

Astoria FFA competes in district event



The Astoria Future Farmers of America Advanced Agricultural Sales Team received third place in a recent Northwest District Career Development event. Pictured, from left, are Ali Dixon, Northwest District officer, presenting the award to Jack Phillips, Ali Clark, Shelby Rasmussen, Marlee Walter and Baylee McSwain. Other highlights of the day included awards for first place beginning individual to Jena Russell, third place beginning individual to Jon Clark and eighth place advanced individual to Marlee Walter. The Advanced Ag Sales Team moves on to the FFA state competition on Saturday.

Share the Warmth campaign seeks donations

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Real estate brokers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington are gearing up for Windermere Real Estate's annual Share the Warmth campaign. Now through Dec. 18, Windermere brokers in Astoria will be collecting warm clothing and other items to benefit Clatsop Community Action. The nonprofit is specifically asking for coats, blankets, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves in all sizes.

Those who want to help can stop by participating Windermere offices to drop off donations. The office in Astoria is located at 175 14th St., Suite 120. The full list of drop-off locations is at bit.ly/2QiXtTm

Angora Hiking Club announces 2020 officers



Pictured, from left, Angora Hiking Club's 2020 officers, Ellen Norris, treasurer, and Phuong Van Horn, vice president, both of Astoria, Kathleen Hudson, president, of Hammond, Arline LaMear, chief guide, of Astoria, and Debby Halliburton, secretary, of Ocean Park, Washington. All are wearing the centennial button to celebrate Angora's 100th Centennial in 2020. For information, go to angorahikingclub.org

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Boyd to serve on Oregon student councils executive board

SEASIDE — Briana Boyd of Seaside High School has been elected to serve a term of one year on the executive board of the Oregon Association of Student Councils. The elections took place at the annual fall conference in Seaside, where a group of 1,600 students and advisors from over 100 high schools were in attendance.

Briana Boyd

Boyd will represent her region and join a group of 11 other youth board members and 10 adult board members from around the state. Her duties include planning and presiding over two statewide conferences, communicating with schools in her region, writing newsletter articles and participating in policy decisions for the association.

Bingo, dessert auction set for Sunday

The Ladies of the Moose are holding a bingo/dessert auction from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St.

The games begin at 1 p.m. Desserts are being auctioned between games. Game packets cost \$10, plus there are two special games for \$1 each.

All proceeds will be used for Christmas charity obligations, including Wishing Tree, Adopt-A-Family, the girls at the Oregon Home at Mooseheart and the Northwest Alliance Christmas Party.

Gas Assistance Program helps with heating bills

This past year NW Natural customers and shareholders contributed more than \$143,000 to the Gas Assistance Program to help low-income families and seniors in the Pacific Northwest pay their heating bills during the cold winter months. Some of the funds are being distributed to Community Action Team Inc. for Clatsop and Columbia counties, which screens all low-income recipients.

The new giving season is underway now through Aug. 31, 2020. NW Natural shareholders will match the first \$60,000 in GAP contributions. Tax-deductible donations can be made via United Way at connect.unitedway-pdx.org/GAP or by mailing a check to: Gas Assistance Program, 619 SW 11th Ave., Room 300, Portland, OR., 97205-2646.

Carden benefit set for Saturday

A "Rock for Jeff" fundraiser for stroke survivor Jeff Carden is being held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Astor Street Opry Company, 129 W. Bond St.

There is a no-host bar, and performers include Ma Barley, the Ad Hoc Blues Band, Sharon Hartley Band and more. All are welcome, donations are appreciated.

Oregon Parks offers free parking Nov. 29

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department invites Oregonians to celebrate "Green Friday" Nov. 29, when the department will waive day-use parking fees in 25 state parks across Oregon.

Parking is free year-round at almost all state parks; the waiver applies to the 25 parks that charge \$5 daily for parking. The waiver applies from open to close on Nov. 29, except at Shore Acres State Park. A list of parks that charge the \$5 parking fee is available at bit.ly/2QmWTEg

For information, go to oregonstateparks.org

Seaside Aquarium holds annual food drive

SEASIDE — The Seaside Aquarium is holding its annual "Feed the Seals, Feed the Community" food drive from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Patrons can pay admission to the Seaside Aquarium with two cans of non-expired food per person. Food items are collected at the aquarium then sorted, checked and stocked on the shelves of the South County Community Food Bank.

The food bank's public hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2041 N. Roosevelt Drive. Aquarium hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call the aquarium at 503-738-6211.

Student art shines at local exhibit

"Artistry Abroad," an Astoria High School and Astoria Middle School art event, takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the old Lum's Showroom, 1625 Exchange St.

In an artistic trip around the globe, over 200 students from the Astoria School District have art on display, including drawings, paintings, pottery and a special light installation.

All proceeds will be split between the individual artists and the high school and middle school art programs.

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