

School notes: Clackamas Community College and elsewhere across the county

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'Petite Peculiarities' art exhibit opens at CCC; April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month; Rotary sponsors CHS students to study abroad; Spring Into Your Future job fair at CCC; Russian students to convene on environmental issues

How do humans adapt and shape characters around the monsters and strange creatures that come from the subconscious? Clackamas Community College's Alexander Gallery presents, "Petite Peculiarities," a recent body of work by Portland artist Odd Rebecca.



PHOTO COURTESY: CCC - Portland artist Odd Rebecca's work will be on display at Clackamas Community College during the month of April.

"Petite Peculiarities" is an exhibition of handmade and repurposed doll forms that explore ideas of character, the human body and tensions between the real and the inanimate. Odd Rebecca has been making sculpture and figurative dolls since 2012.

The free exhibition runs April 3-28 in the Alexander Gallery located in the Niemeyer Center on the Oregon City campus, 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City.

An artist's reception will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 12. The artist will speak about her work at 1 p.m. The Alexander Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Clackamas County is committed to traffic safety, as demonstrated by having the state's first Transportation Safety Action Plan and the Drive to Zero program focused on eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes.

That emphasis will be highlighted during April, which is nationally recognized as Distracted Driving Awareness month. Special county activities include:

n The display of a poster highlighting the hazards of distracted driving on billboards. The poster, created by Sandy High School student Alyssa Bigelow, will be on billboards on Highway 26 at Haley Road and on Interstate 205 at Southeast 82nd Avenue. The poster is an illustration of a blindfolded driver with the caption: Texting Equals Driving Blind. The billboards were funded by a generous grant from State Farm Insurance.

n A short video about the dangers of distracted driving will be shown at movie theaters in Oregon City and Happy Valley. Don't Drive Distracted portrays a cart-pusher in a grocery store who pays no attention to others around him, with the message, "You wouldn't do this in the grocery store, why are you doing it on the road?" The video is one of a series that recently won an honorable mention in the Ultra Short Video category of the International Safety Media Awards.

Patty McMillan, Drive to Zero program coordinator, who has seen the effects of distracted driving, stated: "We have lost people in crashes because someone was distracted by their cell phone, laptop or other activity that took their attention away from the road. These crashes are preventable."

Clackamas County urges drivers to learn more about the dangers of distracted driving and take the pledge to always drive free of distractions at clackamas.us/drivetozero/saferdriver.html.

Rotary sponsors CHS students to study abroad

Clackamas Rotary is continuing a tradition of sponsoring a Clackamas High School student to study abroad, equivalent to a \$20,000 scholarship.

Preliminary applications from current freshmen students who would like to study abroad in their junior year (2018-19) are due by May 12. Interviews and selection will be done by June 2. Rotary will select a student to spend his or her sophomore year at CHS while participating in a yearlong orientation before heading to one or more than 23 countries spanning the world from Europe to Asia to South America.

Join Clackamas Rotary at a 6:30 p.m. information meeting to learn more about Rotary International Youth Exchange on Tuesday, April 25, or Wednesday, April 26, at the Media Center in Clackamas High School.

Applications will be available at the information meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, contact Renee King, Clackamas Rotary, 503-314-3496, to request an application.

For more information about Rotary Youth Exchange visit isrotaryforyou.com.

Spring Into Your Future job fair at CCC

If you're looking for work, from a part-time summer job to a career change, Clackamas Community College and WorkSource Clackamas have a great opportunity for you.

The Spring Into Your Future Job Fair is an all-industry event where employers with full-time, part-time and internship opportunities connect with CCC students, alumni and local job seekers. Join us to meet with local employers who will be on site hiring for a variety of open positions.

The job fair runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18 in the Gregory Forum on the Oregon City campus, 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City.

More than 50 employers are participating, representing industries such as health care; manufacturing and production; business, logistics and transportation; construction and heavy equipment; truck driving; parks, recreation and leisure; warehouse, shipping and receiving; administrative and office support; education; human services; and retail.

This event is free. For a full list of employers and to register to attend, visit clackamas.edu/careerfair.

For more information, contact the CCC Career Center at careercenter@clackamas.edu or call 503-594-6001.

Russian students to convene on environmental issues

An all-volunteer committee invites the public to the 21st annual Russian Youth Leadership Conference, themed "We Care for the Environment" on Thursday, April 27.

Topics will include keeping rivers clean, water scarcity, health, self-sustainability, connecting farms to communities, climate change and awareness of other environmental issues.

The conference, which features networking opportunities for students and community members, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Clackamas Community College's Gregory Forum building, 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City.

To sign up, email Oydin Arifdjanova at arifdjanovao@nclack.k12.or.us. Registration is \$35.

For more information, go to eecnorthamerica.org/rsylc.

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