

SENIOR NOTES

Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter — Information, referral and counseling services for families and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's, dementia and other related disorders. For information, call 800-272-3900 (24 hours a day).

Astoria Alzheimer's & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m. third Monday, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St., first floor conference room. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 216, or email support@clatsopcare.org

Clatsop Behavioral Health After Hours Crisis Line — 503-325-5724.

Clatsop Community Action — 503-325-1400. Respite care services, low-income energy assistance, emergency food assistance, housing information, emergency personal care items.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 11:30 a.m. weekdays, Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education (ENCORE) — 503-338-2408. Provides a wide assortment of educational experiences for individuals older than 50.

Elder Friendship Line — 800-971-0016. Available from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; crisis calls taken 24/7.

Food Pantries — 503-325-1400. Clatsop Community Action serves six food pantries in Clatsop County through the Oregon Food Bank Network. Call for area locations and hours.

Grief Support Group, Seaside — 2 to 4 p.m. first Thursday, Bob Chisholm Community Center, Meeting Room 1, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. For information, call Lower Columbia Hospice at 503-338-6230.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon — 888-245-4091. Provides free services in civil cases to low income people.

Lifespan Respite — 503-325-1400. Provides information, referral,

training and paid respite for family caregivers.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-TALK (8255). A 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service for anyone in a suicidal crisis. TTY users should dial 800-799-4TTY (4889).

National Alliance on Mental Illness — 800-950-NAMI (6264) or locally, 503-717-1835. Separate support groups for people with mental illness and families of those with mental illness are available.

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority — 503-861-0119. Rent assistance based on income.

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services — 503-861-4202 or 800-442-8614. Medicaid services, food stamps, information and assistance, family caregiver support services, Medicare choice assistance, home delivered meals, senior meal sites and senior peer counseling.

Oregon Aging and Disability Resource Connection — 855-ORE-ADRC (673-2372), www.adroforegon.org. Information and services for older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and families.

Oregon Home Care Commission Registry and Referral System — 877-867-0077, https://www.or-hcc.org. Provides lists of home care workers available to hire.

Partners for Seniors — 503-717-7174. Serves South Clatsop County seniors with volunteer visits, transportation, light housekeeping, yard work, minor home repairs, daily phone calls.

Senior Center, Astoria — Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club, 503-325-3231.

Senior Center, Seaside — Bob Chisholm Community and Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Senior Center, Warrenton — Warrenton Community and Senior Center, 170 S.W. Third St, Warrenton, 503-861-3502 Mondays and Thursdays.

Veteran Benefits — 800-827-1000.

Are you a local nonprofit?

The Daily Astorian is publishing a Giving Back special section in October to highlight area nonprofits and those who support them a place to share their missions and needs.

Want to recruit volunteers and donations, then make sure your information is correct in this guide in the free directory.

Some 80 area nonprofits should receive calls to up date their information, but if you are new or want to get ahead of the curve, contact Betty Smith or Holly Larkins at 503-325-3211 or bsmith@dailyastorian.com or hlarkins@dailyastorian.com

Updates must be in before Oct. 2.

Tongue Point students help stuff 752 backpacks for kids

For several years, instructor Mary Putnam and her class of finance and business students at Tongue Point Job Corps have volunteered to stuff backpacks for school students with members of the Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program, and they helped again this year.

“I will say that in the last three years, our team has gotten the assembly line for supplies down to a science,” Mary Jackson of the Lunch Buddy program said. “We now are able to get the backpacks packed and done in record time.”

This year, the group completed 752 backpacks, which will be donated to kindergarten through second grade youth in Clatsop County schools and incoming students from the Head Start Program. Costco provides up 420 of the backpacks, and the Lunch Buddy program purchases the rest, along with all of the supplies that go into the backpacks.

“I cannot thank Tongue



Submitted Photo
Mary Putnam's finance and business students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center helped members of the Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program stuff 752 backpacks for Clatsop County students.

Point Job Corps Center's Mary Putnam and her finance and business students enough," Jackson

said. "While our main focus is matching mentors (with students), we also see the importance of provid-

ing these backpacks with supplies. They help youth become excited about school."

Astoria Schools salute parks department



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Members of the Astoria Parks & Recreation Department, including, from left, Preschool Recreation Coordinator Erin Reilly, Director Angela Cosby, Astoria Recreation Center Coordinator Terra Patterson and Recreation Coordinator Pam Pierce were honored Wednesday by Astoria School Board Chairman Martin Dursse.

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The Astoria School Board honored Astoria Parks and Recreation Department Wednesday for its long-standing partnership with the district.

The partnership goes back more than 30 years and includes the use of gymnasiums, ball fields, the Astoria Aquatic Center and Port of Play, a city funded indoor play area located in the district's Capt. Robert Gray School.

"Port of Play Daycare provides a valuable support system for students in Astoria School District," said a release by the district. "Teen parents who attend the Gray School Alternative Program are able to use the daycare that is located in the same hallway. Over the last five to six years numerous teen parents have been able to finish their high school diploma at Gray School and have child care for their child. This is a unique program that is not replicated between any other school district and parks and recreation program."

The district also thanked the parks department for offering numerous programs for youth.

RELIGION BRIEFS

St. Mary, Star of the Sea
A rummage sale is being held in the St. Mary, Star of the Sea School auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Group, which is raising money needed to attend the National Youth Conference. Items for the sale can be dropped off today.

For information, call 503-325-3671 or go to www.stmaryastoria.com

Society of Friends
SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Worship Group of the Society of Friends (Quaker) meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Peninsula Church Center Fireside Room (south building), 5000 N Place. This is a "silent" (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

Cannon Beach Community
CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhmund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

Our Savior's Lutheran
SEASIDE — Our Saviour's Lutheran Church presents "Song, Scripture and Sacrament" from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Suzanne Elise Assisted Living, 101 Forest Drive. All are welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-738-6791.

Lighthouse Christian
WARRENTON — The annual Bluegrass Carnival is being held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Lighthouse Christian Church, 88786 Delmoor Loop. The family-friendly fundraising event includes a barbecue, games, prizes, huge slides, bouncers, live music, bingo, a bake sale and more. The proceeds will help support the Seaside High School robotics team and other local needs.

For information, call 503-738-5182.

Jehovah's Witnesses
LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Pacific Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has announced that construction is complete on the new Kingdom Hall, and the community is invited to an Open House from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at 10710 Pacific Way.

Work on the building was performed by professional tradesman who traveled at their own expense from Washington and Oregon, volunteering their time, tools, and skills. In addition, they were supported and assisted by hundreds of other unskilled and semi-skilled volunteers. All volunteers were Jehovah's Witnesses who received an invitation to participate in the build.

The new Kingdom Hall was constructed on the same footprint as the old one, which was used since 1968. The work was financed by and completed under the direction of the Local Design/Construction Department (LDC), which oversees Kingdom Hall and Assembly Hall projects throughout the U.S.

A new building became necessary when failed plumbing in the former location caused irreparable damage in July 2014. In the interim, the Pacific congregation met in the community room owned by the city of Ilwaco. "We are sincerely grateful to the city of Ilwaco for their hospitality and cooperativeness for the past year," said William Neal, an elder and resident of Ocean Park.

During the upcoming open house, area residents will have a chance to take a tour of the building and grounds, and there will be light refreshments available. No charge, obligation or collections will be taken at any time. No service will be held during the Open House.

For information about Jehovah's Witnesses and meeting locations and times, go to www.jw.org

First Presbyterian
The Rev. David Prichard has served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Astoria for over 15 years. He is now looking forward to new challenges and new opportunities, so he has tendered his resignation.

To commemorate his long term of service, and to show appreciation for his contributions to the church and to community life, there is an informal farewell potluck dinner at 4 p.m. Saturday at the church's Fellowship Hall, which is

located at the corner of Harrison Avenue and 11th Street. All of his friends in the community are welcome.

For information, call 503-325-1702.

Peace Lutheran
A "God's Work, Our Hands" Community Service Project is scheduled for Saturday, joining SOLVE and Oregon State Parks at Fort Stevens State Park for a beach cleanup. Volunteers will meet at Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., by 9:30 a.m. or at Peter Iredale Beach by 10 a.m.

A Women's Retreat is being held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Social Room at the church. The morning session is being presented by Melissa Johnstone from NorthWest Senior and Disability Services, who will share information to help deal with age-related problems and tips on what assistance and benefits are available.

The afternoon session is being given by local author Muriel Jensen. She has published over 90 books in her career, many of them centered in Astoria. She will speak about the big and small miracles in her life, and explain how to recognize life's daily miracles.

Those attending should bring a brown bag lunch for a day of friendship, sharing, singing and worship. Coffee and snacks are being provided. All are welcome.

Grace Episcopal
Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., is holding two services on Sundays; the 8 a.m. service is without music, and the 10 a.m. service has music, Sunday School classes and nursery.

The latest art exhibit at the church features watercolors, oils, acrylics, monoprints, and collages created by members of The Draw Group.

Artists in the current exhibit include Christy Payne, Lynn Johnson, Noel Thomas, and other members who meet regularly to draw together around this area.

A reception for the artists follows the 10 a.m. Sunday service at Grace. The exhibit runs from now through Nov. 5, and may be seen Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, and Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

First Lutheran
First Lutheran Church of Astoria welcomes an interim pastor, Rev. Keith M. Swenson and his wife, Kathy, at a Meet and Greet Coffee fellowship after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday. He is currently the president and chief consultant for Church and Clergy Resources. This includes helping pastors and congregations identify areas of church life where assistance is needed, such as living out their vision, budgeting, or conflict management.

Swenson has broad experience in church leadership, as he has served congregations as a solo pastor, an associate pastor and a senior pastor, in Montana, Colorado, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon. He has a doctorate in preaching, a master's degree in theology from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and a bachelor's degree in Arts from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. He is not new to this congregation, as he served as an interim pastor in 2008-2009.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist
The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 820 Alameda Ave. Allison Wilski, lay leader, is giving a presentation, "The Arts of Worship." Kathleen Adams and Arline LaMear are providing refreshments, and Joyce Hunt is the greeter.

For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to www.pacuuf.org



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