

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Blazers honor Hernandez, Consejo Hispano

Norma Hernandez, a staff assistant and women, infants and children coordinator at the Clatsop County Public Health Department, has been recognized by the Portland Trail Blazers for her service.



Norma Hernandez

She was honored at a recent home game in Portland as part of its Hometown Hero program, which recognizes people who have made a difference in their communities.

Along with her regular duties with the department, Hernandez is a tireless advocate for the local Hispanic community, and has served as part of the Clatsop County's COVID-19 pandemic response.

She helped by organizing and providing interpretation at vaccine events, fielding phone calls from Spanish speakers, translating public messaging and serving as a trusted contact between the county's Public Health Department and local Hispanic/Latinx residents.

The game also featured honors for Consejo Hispano, the nonprofit organization supporting Hispanic families in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties. The group is being recognized as part of the Blazer organization's fifth annual Celebration of Hispanic and Latinx Heritage.

Chinook heritage signs dedication set

CATHLAMET, Wash. — A Chinook tribal heritage sign dedication takes place at noon Saturday at the Cathlamet Elochoman Marina, 500 Second St.

Two permanent signs have been erected in Cathlamet in honor of the Chinook tribes who once occupied the area. They tell the stories of Queen Sally, canoe building and greeting the Lewis and Clark expedition.



Astoria FFA earns top four banner

Astoria FFA members recently participated in the state Livestock Evaluation contest in Redmond, placing fourth, making it the first time Astoria has received a top four banner in Livestock Evaluation. During the event, students work in teams to rank breeding and market classes of beef, sheep and swine and give oral reasons to back up their decisions. Pictured, from left, Jameson Linder, Jena Russell, Connor Toolan and Samantha Davenport.

The signs were funded by a grant from the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment, the efforts of town councilman David Olson, and with cooperation from Tony Johnson, chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation.

This event is hosted by the Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public. Representatives from regional political leadership, Chinook tribal ancestors and local citizens will be in attendance.

Poster contest accepting entries

The Astoria Lions Club and the Astoria Art Loft are partners and collaborators for the 2021/2022 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "We Are All Connected."

The contest is open to ages 11 to 13, born Nov. 16, 2007, through Nov. 15, 2010. Posters are evaluated on three criteria, at each level of judging, for originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Artwork should not be matted or framed, and the size should be no smaller than 13 by 20 inches, and no larger than 20 by 24.

Posters should be turned in at the Astoria Art Loft, 106 Third St. The deadline is Nov. 12. For information, call 503-325-4442.

Lions Club adds evening meetings

WARRENTON — The Astoria Lions Club has announced the addition of an evening meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Flood Valley Tap House, 1605 E. Harbor Drive. The club meets in the separate event room; food and beverages are available for purchase.

The new meeting time was added to give people interested in serving their community — who cannot participate in the weekly, day-time meetings — the option of meeting after working hours.

For questions or information, call Ray Montgomery, club president, at 971-286-8009.

Register for Medicare information class

Northwest Senior and Disability Services is holding a Medicare 101 open enrollment information class, which is being held via Zoom from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Nov. 16, 23 and 30.

Topics covered in the session include: a summary of benefits in Part A and Part B; Medicare choices; Medicare updates; Part D, and how to enroll; other helpful resources; and avoiding health care fraud.

Registration is required to receive a password and attend. To register, call 503-861-4200.

— *The Astorian*

RELIGION BRIEFS

Anchor Baptist Church

The congregation meets at the Astoria Christian Church, 1151 Harrison Ave. On Sundays, the service starts at 1 p.m.; Bible study is at 7 p.m. Thursdays. For information, email anchorbaptistastoria@gmail.com

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 Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, 349 Seventh St., holds a worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The service is also broadcast at fb.me/astoriafirstbaptist

Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. There is no child care, but children are encouraged to join the service. For information, call the church office at 503-325-1761.

Astoria First United Methodist Church

Open for worship on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 1076 Franklin Ave. Masks are required. For livestream service information, email the church office at office@unitedmethodistastoria.org or call 503-325-5454.

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship holds a service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, via Zoom, which is open to all belief systems, including the spiritual but not religious. For information, go to cgifellowship.org. For the Zoom link, email info@cgifellowship.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Patricia Woodard, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, gives a talk titled, "Breaking News: Freedom Is Ours Now" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Parking is available across the street.

Sunday morning services and Sunday school at the Christian Science Church, 632 11th St., are held at 10 a.m.; enter on 11th Street.



Patricia Woodard

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are at 7 p.m. Those wishing to attend by phone can get details by calling 971-320-0294.

The Reading Room hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, except holidays; enter on Franklin Avenue.

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

Olney Community Church

The non-denominational Olney Community Church, 89351 Oregon Highway 202, meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday for breakfast. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., and the worship service is at 11 a.m. All are welcome. A Wednesday prayer meeting is at 3 p.m. For information call the church at 503-325-3394 or Ed Hortsch, pastor, at 503-791-4475.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

A Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service is being held via Zoom at noon on Sunday. For Zoom information, go to pacuuf.org

Peace First Lutheran

Peace First Lutheran Church holds Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. at 725 33rd St. The 8:30 a.m. service is also streamed live at bit.ly/3rcrMd

Wednesday Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m., with noon-time prayers following, at 565 12th St. Church office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 503-325-6252, email office@peacefirstlutheran.com or go to peacefirstlutheran.com

Pioneer Presbyterian Church

WARRENTON — For service information, call the church at 503-861-2421 or go to pioneerchurchpcusa.org

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

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