

Tickets on sale for AAUW spring fashion show

The third annual "Spring into Fashion" style show, sponsored by American Association of University Women, is at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Astoria Golf and Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Road.

Tickets are \$30 general or \$20 for students, with all proceeds going to fund local scholarships.

Twelve merchants from Cannon Beach and Seaside will select the fashions and models include women, men and children. The event includes a raffle of items donated by merchants and artists.

Judge Dawn McIntosh will be honored with this year's Breaking Barriers Award.

Tickets are available from Seaside AAUW members, at



Beach Books in Seaside, and by contacting Linda Schaeffer at sharlul@hotmail.com.

Kujala: Issues are housing, jobs, quality of life

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Clatsop Plains Land-Use and Feasibility Study Advisory Committee, ODOT Highway 101/Miles Crossing Transportation Refinement Committee, Clatsop Economic Development Resources Board Member, Clatsop County 4-H Extension Committee.

Political/Other experience: Mayor, City of Warrenton, 2011, 2013-2017; Warrenton City Commissioner, 2005-2017; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Passage Task Force, 2017; Oregon Community Foundation, 2017-present.

Top three issues affecting the county: Affordable housing, family-wage jobs, quality of life.

How would you approach these three issues?

1. Affordable housing: There is no 'silver bullet' to solve affordable housing shortages. It will take a variety of approaches, and the market ultimately determines housing prices through supply and demand.

More inventory will reduce the cost to the consumer.

As mayor of Warrenton, we made incremental changes in zoning and development codes to help promote affordable and workforce housing. Having flexibility

in density requirements and conditional-use options in commercial zones can assist in creating lower-cost housing construction.

There are also opportunities for public-private partnerships to add both affordable housing and low-income Section 8-eligible housing to the inventory.

Recently, the Clatsop County manager proposed the sale of surplus county-owned property on Ridge Road for residential development. The proceeds would be split among the taxing districts, with the county portion put in a fund to address homeless issues.

I think that was a good proposal, although it was defeated by the current Clatsop County Commission Board.

2. Family-wage jobs: I am very proud of my efforts as mayor of Warrenton to create an environment for family-wage job growth. The city worked with businesses like Pacific Seafoods, Lektro and Hampton Lumber to help them expand. With Pacific Seafoods, the city worked with the Governor's Office and the Oregon State Legislature to get them rebuilt on the Skipanon River.

There are opportunities at the Port of Astoria Regional Airport and at the North Coast Business Park for

industrial development and more family-wage jobs. The Coast Guard will be adding an additional 170 service members and those are good jobs that bring good families to our area.

Countywide there are industrial jobs that can be added at Tongue Point and the Port of Astoria.

I will bring the same approach I established in Warrenton to the Clatsop County Commission, to create an environment where Clatsop County is "Open for Business."

3. Quality of Life: It starts with the basics: Public safety, education, health care, access to social services, and upgrades to infrastructure.

But quality of life also extends to recreational opportunities, conservation, aesthetics and public right-of-way enhancements, arts and culture, and community pride.

County government does not have the resources to address all these areas in the way they should, nor is it always appropriate.

With the basics, the Clatsop County government needs to allocate sufficient funds to public safety and infrastructure.

We can support the organizations already affecting positive change. You don't have to re-invent the wheel.

Red Cross: More volunteers needed for disaster shelters

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of volunteers. Hence the enthusiasm to train Clatsop County's residents to help themselves. Volunteer trainees are both very welcome and much needed far in advance of disaster.

Most training is done online, with several workshops offered locally throughout the year. Training is free for a host of interests ranging from supervisory to desk workers, ham radio operators, shelter assistants, cooks, blood drive helpers, vehicle drivers and more.

"It's that local knowledge

we rely upon to carry out our mission in a meaningful way," Carver said. "Disaster training is one way we prepare the community ahead of trouble."

A wealth of how-to information for disaster preparation is available online at redcross.org. Prospective volunteers may contact Carver by leaving a return call number at 503-428-4090 or emailing her at jenny.carver@redcross.org.



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