

RELIGION BRIEFS

Crossroads Community

SVENSEN — Crossroads Community Church, a Friends Fellowship, at 40618 Old Highway 30, is holding a Free Family Film Friday at 6:45 p.m. Friday. Come enjoy a film and fellowship. This event is always held the second Friday of the month. All are welcome. For information, call Shawn Leonard, pastor, at 503-949-5033.

Community HU sing

SEASIDE — A Sound Of Soul Event, Singing HU (Hue), an ancient name for God, takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, sponsored by ECKANKAR, The Path Of Spiritual Freedom. For information, contact Seann Valen at eckcoast@gmail.com

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. Holaday 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.

'Bully Buster' seminar offered

SEASIDE — A free seminar, "Bully Buster," for kids ages 5 to 12, takes place from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Adamson Bros. Jiu Jitsu Academy, 1601 S. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside.

Topics covered include stranger danger, abduction and safety awareness, and the The 3 Ts (Talk, Tell, Tackle). The goal is to instill mental and physical confidence in local youth.

Space is limited. To register, call 503-738-4080.

Hike club tours underground

The Angora Hiking Club meets at 9 a.m. June 22 at 1125 Marine Drive for an Underground Astoria tour with Jeff Daly. The cost is \$15 per person. Those who are planning to attend should email the walk leader, Arline LaMear, at cliffandarine@msn.com by June 20.

For information, go to angorahikingclub.org — *The Astorian*

GRADUATE

The following student has graduated from college:

Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico

Astoria: Clayne Williams, bachelor's degrees, computer science and mathematics.



Court Appointed Special Advocates

Seven new volunteer Clatsop Court Appointed Special Advocates were sworn in by Judge Dawn McIntosh on May 30. From left, Erin Kissane, Crystal Moody, Margy Slivkoff, Aleea Powell, Crista Weitzman and Nancy Clayton. Not pictured, Lu Anne Farrar.

Seven new CASA volunteers sworn in

The Astorian

The Clatsop Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program has announced that on May 30, seven new CASA volunteers joined other dedicated CASA community volunteers in serving abused and neglected children in Clatsop County.

Judge Dawn McIntosh conducted the ceremony to swear in Margy Slivkoff, Crista Weitzman, Aleea Powell, Nancy Reed Clayton, Erin Kissane, Crystal Moody and Lu Anne Farrar, who have undergone more than 30 hours of training in order to be able to effectively advocate for mal-

treated children.

CASA volunteers speak solely for a child's best interest throughout a child's time in the child welfare system. Having a court directive and statutory power to learn as much as possible about a child, they make informed recommendations to the court, and advocate for services for children.

CASA volunteers work to achieve a safe, permanent and loving home for each child, as soon as possible. There is still a waiting list of children who urgently need CASAs to speak up for their best interests.

The next Clatsop CASA training starts Oct. 9. To get on the training list, or to find out how to can advocate for children in need, contact Chelsea Harper or Francesca Lazzari by calling 503-338-6063, emailing casa@clatsopcasa.org or going to clatsop-casa.org

VOLUNTEER NOTES

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 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@dogsncats.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.

Clatsop Cruise Hosts — Looking for volunteers to meet and greet cruise ship passengers and crew, provide information and answer questions about the Clatsop County area. Ships arrive in the spring and fall, about 20 ships each year. Work all the ships or part of them. For information, go to clatsopcruisehosts.org

Coast Community Radio — Volunteers needed for a variety of opportunities and time commitments including weekday front desk, music library digital conversion, graphic and sign making, booths at farmers markets and special events, landscaping, and mailing parties. For information, email janet@coastradio.org or call 503-325-0010.

Need time for bereavement

Dear Annie: My daughter was 14 weeks pregnant when the baby died. The nurse midwives, who were wonderful, sent her home to have the miscarriage and told her it could take up to two weeks to "be complete."

I was surprised and extremely saddened by how she was treated by her supervisor at work. She is a professional engineer, and when she called her supervisor to explain why she would not be coming into work, she was told she could have three sick days, but after that, she would need to take vacation time. REALLY? And this was another woman.

After my daughter and I discussed the situation, she applied, and was approved, for benefits from the Family and Medical Leave Act, but the mental damage had been done. To all of us, this was a child. My daughter had known she was pregnant for more than three months, and, as a mother, was devastated when her baby died.

As the grandmother, I also called my office

to explain the situation — that I would be staying with my daughter, and I was told by my supervisor that she would put me down for vacation/sick time, and, if need be, for me to call back and she would change it to bereavement. Again, REALLY? When I called back several days later to say the baby had come and we were planning a funeral and burial, my time off was changed. But again, why did it take two phone calls and a second extended explanation?

What is wrong with people? Shouldn't we both just have been told how sorry they were and what, if any, paperwork would need to be filled out? How can the death of a baby be a vacation? — *Surprised and Saddened Grandmother*

Dear Grandmother: I am so sorry for the loss of your grandchild. I can feel how much you and your daughter loved this baby. You are 100 percent correct that her employer and your supervisor should have been much more sensitive to both of you. Try not to allow their insensi-

tivities to further your pain. Clearly they have not experienced such a loss and don't know the depths of your sorrow.

Now is the time for you and your daughter to surround yourselves with warrior women — women who have experienced a similar loss and know what it feels like to live in a world where you lost a baby or a grandchild. This child would want you both to feel loved and comforted. Heal for the baby.

There are readers who are reading this letter with tears in their eyes, sharing your grief. Go and hug your own daughter a little tighter today. Tell her that she, too, is strong and will survive this terrible loss.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Educated by Others." I'm a retired teacher with 31 years of being in a wonderful profession. I used to tell my classes at the start of each school year that when you talk, you teach. When you listen, you learn. Just another view. — *Always a Teacher*

Dear Teacher: Thank you for your insightful tip for not only students but also those of us who are students of life.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

AI-Anon (Astoria) — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St.; 12 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087.

AI-Anon (Clatskanie) — 7 p.m. Monday, Faith Lutheran Church, 1010 N.E. Fifth St., Clatskanie. For information, call 503-728-3351.

AI-Anon (Nehalem) — 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St. For information, call 503-368-8255.

AI-Anon (Seaside) — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, call 503-810-5196 for information.

AI-Anon (Tillamook) — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Albans Episcopal Church, 2102 Sixth St., call 503-842-5094 for information; 9 a.m. Thursday, 6505 Headquarter St., Tillamook; noon Friday, 5012 Third St., call 503-730-5863 for information.

AI-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area AI-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org

Alateen (Tillamook) — 4 p.m. Monday, 5012 Third St. For information, call 503-730-5863.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting in Clatsop

County, call 971-601-9220, in Tillamook County, call 503-739-4856, or go to aa-oregon.org

Men's Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Tuesday nights. Part of the Pure Life Alliance (purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voice mail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Narcotics Anonymous — The Northwest Oregon Area of Narcotics Anonymous (NWOANA) holds meetings in Clatsop County. For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the Helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to na.org

Overeaters Anonymous — 1 p.m. Sunday, Suzanne Elise Assisted Living Community library, 101 Forest Drive, Seaside. Call 503-738-0307 for information.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (Astoria) — 5 p.m. weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-298-9058.

TOPS (Seaside) — 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. meeting Tuesday, North Coast Family Fellowship Church, 2245 N. Wahanna Road. All are welcome. For information, call 509-910-0354.