

EMT named top firefighter

Brian Christopher Alsbury has been named 2018 Fire-fighter of the Year for the Warrenton Fire Department.

Alsbury is a lieutenant in the department and has served since 2007. Prior to that, he was a member of the Astoria Fire Department for seven years.

Alsbury is an emergency medical technician and is employed by the Warrenton Public Works Department. Besides responding to fire and medical emergencies, he fills in for Chief Tim Demers when he's out of town.

Alsbury, a 1999 Astoria High School graduate, is married to Sarah Litwin and has four children, Sophie, Norah, Paxton and Teegan.

He's working toward an associate's degree in fire service from Clatsop Communi-



Brian Alsbury

ty College and is earning his advanced EMT certificate.

His parents are Lynn and Rose Alsbury. Lynn Alsbury served as fire chief in the Tongue Point Fire Department.

School board names new member

Neal Bond, a member of the Oregon Department of Forestry's protection unit, has been appointed to the Warrenton-Hammond School Board.

He'll fill the Position 4 seat left vacant when Stacey Brown resigned last year. The term expires June 30, 2021.

Bond was one of four applicants, although one later dropped out. The six other serving board members held interviews with the three remaining candidates on Jan. 23 and made the appointment that night.

The board wanted to make the appointment immediately, Superintendent Mark Jeffery said, so the newest board member can participate in property negotiations for the new middle school campus.

St. Francis begins prayer program

Knights of Columbus present the 2019 Marian Prayer Program beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at St. Francis de Sales Mission Church, 867 Fifth Ave., Hammond.

There will be a prayer service and Rosary ending there after the 4 p.m. vigil Mass.

This pilgrimage icon honors the martyrs over the centuries as well as the Christians suffering in the Middle East today. The prayer program, created by Italian iconographer Fabrizio Diomedi, also is designed to aid anyone who suffers for their faith.

The Icon of Our Lady will process during the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 3, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, 1465 Grand Avenue, Astoria, where it will remain until Feb. 9.

Knights of Columbus will provide a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Feb. 3.

This weekend

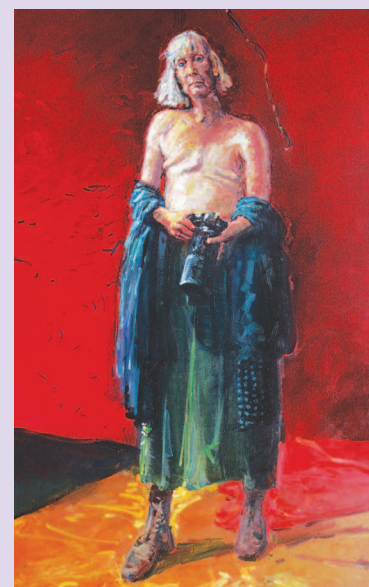
Nude works return to college gallery

The 13th annual international juried exhibit, "Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century," is on display through March 14 at Clatsop Community College's Royal Nebeker Art Gallery, 1799 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

A community reception is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. This year's juror, Ashley Stull Meyers, will give a brief gallery talk. She is a writer, editor and curator.

Awards to be announced at the reception include cash prizes, purchase awards, a special exhibit award during the 2019-20 season, and a select number of workshop awards. The reception is free and open to the public. A post-reception gathering immediately following the reception will be held at the Inferno Lounge, 77 11th St., Astoria.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Gallery visitors are invited to cast



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their vote for their favorite piece in the show anytime throughout the duration of the exhibit. The ballots will be tallied at the close of the exhibition and the winner of the "People's Choice Award" will be announced.

The 2019 exhibit includes 43 works by 32 artists from 11 states, plus Canada.

Popular crab feed returns this weekend

The annual fisherman's crab feed returns this weekend with fresh Dungeness crab and all the trimmings.

The popular event is in its 31st year and is a raises money for the Fishermen's Benefit Fund, a nonprofit group that helps fishermen and their families during

lean times and tragedies.

The dinner is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2, at Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St.

Cost is \$17 for adults, \$15 for those younger than 12 and those 65 and older, and \$10 for a half-crab dinner.

Register for 4-H Super Saturday

Super Saturday, a free workshop for ages 5 to 19, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

While sponsored by 4-H and the OSU Extension Office, the event is open to all youths.

Ages 5 to 8 must register in advance by Feb. 6 by call-

ing 503-325-8573. They'll do various crafts, art projects and play games. Those ages 9 to 19 can attend various classes in shotgun, archery, baking, dogs, crafts, science and hand-spinning.

Attendees should invite their friends, dress in layers and wear comfortable sturdy shoes.

The 31st Annual Fisherman's Benefit Fund

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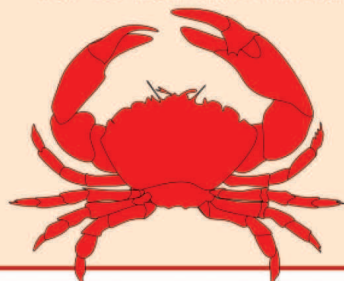
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170 SW Third St., Warrenton

Fresh Dungeness Crab

Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Drink, Dessert
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Sponsored by Fishermen's Benefit Fund, a non-profit corporation which maintains an emergency fund to help fishermen and their families.