

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AARP offers tax prep help

From now through April 15, the AARP Foundation is providing in-person tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program. This free program is offered in conjunction with the IRS, and AARP membership is not required.

Local AARP tax clinics available through April 15 are as follows:

- Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St., 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are taken only if space is available. For information, call 503-325-3231.
- Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1224 Avenue A in Seaside, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are taken only if space is available. For information, call 503-738-7393.
- Ocean Park Timberland Library, 1308 256th Lane, Ocean Park, Washington, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., from Wednesday to April 15, on a first come, first served basis. Be prepared to stay a few hours; some more complex tax returns may be out of scope. The library is closed on Mondays. For information, call 360-665-4184.

For information, including which documents to bring to the tax site, go to aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp or call 888-227-7669.

Bingo/dessert auction fundraiser set for Sunday

The Women of the Moose are holding a bingo/dessert auction at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. The desserts are being auctioned between the games.

Game packets cost \$10, plus there are two special games for \$1 each. A soup and bread dinner is being served for \$5.

All proceeds will be used for charity obligations to Moose charities for the upcoming mid-year conference, association obligations and the general fund.

Arts organizations receive grants

Creative minds at 138 Oregon arts orga-

nizations will be empowered through fiscal year 2020 operating support grants totaling \$1,118,435 from the Oregon Arts Commission. North Coast organizations receiving grants are the Cannon Beach Arts Association (\$4,043) and Liberty Restoration Inc. (\$4,919).

The arts commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon Legislature, and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust. For information, go to oregonartscommission.org

Coast Guard announces scholarship opportunities

The Coast Guard Foundation has announced that from Feb. 1 through March 15, children of Coast Guard members who are active duty, active duty reserve and retired may apply for annual scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to fund undergraduate education.

Over the last five years, the Coast Guard Foundation has awarded an average of \$400,000 in scholarships. In the 29 years of the program, the foundation has paid out over \$5.4 million to more than 1,100 college-aged young adults.

For information about the scholarship application, go to coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships

Elks announce essay and poster contest winners

Seaside Elks Lodge No. 1748 has announced that the winner of the Americanism Essay Contest is Autumn Fenton of Gearhart Elementary School, whose essay was themed “What Freedom of Speech Means to Me.” She was awarded \$50 and a certificate.

The winner of the Elks Eye Injury Prevention Contest is Luna Victoria of Seaside Heights Elementary School, who was awarded \$50 and a certificate. Jhael Bedolla Sepulveda’s poster received second place and Caleb Page’s received third place.

The essay and all three posters were forwarded to the district contest for possible additional awards.

Sign-up open for Savvy Caregiver program

Northwest Senior and Disability Services, 2002 S.E. Chokeberry Ave., Warrenton, is offering its Savvy Caregiver course again this year. This is a 12-hour training program delivered in two-hour sessions, meeting twice a week. The classes take place from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, March 11, 14, 18 and 20, and April 1 and 3.

The Savvy Caregiver program focuses on helping caregivers think about their situation objectively, and is designed to train family and professional caregivers in the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to handle the challenges of caring for a family member with Alzheimer’s disease, and other types of dementia, and to be an effective caregiver.

To sign up for the Savvy Caregiving program, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202.

Toe of Satan Challenge is Sunday

The Astor Street Opry Co.’s “Shanghaied in Astoria” characters are competing in the Toe of Satan Challenge at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., to raise money for the wildlife affected by the devastating fires in Australia.

The Toe of Satan lollipop, one of the hottest on the market, is made from 9 million Scoville Heat Units chili extract. The challenge is to suck on one of those lollipops for 5 minutes.

Cheer on Max Kroke, Yakko, Eino and Eric Olsen as they try to defeat the Toe of Satan, hosted by Sneak. Donations will be accepted for the Australia Zoo “Wildlife Warriors,” who are rescuing animals; a link to donate is here: bit.ly/2SfpavG

Sponsors are Columbia Veterinary Hospital, Fort George and the Astor Street Opry Co.

Tickets for Nordic Lights benefit dinner available

Tickets are now available for the second annual Astoria Nordic Heritage Park capital campaign Nordic Lights benefit dinner on March 28 at Carruthers Restaurant.

This five-course fine dining Nordic-themed event has limited seating; reserving a place early is recommended. To request an invitation, contact Judi Lampi at clat-sop41@yahoo.com or 503-791-9156. An RSVP card, which is included in the invitation, must be completed and returned.

Tickets cost \$150 (tip included) per person, and include a choice of meat, fish or vegetarian main course. Nordic-themed cocktails will also be available. Nordic attire is encouraged.

Payment can be mailed to the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR., 97103, or made online at astorianordicpark.org

Fundraising is ongoing for the park, which will honor the immigrant tradition that brought thousands of Scandinavians to Oregon’s North Coast in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Approximately \$500,000 remains to be secured before construction can begin.

Heyen named as strengths coach

Maria Heyen of Astoria is one of 42 students selected as a new strengths coach for the Clifton Strengths Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business.

Heyen is a freshman Clifton Builders management and international business major at the university. The new coaches will join returning coaches to mentor more than 750 first-year business students.

For information on strengths coaches and the Clifton Strengths Institute, go to business.unl.edu/strengths

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SENIOR NOTES

Alzheimer’s Association Oregon Chapter — Information, referral and counseling services for families and caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s, dementia and other related disorders. For information, call 800-272-3900 (24 hours a day).

Astoria Alzheimer’s & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m. third Monday, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St., first floor conference room. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 216, or email support@clatsopcare.org

Clatsop Behavioral Health After Hours Crisis Line — 503-325-5724.

Clatsop Community Action — 503-325-

1400. Respite care services, low-income energy assistance, emergency food assistance, housing information, emergency personal care items.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Cost is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education (ENCORE) — 503-338-2408. Provides a wide assortment of educational experiences for individuals older than 50.

Elder Friendship Line — 800-971-0016. Available from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; crisis calls taken 24/7.

Food Pantries — 503-325-1400. Clatsop Community Action serves six food pantries in

Clatsop County through the Oregon Food Bank Network. Call for area locations and hours.

Grief Support Group, Seaside — 2 to 4 p.m. first Thursday, Bob Chisholm Community Center, Meeting Room 1, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. For information, call Lower Columbia Hospice at 503-338-6230.

Lifespan Respite — 503-325-1400. Provides information, referral, training and paid respite for family caregivers.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-TALK (8255). A 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service for anyone in a suicidal crisis. TTY users should dial 800-799-4TTY (4889).

National Alliance on Mental Illness — 800-950-NAMI (6264) or locally, 503-717-1835. Sepa-

rate support groups for people with mental illness and families of those with mental illness are available.

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority — 503-861-0119. Rent assistance based on income.

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services — 503-861-4202 or 800-442-8614. Medicaid services, food stamps, information and assistance, family caregiver support services, Medicare choice assistance, home delivered meals, senior meal sites and senior peer counseling.

Oregon Aging and Disability Resource Connection — 855-ORE-ADRC (673-2372), adrcforegon.org. Information and services for older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and families.

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181 Lost & Found

Lost Male engraved Wedding Band paired with masonic ring on military dog tag chain. Gold, quarter inch wide. Extreme Sentimental Value. Contact Kenneth at 503-325-5754. Possibly lost in Seaside coming home from my wife's funeral in Riley's Parking lot.

Bike Found Needs Home

To the owner of a lost black/red Men's Trek 820 SUPER DUTY bicycle this bike has been found in Seaside OR. This bike is worth \$800 in brand new shape. Your bike is in custody of the Seaside county police dept waiting for an owner. If the bike isn't claimed by Feb 18 I am going to attempt to claim the bike. For details on the bike and how the bike can be returned contact me at my contact, William Lambert 741 Avenue B #3 Seaside, OR 97138 (503) 739-6548.

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184 Personals

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Call or text Kevin (503)440-6693

201 Antique & Classic Vehicles

28th Annual Astoria Automotive Swap Meet Vendors Wanted Clatsop Fairgrounds Saturday March 14th. 8am-2pm Contact Fred 503-440-9481 Dorothy 503-468-0006

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