.

The goal of Girls Circle is to enhance girls' abilities so they are able to take full advantage of their talents, academic interests, future career pursuits and potential for healthy relationships.

The Clatsop County Juvenile Department has partnered with the Astoria Middle School for over six years to offer this program to incoming sixth-grade girls. The program has been expanded to include groups at Broadway Middle School, Warrenton Grade School and Hilda Lahti Elementary School.



Pictured, Girls Circle program participants from Astoria Middle School. Front row, from left, Jackilyn Greeley, Molly Dean, Emily Gapi, Jade Gonzalez and Eliana Amador. Back row, Laura Parker, Riley Branson, Martina Hernandez and Teresa Crouter.

## Transit Driver Appreciation Day is Monday

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Sunset Empire Transportation District has announced that Monday is Transit Driver Appreciation Day in Clatsop County and across the country. Riders and the community are encouraged to let the SETD

Drivers know that they are appreciated by thanking them when boarding or leaving the bus, or by filling out one of the Driver Thank You Cards which are available at the Astoria Transit Center, Seaside Transit Office or on the SETD buses. For information, contact Mary Parker at 503-861-5370 or mary@ridethebus.org

## Clark places at FFA competition



Charlie Hall

Ali Clark earned second place in Creed Speaking March 6 at the Future Farmers of America sectional competition at Central High School in Independence.

## Spring community education registration now open

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ILWACO, Wash. — Grays Harbor College Community Education spring registration is now open, and courses are offered locally at the college's Columbia Education Center, 208 Advent Ave. S.E. in Ilwaco.

Several personal enrichment courses on a variety of subjects are available, including: watercolors, pastels, writing, language, computers, traveling on a budget, fun with Shakespeare, acoustic guitar, introduction to digital photography, gardening and more.

One new class is with Technology, Entertainment and Design (TEDx) speaker Seth Tichenor, who offers a lecture series, "Philosophical Foundations of Buddhism."

Register for classes at ghc.edu/ce or call 360-538-4088.

## Washington parks are free on Tuesday

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ILWACO, Wash. — A free day is being offered on Tuesday to celebrate Washington State Parks 106th birthday. This means visitors to state parks will not need a Discover Pass for a day-use visit.

The Discover Pass is required to access lands managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources, and free days do not apply to Sno-Parks. For information, go to parks.state.wa.us

## 'Listening to the Land' series continues on Wednesday in Seaside

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The Necanicum Watershed Council presents "Listening to the Land: Resolving Conflicts with Beaver Using Natural Science and Design," featuring Jakob Shockey, wildlife biologist and owner of Beaver State Wildlife Solutions, at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. The doors open at 5:45 p.m.; this event is free and open to the public.

Shockey has been working professionally in Oregon's streams, rivers and wetlands for over six years, and trained in flow device installation with Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions LLC.

Beaver State Wildlife Solutions specializes in addressing frustrating conflicts with wildlife in a new way, working within the ecosystem for long-term, cost-effective solutions.

For information, go to necanicumwatershed.org

## VOLUNTEERS

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tion, contact CERT coordinator Kenny Hansen at khansen@astoria.or.us or leave a voicemail at 503-325-4411.

**Friends of Seaside Library** — 1131 Broadway, Seaside. Volunteers needed to staff the fundraising store. For information, call 503-738-6742 or stop by the library.

**Haystack Rock Awareness Program** — Needs volunteers for general office assistance and to assist lead interpreters on the beach with signage, ropes and set up during low tides and talking to visitors about the rock and the local flora and fauna. Must pass a basic background test. Children are always welcome; must be supervised by a parent. For information, contact Lisa Habecker at 503-436-8064 or habecker@ci.canon-beach.or.us

**Knappa Rural Fire Protection District** — Needs volunteer firefighters. Training provided. For information, call Chief Paul Olheiser at 503-458-6610.

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman** — Certified ombudsman volunteers advocate for the rights, care and dignity of the elderly and disabled living in licensed long-term care facilities. Many residents have no one to watch out or speak up for when things go wrong. Volunteer Ombudsmen talk to the residents, investigate complaints, and work to resolve problems. Flexible schedule, four hours a week, mileage reimbursement available. Training is provided. For information, call 800-522-2602 or go to oregon.gov/lcco

**Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program** — Adults needed to mentor elementary and middle school students once a week during lunch. For information, call (219) 331-6427 or go to bit.ly/2u3KpWe

**NorthWest Senior & Disability Services** — Needs dishwashers and volunteers to serve and clean up weekdays at a meal site, and drivers for Meals on Wheels. For information, contact Candy Foster at 503-738-9323.

**Oregon Money Management Program** — Volunteers needed to assist low-income seniors and people with disabilities with budgeting, organizing financial paperwork, sorting mail and filling out applications, and can choose the day of the week and time of day to volunteer. For information, contact Julie Sobel at 503-304-3407 or julie.sobel@nwsds.org

**Providence Seaside Hospital** — Needs volunteer drivers for Community Connections, a free program that transports people to services and appointments related to health and well-being in the Portland-Metro area. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call 503-717-7171 or email Alana.Kujala@providence.org

**River Song Foundation** — Looking for people to assist with Trap/Neuter/Release/Feed (TNR), especially in the Seaside and Knappa/Svensen areas. TNR involves setting and/or monitoring traps, and daily feeding of cats and maintenance

of any shelters, and is a proven, science-based method that along with spay/neuter programs is the only effective and humane way of ending cat homelessness and suffering. Call 503-741-7369 for information and to volunteer.

**Seaside American Legion Veterans' Assistance & Rehabilitation** — Volunteers needed to help knit/crochet items for hospitalized vets and cut coupons for military families. Donations of fabric/yarn especially welcome. Group meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at 1315 Broadway, Seaside. For information, call 503-738-5111 and leave a message for Marilyn Faulkner.

**Start Making a Reader Today** — Needs volunteers to read to students one-on-one for one hour a week at local elementary schools. To volunteer, call 503-391-8423 or go to getsmartoregon.org

**Svensen Congregate Meal Site** — Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. To volun-

teer, or for information, call Debbie Dunaway at 503-791-7298 or 503-861-4202.

**Titanic Lifeboat Academy** — Volunteer to help care for animals and assist with sustainable living projects; minimum commitment of four hours per week requested. Some training provided. For information, contact Caren Black at 503-325-6886.

**Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thrift Store** — 600 Broadway, Seaside. Needs volunteers interested in improving the welfare of animals. For information, call 503-738-7040.

**Warrenton Senior Lunch Program** — Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Volunteers needed to help with Meals on Wheels and in the dining room Mondays or Thursdays. For information, contact Barb Balensifer at 503-861-1341.

**Wildlife Rehab Center of the North Coast** — Needs volunteers to help rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife. For information, call 503-338-0331 or go to coastwildlife.org