Human resource association awards scholarships

The Astorian

The Lower Columbia Human Resource Management Association has announced the recipients of the association's scholarship program: Cody Lachica, a 2020 graduate of Astoria High School, was awarded $1,000; and Amber King, a 2020 graduate of Rainier High School, was awarded $500. Both were selected for their outstanding efforts in preparing for their future careers in human resources and business.

Cody Lachica

Amber King

Lachica completed a variety of business and marketing courses in high school and at Clatsop Community College. She plans to earn her associate's degree at Clatsop and transfer to Oregon State University to obtain her bachelor's degree in business administration.

King has been involved in many extracurricular activities, including leadership, basketball, Columbian Crew and senior class secretary, while maintaining a near 4.0 GPA.

The asssocation's scholarships are awarded to applicants who are graduating high school students residing in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties or Pacific County who will be attending college in the fall, or current college students continuing their education the following year who have a home of record in one of the counties.

For information, go to lchrma.org

Architect's image of the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park.

Nordic Park receives grant

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The Oregon Cultural Trust has awarded the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association a grant of $27,034 to create 10 interpretive panels for installation at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, to be constructed on the Astoria Riverwalk between 15th and 16th streets.

Planning for the park started in 2015, with a hopeful construction start date of February 2021, providing fundraising is complete. The estimate of probable costs for the park is $1.4 million; $815,000 has already been raised.

Local individuals and groups wishing to hear a brief presentation and talk about the park effort should contact park committee chair Judi Lampi at clatsop41@yahoo.com or call 503-791-9156.

For information, go to astorianordicpark.org

Astoria FFA places fourth in state virtual competition

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Astoria FFA virtually attended the Oregon FFA State Horse Evaluation and placed fourth in state. Team members were Alivia Rickenbach, Samantha Davenport and Jena Russel.

Students who participate in this team career development event evaluate and rank horses based on breed characteristics, conformation and performance. They also solve problems from nutrition and reproduction to the tack, equipment and feed used, then defend their decisions orally to a panel of judges.

Bright flame burns fast

Dear Annie: Since you wrote "Ask Me Anything," I'm taking you up on it.

I had known a lady for about a year when I finally asked her out. I was shocked when she said yes. The date was to be a game of miniature golf followed by a walk on the beach. Long story short, she stopped by my house first, and we never made it to miniature golf or the beach. Instead, I had a few of the best hours of my life.

DEAR ANNIE

ANNIE LANE
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After a couple of similar "dates," I invited her to move in with me, and she accepted. Our relationship was close to perfect. She was extremely caring and affectionate. I didn't want to bring up marriage too soon, but I did tell her I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her, and she said the same to me.

This continued for about three months. But then, one Sunday, she got up very early to go spend the day with her mother out of town. As she was getting ready, I hugged her and said, "I am happy you enjoy spending time with your mom, but it would be great if you would plan it a little later so we could enjoy some time together before you have to leave."

Later that afternoon, she came back and was enraged that I'd said anything about her spending time with her mom. She hurriedly packed her things and left. That was 10 months ago. I tried several times to call her, but she wouldn't answer. And she didn't reply to any of the several emails I sent. I simply cannot fathom what caused her to go from the most loving person I've ever known to wanting nothing to do with me. Should I give up on her altogether? If not, what can I do to get her back? — *Whiplashed*

Dear Whiplashed: When things go from 0 to 100 so quickly, it's a sign you're headed for a crash — in your case, a hit and run. With the way she split so quickly, you can be sure that it wasn't just because of what you said that day; it was because she'd been planning to leave already.

Asking her to move in after a few dates was a mistake. You didn't know her then, and you hardly know her now. Keep trying to move on. As hard as it is, it will get easier with time. The next time you meet someone special — and there will indeed be a next time — take things slow.

Dear Annie: My first reaction to the letter "Father Knows Best," about a 40-year tradition of yard care was, "What a nice story!" But then my training as a master gardener kicked in, and I thought, "Why are they raking up all the grass clippings?"

If your lawn is kept regularly mowed, it is much better to leave the clippings where they are to decompose and help to fertilize the lawn naturally. In Florida, we are not allowed to use any chemical fertilizer on grass during the rainy summer months. The clippings help improve our mostly sandy soil by adding organic matter. Save yourself some trouble while doing the right thing for your lawn. Better still, reduce its area and replace it with garden beds and trees, and plants for the birds and the butterflies. — *Florida Master Gardener Yard Advisor*

Dear Yard Advisor: I missed the mark in my response to "Father Knows Best," as I didn't consider the environmental benefits of leaving lawn clippings. I heard from many readers about this one. Thank you for setting me straight.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Astoria Christian Church

For service information and updates, go to astoriachristian.org or bit.ly/AstoriaChristian, call 503-325-2591 or email AstoriaChristian@gmail.com

Astoria First United Methodist Church

For livestream service information and updates, email the church office at office@unitedmethodistastoria.org or call 503-325-5454.

Grace Episcopal Church

For updates, food pantry hours and in-person and livestream service information, call the church at 503-325-4691, email graceastoria4691@gmail.com or go to graceastoria.org or fb.me/Grace Astoria

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

For information about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry hours, and service and livestreaming information at both the Astoria church and Hammond mission, call 503-325-3671, email office@stmaryastoria.com or go to stmaryastoria.com or bit.ly/stmaryastoria

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — For information, call 503-325-1087.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — For information, call 503-810-5196 for information.

Al-Anon (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-842-5094 or 503-730-5863.

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

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