

How can we help homeless veterans in Clatsop County?

Lower Columbia Diversity Project presents 'Helping Our Heroes' discussion

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Diversity Project invites the public to “Helping Our Heroes: Addressing Veteran Homelessness in Clatsop County” from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Judge Guy Boyington Building, located at 857 Commercial St. The presentation is free, and everyone is welcome.

Across America, veterans make up a significant percentage of the homeless population. After serving the country, veterans can too often end up on the streets. There are many causes of homelessness among veterans, including poverty,



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insufficient access to reasonably priced housing, isolation from family or friends, and substance use or mental

health challenges that may develop or worsen as a result of service-related trauma.

A study released in the fall of 2014 noted that half of U.S. troops return to civilian life with untreated mental and physical illnesses. Once an individual or family falls into homelessness, it can be almost impossible to climb back out.

What is being done to help our homeless veterans, female and male, here in Clatsop County? That will be the focus of “Helping Our Heroes” a panel discussion with John Coy of Clatsop Community Action, Todd Johnston of Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, Brain Mahoney from Clatsop County Public Health, Patrick Preston from the Oregon Employment Department and Hannah Silvermann of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The panel presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Come find out what the local community can do to be part of the solution to veteran homelessness.

For more information, call 503-325-1895 or email lcdiversityproject@gmail.com



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Ages and Ages is a Portland rock band with a big tent group sound.

Ages and Ages plays in Seaview

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Sou'Wester Lodge welcomes Portland chorus indie rock band Ages and Ages at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. For more information, call 360-642-2542.

The band has an upbeat, raw choral pop sound with catchy sing-along songs. Each member sings accompanied by handclaps and noise-makers,

plus the usual instruments.

The band was formed in 2009 and features Tim Perry on guitar, Sarah Riddle on percussion, Rob Oberdorfer on bass and Annie Bethancourt on guitar and percussion. The group also has a large extended family of performers.

“Ages and Ages’ debut LP, ‘Alright You Restless,’ was an ambitious, conceptual piece of sing-along, clap-along, stomp-along pop rock that vaulted the band into elite company,” wrote Ryan J. Prado in Paste Magazine in 2014. “That first record pontificated upon the throes of isolation as a form of revolution, elated choral melodies anchoring shimmering guitars and tight rhythmic interludes throughout. The Portland conglomerate’s second album, ‘Divisionary,’ is a lot of that, too; there are plenty of goosebump-raising hooks and uplifting crescendos to write home about. Their thematic scope, however, involved the excavation of darker inspirations than they’d previously explored as a band.

“Ages and Ages have undergone lineup changes and lots of peripheral personal battles and have somehow managed to internalize and later deduce how to navigate the avenues of their own lives in triumphant — and insanely memorable — song. In the process, they’ve come out with one of this year’s best all-around albums.”



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