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This weekend

Benefit concert promises variety

Floots, Toots and Bedposts, a North Coast Symphonic Band benefit concert for the Performing Arts Center, will be held at 3 p.m. March 25 at the PAC, 588 16 St., Astoria.

The event features the Astoria Tuba Quartet, Northern Lights Flute Ensemble and Mea Culpa Bassoons.

General admission is \$15, with students admitted for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, which opens half an hour before the performance.



Breakfast with the Easter bunny

Kids of all ages are invited to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St., adjacent to Robinson Community Park.

It's an all-you-can-eat-pancakes affair plus sausage, eggs and beverages. Pancakes are being donated and prepared by Pig 'N Pancake and coffee is being donated

by Starbucks.

Cost is \$5 for those 12 and older, \$3 for ages 6 to 11 and \$1 for those 5 and younger. All proceeds support Warrenton Community Center.

Whale watch week begins

Gray whales are migrating north past the Oregon coast this time of year and the Oregon Parks and Recreation invites visitors to search for them during Spring Whale Watch Week, which begins Saturday, March 24.

Trained volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program will be stationed at 24 sites along the coast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day through March 31.

The closest spots with volunteers are Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Ilwaco, Ecola State Park in Cannon Beach and Neahkahn Mountain Lookout on Highway 101.

Letters to the Editor

Enjoyed piece on Frontier Grit

I would like to comment on the article in the Feb. 23 issue, "Women's history and women's issues topic of Thursday lecture."

I am intrigued by Marianne Monson's book, "Frontier Grit: The Unlikely True Stories of Daring Pioneer Women."

My great-grandmother, Mildred Bennett, was curator of the Willa Cather Memorial in Red Cloud, Neb., and my admiration for the literary works of one of America's first pioneer women to cross the "Great Divide" in pursuit of a better life has remained with me for 35 plus years.

"O Pioneers!" and "My Antonia" were two of those books and they hold treasured

memories. My great-grandmother Mildred passed away in 1990 and she lived a long and dedicated life.

Thank you, Ms. Monson, for writing a book dedicated to pioneering women.

D.E. Nelson
Vacaville, Calif.

Supports Orr for District 32 Rep.

As a former Republican, I would like to share why I believe candidate John Orr should be our next State House Representative for District 32.

Even though he is running for political office for the first time, he is certainly no "newcomer" to politics. Orr's progressive views on finance reform, housing and the environment, as well as

his 25 years representing his community and helping others, have always been distinct and have never wavered.

His approach has always been to fight hard, balanced with a pragmatic sensibility born out of experience with our justice system.

In a time of political turmoil, John Orr maintains a perspective of calm, but resolute leadership that Oregonians need in their lawmakers. Someone who can not only represent their concerns, but has the mind and heart and experience to actually accomplish these goals.

I encourage everyone to vote, but I especially encourage you to vote for those who truly care about the future of Oregon. John Orr is for Oregon.

Phil Hall
Warrenton