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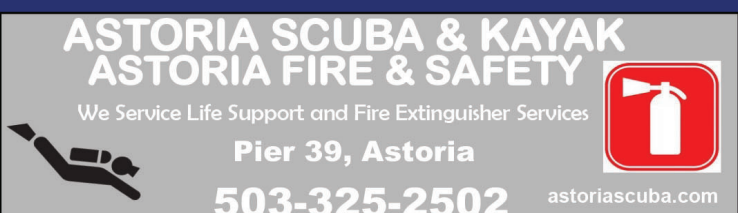
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Upcoming events

How to make connections during COVID

Painting instructor Kristin Shauck presents "The Giant Give: Creative Community Connections in the Time of COVID" during the next Ales & Ideas lecture.

The lecture series is sponsored by Fort George Brewery and Clatsop Community College.

Shauck's talk is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, as a Facebook Live event on the Fort George Brewery's Facebook page.

Clatsop Community College's art program has a history of supporting arts-based social action.

Some of the effort includes scholarship art auctions, paintings in support of Clatsop Animal Assistance, sea turtle conservation, and the Women's Resource Center Soup Bowl Project.

The event includes a Zoom interview with Whitney Rutz of Whitney's Giant Ass



Above: Artists show off their cinnamon roll boxes. Right: Whitney Rutz. Below: Instructor Kristin Shauck.



Cinnamon Roll in Portland. Rutz will talk about her efforts to support the Oregon Food Bank network. She started baking her rolls for health-care workers during the first weeks of the lockdown and has raised more than \$55,000 for the Oregon Food Bank.

Shauck has been collaborating with Portland artists and activists to combat food insecurity while providing a purpose to lift the spirits of local artists.

It began as a collaboration with Portland artists to make uniquely designed cake boxes.

Lower Columbia artists have embraced Whitney's fundraising approach by decorating their own giant cinnamon roll boxes to be displayed in the Royal Nebecker Gallery in March.

Volleyball season begins with bevy of home games

BY BRUCE DUSTIN
For The Columbia Press

Warrenton High School's volleyball season starts at home on Tuesday, March 2, against nonleague Neah-Kah-Nie. The 6 p.m. game will be broadcast live on the NFHS network (nfhsnetwork.com).

"I feel like I'm in some kind of a time warp. Is this August or February? I'm just not quite sure," Head Coach Staci Miethe said. "But hey, I'm so glad to be out on the court. It's nice to be with the girls. We're going to have a great season."

A bright smile beamed across her face, discernable even though she was wearing a mask.

Next up is a home game against Seaside at 3 p.m. March 6, and then, again at home, a match against league rival Clatskanie at 5:30 p.m. March 9.

The team's first away game will be against Willamina at 5:30 p.m. March 11.

Ann Heyen, a starting senior on the team, was sitting quietly on the stage, waiting for the beginning of last Friday's practice.

"I'm glad it's happening. I want to have a senior season," Ann said. "Even though we



Coach Staci Miethe



Ann Heyen

have to wear masks and keep a distance, it's fun to see all my friends before I go away to college."

Since the recent switch to hybrid learning — half of it completed online and half during in-person classes — Ann says she has learned a lot.

"In some ways, I feel that we've been cheated the rewards of a senior year -- no prom, no homecoming, no pep rallies. However, having a volleyball season will help make up for some of those issues."