

This weekend

Crossing provides outstanding view

The 2019 Great Columbia Crossing – the only day of the year when folks are allowed to cross the Astoria-Meglar bridge on foot – is Sunday, Oct. 13.

The bridge will be closed to vehicles 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Runners and walkers take a shuttle to Dismal Nitch on the Washington side, then cross the bridge, which includes a 200-foot incline that affords unparalleled

views of the river and marine activity below.

The 10-kilometer event ends at the foot of Basin Street. There are no more spots for runners.

The crossing is organized by Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and co-sponsored by Columbia Memorial Hospital Cariology Clinic.

Runners begin the bridge's downward spiral.

Evan Pilchik/AWACC

**Crafty fund-raiser in its 14th year**

Scraphunger, now in its 14th year, celebrates scrapbooking, crafting and card-making all while raising food and funds to fight hunger.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the cafeteria at Warrenton Grade School, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave.

To participate, bring a soft pillow for seating, your craft projects, and eight nonperishable food items such as canned goods, rice, beans, pasta or baby formula).

Participants will receive two tickets for raffle prizes. An additional raffle ticket will be awarded for every three additional food items. Lunch will be provided by Subway; dinner will be provided by organizer Brenda McKune.

Those who are interested may also make cards or donate craft and scrapbooking items to Ronald McDonald House.

There will be local artists and teachers on hand to help participants learn new techniques.

For more information, contact McKune at 503-861-8126.

Classical series opens at Liberty

The Liberty Theatre's Classical Series opens Friday, Oct. 11, with both wild and more tame performances by an eclectic-style orchestra.

The concert is at 7 p.m. at the theater, 1203 Commercial St.

The theater formed a partnership with Portland-based 45th Parallel University Orchestra, which is known for bridging the gap between old and new chamber music, bluegrass, jazz, gospel, Persian and folk music.

The performance, called "Primordial Swamp," features the world premiere of a new work commissioned for the orchestra by Brandon Scott Rumsey.

There also will be the 1935 "Sextet in C Major" by Ernst von Dohnanyi, an unusual combination of clarinet, horn, piano, violin, viola and cello.



The "Folk Song Suite" by Iranian-born Reza Vali is a Persian-inspired Western classical piece. Tickets are \$30 to \$35 and available online at libertyastoria.showare.com or at the box office after 2 p.m. on the day of the performance. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Future performances in the Classical Series are Jan. 31, March 7, April 18 and May 1.

A post-performance reception with the artists will follow in the McTavish Room.

Gearhart homes featured in chef tour

The 12th annual Home and Chef Tour, sponsored by the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific, is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at homes throughout Gearhart.

Tickets are \$30 in advance from Holly McHone Jewelers in Astoria, The Sweet Shop in Gearhart or on the group's website, assistanceleaguecp.org. Tickets purchased on the day of the event are \$35.

Proceeds benefit the Assistance League's 2019-20



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