



Clatsop OGPC

RoboFruit Studios presents their video game Nukia to a panel of five judges in the gym at Western Oregon University during the Oregon Game Project Challenge.

## Students participate in Oregon Game Project Challenge

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Eleven students from Clatsop County traveled to participate in the Oregon Game Project Challenge (OGPC), hosted at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. Seventy-eight teams of middle and high-school aged students from all over Oregon presented video games they have been developing since November to a panel of judges and their peers.

Clatsop OGPC consists of two teams who met at Clatsop Community College

nearly every Wednesday for the last seven months. Students from Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria middle schools and Astoria High School participated. The RoboFruit Studios team included an “honorary” fifth-grade member, as well.

Teams design the game, rules and goals, write stories and characters, create visual art, record sound effects and music and write computer code to make it all work. In addition, the students focus on public speaking, presentations and marketing for their game.

RoboFruit Studios created the game Nukia, and because one of the members is a freshman, they entered the High School Division. Game designers were Victor Croddy, Noah Betts, Wyatt Macdonald, Maia Fay, Eliot Adams and Etienne Adams.

The team Potato Knights — Ruben Saucedo, Logan Milliron, Devon Sauer, Wyatt Handler and Eddie Templeton — also entered their game, The Great Potato Famine.

Both games tied into this year's theme of “Scarcity.” Game creation through

OGPC encompasses the entire STEAM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and design, and Mathematics) in one unified program.

The Clatsop OGPC was founded and facilitated by a volunteer mother, and runs entirely on volunteer-parental support. Clatsop Community College provided administrative support, and funding was donated by Soldier Sister LLC on behalf of the late Staff Sgt. Curtis Fairless.

For information, go to [ogpc.info](http://ogpc.info) and [fb.me/clatsopogpc](https://fb.me/clatsopogpc)

## School youth help community through CommuniCare

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WARRENTON — CommuniCare closed out its 22nd year with the North Coast Grant Awards Ceremony on May 15 at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The CommuniCare program channels the Harold and Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation's commitment to small, community giving through a school-based youth philanthropy program.

During the fall and win-

ter months, students are challenged to raise up to \$1,500, which is matched 10:1 by the CARE Foundation. In the spring, students act as community grantmakers by awarding local nonprofits the funds raised and matched for their programs.

Local participating high schools include Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria high schools, which together will grant \$51,000 to help make the community a better place.

For information, go to [communicareor.org](http://communicareor.org)

## Astoria FFA installs officers, raises \$7,361



Melissa Linder-Cho

The Astoria Future Farmers of America held its 45th Chapter Banquet on May 2, the first as a chapter since the program was shut down in 2011. During the event, the 2019-20 chapter officer team was installed. Pictured, the chapter officers from left to right: Sentinel Shelby Rasmussen, Treasurer Jameson Linder, Vice President Marcus Rasmussen, President Marlee Walter, Secretary Ali Clark, Reporter Baylee McSwain and Adviser Tess Hamby. The banquet celebrated the successes and achievements of the members, and honored the loyal supporters and alumni who have helped the program grow throughout the year. Astoria High School Principal Lynn Jackson spoke to the crowd, and FFA members receiving awards for their achievements included Allison Keeling, Samantha Davenport and Lacey Arwood. Almost 200 people were in attendance, and \$7,361 was raised from the silent and live auctions run by the Astoria FFA Alumni.

## GRADUATES/HONOR ROLL

The following students have qualified for the honor roll by earning a 3.5 grade point average or higher at school.

Eastern New Mexico University  
Portales, New Mexico  
Astoria: Clayne Williams.

## Baked Alaska offers fundraiser luncheon

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Baked Alaska will host a pay-what-you-can lunch in partnership with an Australian chef next month at its Nekst Event annex.

Baked Alaska chef and co-owner Christopher Holen, as part of

his Chef Outta Water Chef exchange program, is hosting Chef Michael Brine of the Touch of Salt restaurant in Townsville, Queensland, Australia. The two are partnering on the lunch June 13 with culinary students from Tongue Point Job Corps

Center. Profits from the lunch will go to support the United Way of Clatsop County.

Holen and Brine will also partner on a ticketed Father's Day dinner June 16. Nekst Event is located at the foot of 12th Street on the Astoria Riverwalk.

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