

BRIEFS

Ongoing exhibit charts history of racism

ASTORIA – February is Black History Month, and at Astoria's Clatsop County Heritage Museum, an ongoing exhibit is piecing together stories of history, culture and discrimination in Oregon's oldest town.

"Blocked Out: Race, Place, and the Making of Modern Astoria," organized in conjunction with the nonprofit Oregon Black Pioneers, has in recent months experienced a wave of meaningful feedback from community members, some telling their own stories, according to Dr. Chelsea Vaughn, curator of the exhibit.

"Taken separately, these are dozens of isolated incidents, but together they actually paint a broader picture of how Astoria has come to be a largely white space," Vaughn said.

Visit astoriamuseums.org for more information on the exhibit.

Long Beach hosts centennial celebration

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The city is turning 100 this year, and will be marked by the Long Beach Centennial Celebration, start-

ing off with a display of fireworks on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

The event, organized by the city and the Long Beach Merchants Association, will run through May 15, spanning a full 100 days.

Events planned include a parade and burial of a time capsule.

Long Beach began as a summer vacation village as early as 1880, but was officially incorporated on Jan. 18, 1922.

For more information, go to www.visit-longbeachpeninsula.com

Thai Me Up restaurant to host fundraiser

Both Astoria and Seaside locations of Thai Me Up will donate all proceeds collected on Tuesday for the Seaside Museum.

Funds raised for the museum will support much needed repairs to preserve the Butterfield Cottage as well as new and existing exhibits, such as the beloved diorama.

Thai Me Up offers dine-in and take out at both locations; in Seaside at 1575 Roosevelt Drive, and in Astoria at 175 14th St., Suite 180.

For more information on the restaurant and fundraiser, visit www.thaimeuporder.com/



The North Coast Symphonic Band.

Symphonic Band presents concert at Liberty Theatre

ASTORIA – The North Coast Symphonic Band continues its 42nd season with the "Dance Your Cares Away" concert, at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Liberty Theatre.

Guest conducting for the event is local music teacher Michael McClure, with light and fun music including band arrangements of operatic and ballet works, such as "Orpheus," "Danse Bacchanale," and "Russian Sailor's Dance," as well as dance medleys, including "Folk Songs from the Southern Appalachians" and

"ABBA on Broadway." The afternoon's MC will be Brian Bergman.

Regular admission is \$15 and student admission is \$8. Tickets can be purchased at the Liberty Theatre Box Office Wednesday through Saturday from 2 to 5:30 p.m. or online at www.libertyastoria.showare.com Tickets will also be available at the door starting at noon. Doors open at 1pm, followed by a prelude from the Astoria Jazz Combo.

For more information, visit www.northcoastsymphonicband.org.

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