The Oregon Coast Community College has announced its Serve, Earn and Learn (SEAL) scholarship recipients. Pictured are: Angela Johnson, front-left, OCCC aquarium science instructor and SEAL mentor; Jill Guzman, aquarium science SEAL; Jessica Stokes, nursing program SEAL; Angelica Demers, student services SEAL; Josey Hicks, tutoring center SEAL; and Kimberly Kimball, library SEAL; Lauren Brady, back-left, facilities SEAL; Kimberly Jones, financial aid specialist and mentor; SEAL donors JoAnn Barton and Bill Barton; Jody Becker, tutoring center coordinator; Marty Scott, library SEAL, and Ben Gertulla, nursing skills lab SEAL. (Courtesy photo)

OCCC Foundation announces SEAL scholarship recipients

The Serve, Earn and Learn (SEAL) Scholarship Program at Oregon Coast Community College is now entering its third year. This year, there are 10 students who are being mentored by instructors and/or staff at OCCC. The students complete on-campus educational service assignments in the nursing skills lab, science labs, tutoring center, small business development, student services, library, and facilities departments and the library. Their assignments promote learning, foster career development, increase student success, and provide an incentive for students to complete their educational goals, while relieving loan debt.

JoAnn and Bill Barton started the SEAL Scholarship Program to bring hope to OCCC students now and into the future. Because of their belief in the power of education, they made a donation of $300,000 to the OCCC Foundation, with $280,000 set aside as an endowment fund to perpetuate the Barton Family Serve, Earn and Learn (SEAL) Scholarship Program.

This year's SEAL students are Tammy Anderson, Lauren Brady, Shannon Benfit, Angelica Demers, Ben Gertulla, Jill Guzman, Josey Hicks, Kimberly Kimball and Marty Scott. Their mentors are Lynn Barton, Jody Becker, Russ Engle, Guy Faust, Angela Johnson, Kimberly Jones and Linda Mollino.

The students serve between 45 and 72 hours per term, depending on their assignments. Scholarships range from $1,201 to $1,951 per year.

SEAL Scholarship recipients gain life-changing benefits afforded by a higher education, while learning the value of service. Plus, they have flexible assignments to adjust hours with class schedules thus giving them more study time. The positions also provide transferable skills that can be applied to a variety of careers, thus increasing the student's work experience. SEAL Scholarship students are asked to keep a journal cataloging their service.

Marty Scott has served as a SEAL library aide last year and is serving in that capacity again this year. In her application letter, she said, "I have had the honor of working in conjunction with Darci Adolf and Kathleen Searles to serve our students, faculty and community...I have learned many skills while working as a SEAL student, but the one that stands out the most is communication. I started out as a shy student who went back to school after a long absence. I was nervous and a bit awkward. I usually kept my head down and avoided contact with other students. I had to face my fears by working in the library. Students and faculty would come to us wanting help, and I couldn't just look at my feet and ignore them. I had to welcome people with a smile and attend to their needs. I now have friends and social skills, thanks to the SEAL Program."

The OCCC Foundation has received additional funding for the SEAL Scholarship program from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, the estate of Alline McAlister and most recently, through a gift from John Sherman.

Anyone interested in supporting SEAL scholarships may call the OCCC Foundation office.

Editor's note: This article ran in previous edition but included an incorrect photo, so the decision was made to run it in its entirety.

Holiday House

Holiday House Christmas Craft Show will celebrate its 32nd year on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2. It takes place at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club on the Newport Bayfront at 750 SE Bay Blvd. Once again this year they will raffle off the Holiday House member basket filled with items that members have made as a way to make money to donate to the Lincoln County Backpack Program, which provides food for Lincoln County children on weekends. Last year, Holiday House donated $600 to this program. (Courtesy photo)

West coast writer announces new book

"The Ballad of the New Carissa and Other Poems" celebrates the Oregon coast

The New Carissa freighter ran aground near Coos Bay during a storm in 1999, creating a mishap of epic proportions that took years to clean up. This event is the inspiration for Kari Wergeland's long ballad and title of her second book of poems, "The Ballad of the New Carissa and Other Poems."

The book, available in paperback, can be purchased via Amazon.com and other online vendors, as well as Baker & Taylor and Ingram.

This is a collection of fearless poems celebrating the Oregon coast in all of its magnificence. Wergeland is at home writing in both free verse and traditional poetic forms, as the book shows. Coastal scenes and the balance of inner landscapes and a marine exterior turn up in surprising ways - the pulse of the weather, shifting sands, and creatures in the sea and on the shore. Humans flirting with danger amid this raw spectacle do not escape her scrutiny. The long titular ballad of Part 4 takes a narrative approach in re-telling the many overlapping stories of coastal life with a grounded, decaying freighter in their midst. In this volume, Wergeland offers up a rich panoramic segment of America's Pacific edge.

Wergeland, who hails from Davis, Calif., is a librarian and writer. She moved to Oregon at age 14 and eventually attended the University of Oregon, where she earned a B.A. in English. She also holds an M.L.S. in librarianship from the University of Washington and an M.F.A. in creative writing with an emphasis in poetry from Pacific University. Wergeland wrote a children's book review column for the Seattle Times, which ran monthly for 11 years. Her first book of poems, "Voice Break," is also available through Amazon.com and other vendors. She currently works as a librarian for Cuyamaca College in El Cajon, Calif., and lives part-time on the Oregon coast.

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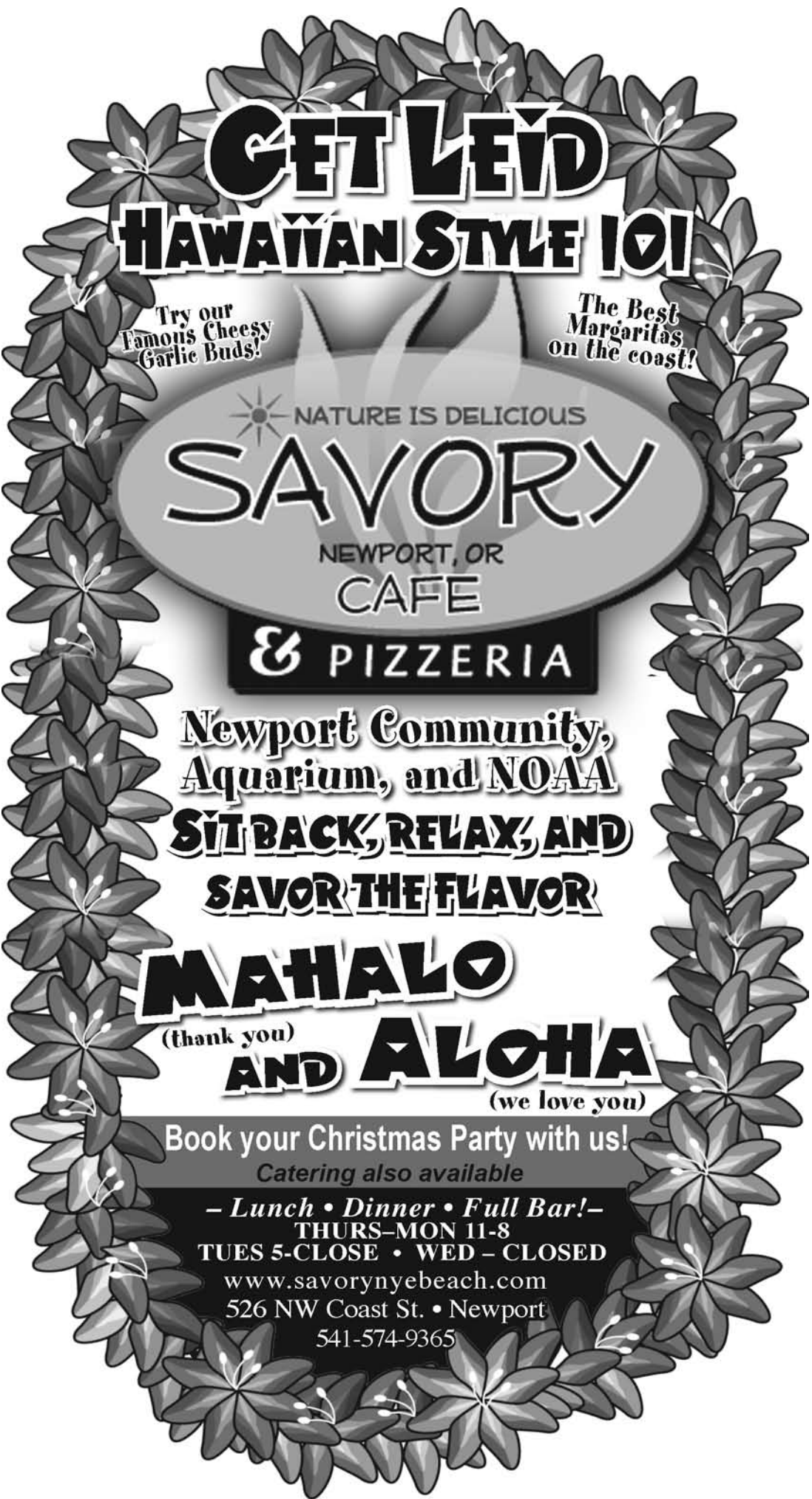
projects have included the Under the Sea Mural in the multi-purpose room, interactive white boards in the classrooms, and a variety of field trips. OPG also offers every teacher $125 for supplementary classroom materials - things that most teachers pay for out of their own pocket.

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