

COMMUNITY IN BRIEF



Members of Clatsop Post 12 American Legion presented the Norman Doney Memorial Scholarship to new Eagle Scout Michael A. Kee. Pictured, from left, Scott Parker, first vice commander, Eric Jones, American Legion member, Kee, and Mike Phillips, adjutant.

Kee earns Eagle Scout rank

On Sept. 7, Michael A. Kee, of Boy Scout Troop 509 in Warrenton, celebrated earning the rank of Eagle Scout with a traditional ceremony.

Master of ceremonies was Kee’s uncle and earlier Eagle recipient, Roger Kee; fellow scouts Parker Kee, Jacob Kaup and Hunter Kautz assisted with the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Kee was awarded the Clatsop Post 12 American Legion Norman Doney Memorial Scholarship. Presenting the award were Scott Parker, first vice commander, Mike Phillips, adjutant, and Eric Jones, American Legion member.

Kee attends Western Oregon University and is seeking a degree in education. He plans to teach at the high school level.

Transit district holds engagement program sessions

The Sunset Empire Transportation District’s one-hour public transmit engagement program holds two sessions a week, and gives attendees the facts and guidelines needed to ride the bus or access other public transportation services.

The sessions take place from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays at the Astoria Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive, and at the same time on Fridays at the Seaside Transit Office, 39 N. Holladay Drive.

There is no need to sign up in advance, and all are welcome. For information, contact Jason Jones at 503-861-5361 or jason@ridethebus.org or Eric Barton at 503-861-5411 or eric@ridethebus.org

Dementia care class offered

Oregon Care Partners hosts a free, instructor-led class, “Positive Approach to Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care,” from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 204 W. Marine Drive.

The class is designed to help anyone who cares for an aging Oregonian develop positive approaches to behavioral challenges common in those affected by Alzheimer’s and dementia. There is no cost for the class, thanks to funding by the state.

Individuals who provide care for an aging family member or loved one, as well as those who work in professional caregiver settings, public safety or social work, are invited to attend. To register, call 800-930-6851 or go to OregonCarePartners.com

DAR holds contests for students

Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has distributed packets of information to area elementary, middle and high schools for the Good Citizen, history, Christopher Columbus and Junior American Citizen contests.

This year’s themes focus on “A Sailor’s Experiences as Part of Christopher Columbus’ First Expedition to the Americas” for grades 9 to 12; “The Voyage of the Mayflower” for grades 5 to 8; and “The 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: American Women Rise and Shine” for all grade levels and youth groups.

In addition, schools may select a student in grades 5 to 11 who demonstrates the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism to be awarded the Good Citizenship Medal. This is different than the DAR Good Citizen Award and Scholarship contest, open to graduating high school seniors.

Entries are due to the chapter by Dec. 1. For information, contact Linda Schaeffer at 602-565-1772.

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RELIGION BRIEFS

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meets at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. The speaker is Seth Tichenor, and his topic is “Conversing About Conversation.”

Religious education for children is available during the service.

Tichenor is a native Oregonian and former All-American swimmer. He has been a professor of philosophy for 23 years, and teaches at Clatsop Community College, where he was named Teacher of the Year in 2015. His passion is the Philosopharian Project, an effort to bring philosophy into the lives of everyday people.

A social time follows the service in the “green room” downstairs.

Astoria Church of Christ

The Astoria Church of Christ, 692 12th St., hosts

Dennis Daniels in its continuing series of guest speakers at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. His topic is “Entitled Being Courageous.”

He will also discuss the Dead Sea Scrolls in a Bible study offered at 9:45 a.m.

All are welcome. For information, call 503-791-3235.

Grace Episcopal

Sunday is Hunger Awareness Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., with an ingathering at the 10 a.m. service for the Hunger Ministries at the church. Both monetary and non-perishable food items are requested.

The monthly Community Dinner is served in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up and at 5 p.m. to clean up.

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

Costa Rican guests visit the North Coast

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The Oregon/Costa Rica Partners of the Americas recently hosted 11 Costa Rican guests for five days in their homes in the Columbia-Pacific region. The group visited Astoria, Seaside and Cannon Beach.

In Astoria, the group rode the Astoria Riverfront Trolley, climbed the Astoria Column and visited the Columbia River Maritime Museum. In Seaside, they spent a night at the beach and visited the Seaside Aquarium.

In Cannon Beach, they participated in the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, explored tide pools, visited Ecola State Park and took a home and gallery tour.

The last day included a tour of the Big Creek hatchery and a potluck at the Brownsmead Grange with dancing and live music by the Brownsmead Flats. The Ticos will also visit Hood River, central Oregon and



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Portland before going home on Sept. 29. In February, a group of Oregonians will visit four different locations in Costa Rica and be hosted in homes there. For information, go to oregonpartners.net

Local Swedes attend convention



Members of Vasa Order of America Astor Lodge No. 215 traveled to Mount Vernon, Washington, for the Vasa Pacific Northwest District 13 convention on Sept. 14. Delegates were Trudy Enke and Karen Reintzell. Doug and Terry Arnall are district officers, and Alice Iverson is a lodge chairman and grand lodge officer. Also attending were lodge members from Alberta, Canada, California and Grand Lodge Master Al Bjorkner and his wife, Nancy, from New Jersey. Speakers were Erik Pihl, Nordic Heritage Museum board member, and Honorary Consul of Sweden Petra Hilleberg. At this meeting the lodge scholarships were reinstated, and applications will be sent to local lodges soon.

Cultural Trust awards grants

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Cultural organizations across Oregon will receive more than \$2.7 million in funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust in 2020. Among those receiving funds were five organizations from the North Coast:

The Astor Library Friends Association in Astoria will receive \$17,327, which will allow the library to preserve archival materials dating from the founding of Astoria to the present.

The Confederated Lower Chinook Tribes and Bands in Warrenton were awarded \$6,103 to support the construction of an interpretive kiosk on the 1851 Tansy Point Treaty Grounds, now owned by the Chinook

Indian Nation.

Liberty Restoration Inc. in Astoria will receive \$8,685 to support the development of a strategic marketing plan. The Liberty Theatre’s digital presence will be optimized to convert traffic into increased ticket sales and overall revenue.

The Tillicum Foundation in Astoria was awarded \$19,402 to support the “Radio for Good” campaign to perform a complete overhaul of Coast Community Radio’s aging equipment.

The Trail’s End Art Association in Gearhart was awarded \$10,368 to support the renovation of the 1903 Trail’s End Art Association building.

For information, go to oregonartscommission.org and culturaltrust.org

Astoria student receives Coast Guard scholarship



The Coast Guard Foundation has awarded a scholarship to Justin Villa, right, of Astoria. Villa, who is the son of Chief Petty Officer Joseph Villa, left, will attend the University of Washington this fall. Coast Guard Foundation Scholarships benefit the children of enlisted men and women who are serving or have served in the Coast Guard, whether active duty, reserve, retired or deceased. For information, go to coastguardfoundation.org or call 860-535-0786.

Coalition offers grants, holds workshops

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The Clatsop County Cultural Coalition is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust to award funding that supports, maintains, preserves and promotes cultural programs in the visual and performing arts, as well as heritage and humanities-based projects within Clatsop County.

Individuals and groups located are eligible to apply; applicants must have 501©3 not-for-profit status or 501©3 organization affiliation. Grants will be awarded to support programs or activity occurring between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020.

Funding is available for up to \$2,000; over \$10,500 will be distributed. The 2020 grant application is available

online at clatsopculturalcoalition.org. Applications must be received no later than Oct. 31.

The Coalition highly recommends that potential applicants attend one or both one-hour workshops for information about the application process. The first is at 7 p.m. Friday at the Art Loft, above Dots N’ Doodles, 303 Marine Drive; the second is 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Successful grant applicants will be notified by Dec. 1, and invited to receive their checks and speak briefly at the awards ceremony later that month.

For information, inquire at information@clatsopculturalcoalition.org, or call Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

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| Al-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. | 5094 for information; 9 a.m. Thursday, 6505 Headquarter St., Tillamook; noon Friday, 5012 Third St., call 503-730-5863 for information. |
| Al-Anon (Clatskanie)
— 7 p.m. Monday, Faith Lutheran Church, 1010 N.E. Fifth St., Clatskanie. For information, call 503-728-3351. | Al-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area Al-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org |
| Al-Anon (Nehalem)
— 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St. For information, call 503-368-8255. | Alateen (Tillamook) — 4 p.m. Monday, 5012 Third St. For information, call 503-730-5863. |
| Al-Anon (Seaside)
— 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, call 503-810-5196 for information. | 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 |
| Al-Anon (Tillamook)
— 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Albans Episcopal Church, 2102 Sixth St., call 503-842- | 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. |