

Foundation awards grant for equity project

The Clatsop Community College Foundation has been awarded a three-year \$183,000 grant from Meyer Memorial Trust to support establishing the Alliance for Equity in Education.

The alliance is “a culturally responsive strategy to improve transitions to college for priority high school youth in Clatsop County,” according to a press release from the college. “The populations considered priority by this grant are high school English language learners, high school lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or other sexual/gender identities, and students of color.”

Margaret Frimoth, the col-

lege’s vice president of Academics, was a leading force behind securing the grant.

By focusing on existing networks between college and high school programs, the Alliance for Equity in Education will compound individual strategies to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion for high school students transitioning to college, she said.

“The more we create inclusive environments for diverse students, the more welcoming we become for all students,” Frimoth said. “We want students to experience CCC as a welcoming and supportive environment.”

Over the next three years, the college will use grant

funds to enhance existing relationships with high school youth, align with existing expectations for public education and create a network of trained educators to address specific disparities through a Train-the-Trainer strategy.

Meyer Memorial Trust is a tax-exempt private foundation and created by the late Fred G. Meyer, founder of the chain of retail stores bearing his name.

Established in 1982, Meyer has awarded roughly \$700 million in grants and program-related investments to more than 3,200 organizations in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Women wanting to return to school sought for WINGS event

The 2019 WINGS conference will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in Clatsop Community College’s Columbia Hall.

The 17th annual free event, geared toward “Women Interested in Going to School,” is sponsored by the college and the American Association of University Women.

The daylong conference is designed to help women gain skills to enrich their lives, return to earn their general education degree, start or finish vocation-

al certificates and college degrees, develop new job skills, or train for a new career.

College staff will provide information about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, support programs, career planning, nontraditional careers, conquering math anxiety, distance learning and more.

For more information or to register, log on to clatsopcc.edu or call 503-717-1852. Pre-registration is required.

Annual chamber banquet has wild West theme

“Wild West” is the theme of this year’s Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce’s annual meeting and banquet. Tickets are \$40 and are

now on sale for the event, set for 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

Tickets include dinner and one raffle ticket. There also will be a blind drawing for wine.

After dinner, the 2018 George Award and 2018 Richard Ford Award, along with a few other honors, will be given.

A reservation is required. Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the chamber, 111 W. Marine Drive, Astoria.

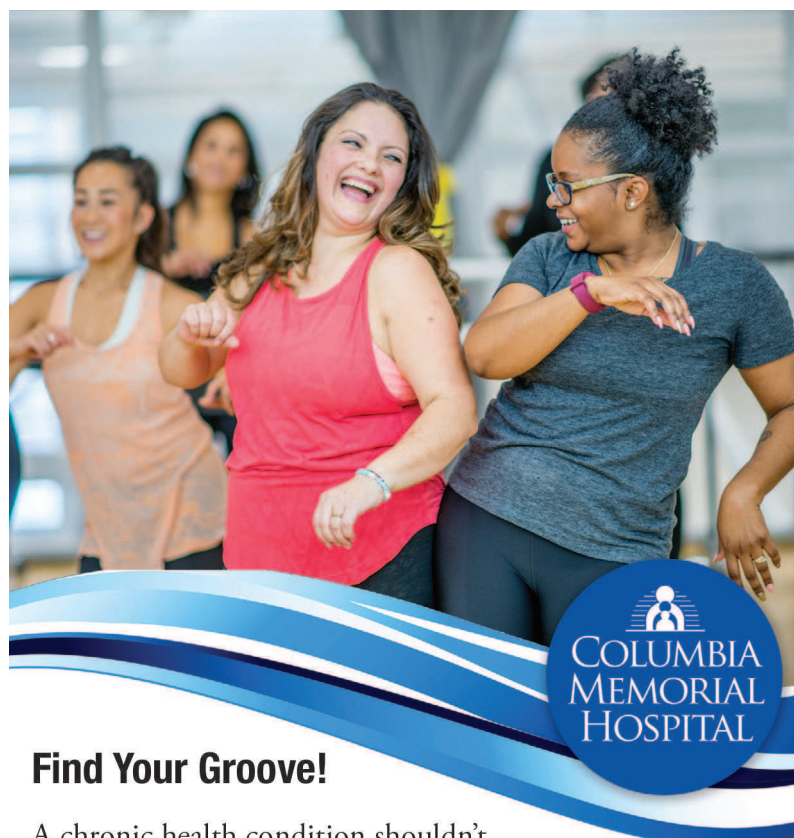
Free family movie to show at Liberty

A free presentation of the Disney Pixar movie “Up” will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria.

“Up” follows the adventures of Carl, an elderly balloon salesman, and Russell, a young wilderness scout. They both end up traveling to South America with the help of thousands of balloons.

The event, although free to all, is offered by the theater as a special benefit to Coast Guard and other federal employees and their families.

No tickets are needed and doors open at 1:30 p.m.



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