

Help out homeless pets Saturday

The Daily Astorian

Clatsop Animal Assistance is holding a fundraiser, which benefits the dogs and cats at the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Fort George Lovell Showroom. The event features raffles, a silent auction, pet pictures with Santa and a huge bake sale.

Raffle prizes include an Apple iPad Air 2 or a Samsung Galaxy Tablet A 9.7 (winner's choice) and a new Breedlove Discovery Dreadnought CE guitar. The drawing is at 3 p.m.

Clatsop Animal Assistance's efforts enrich the lives of the shelter dogs and cats, and try to make sure each animal is successfully adopted. The group pays for the veterinary

bills and part of the spaying/neutering costs for every animal adopted out of the shelter, as well as for cat litter, toys, special dietary foods, grooming supplies and training.

Veterinary bills averaged more than \$5,000 each month this year, including generous discounts from the veterinarians. Clatsop County only budgets \$300 for the whole year for veterinary costs for the animal shelter, less than \$1 per day. Without Clatsop Animal Assistance's financial assistance, animals needing medical treatment would most likely be euthanized within a week or two. This holiday fundraiser helps pay for the care the shelter animals need until they find their forever homes.

For information, or to donate or volunteer, go to www.dogsncats.org



Clatsop Animal Assistance 2014 Bake Sale. The annual fundraiser benefits dogs and cats in the Clatsop County Animal Shelter.
Submitted photo

Lewis and Clark students gather food



The Ambassador Club at Lewis and Clark Elementary School, in partnership with the Astoria/Knapka Christmas Basket Program, recently organized a successful food drive. The group, assisted by adviser Tamee Blankenship, worked with each classroom to collect and organize food items. They kept charts of items brought in by each class, and tracked the number of food items collected, which will be distributed to local families in need. Next, the Ambassador Club will assist the directors of the Food Basket Program at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds by helping organize the food into baskets. At the end of this service project, there were 1,493 items, which weighed in at 1,114 pounds. The students are grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community.

Cocktails for a Cause raises funds for local organizations

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Pickled Fish Restaurant at the Adrift Hotel has created Cocktail for a Cause, a pay-it-forward campaign which has raised more than \$3,100 for deserving local organizations since September.

The restaurant donates 50 percent of the proceeds from a new cocktail crafted each month. Each cocktail is

named for a designated organization, such as "Man's Best Friend" for the South Pacific County Humane Society.

"The genesis of Cocktail for A Cause is simple," Rebecca Charles, the food and beverage director for the restaurant and hotel, said. "It's a way for our restaurant to come together with the community to give some-

thing more. The campaign is an extension of our philosophy of supporting local resources and purveyors, and we want to do more to support where we work, live and love."

Since the creation of CFC, Pickled Fish has donated funds to the Ilwaco Parks and Recreation Commission to transform the Ilwaco Community Park,

as well as the Boy & Girls Club, the South Pacific County Humane Society, and the Ocean Park Food Bank.

Pickled Fish welcomes ideas from everyone in the community who wants to join the campaign. Send suggestions of a notable organization or cause to Pickled Fish at rebecca@adrifhotel.com



Submitted Art
Poster by Ryan Ding, grade 2, Creative Minds Art Studio.

Pet story, poster contest calls out to area students

PORTLAND — The Oregon Humane Society's Education Department is seeking compassionate young artists and writers to enter the 2016 Be Kind to Animals Poster and Story Contest. Last year nearly 1,500 entries were submitted by students throughout the state. The event is now in its 67th year. The deadline is Dec. 18, and any Oregon or Clark County, Washington, student in first to eighth grades can enter.

Each grade is given a specific theme to illustrate a valuable humane lesson such as: the importance of giving pets a license and identification tag; choosing the right pet; pets are family members, and more. Students can enter posters or written stories that illustrate the themes.

Information brochures and entry forms can be found online at www.oregonhumane.org/postercontest. Send or deliver entries to the Oregon Humane Society, Education Department, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97211.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four winners in each grade level. The grand prize and runner-up will be chosen from the first-place winner in each grade level. The grand prize winner receives a laptop; the runner-up winner receives a tablet. All winners will also receive a special award certificate, ribbon of honor and an invitation to the A'Cat'Emy Awards celebration, to be held on Jan. 31 at the Humane Society.

For information, call 503-416-5034.

North Coast Chorale sings in the season

The North Coast Chorale is presenting its annual winter concert, "Seasonal Gifts and Celebrations," at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Admission is \$10 per person.

The concert includes traditional holiday music with audience sing-along; "Midwinter Songs" by

Morten Lauridsen, an original composition based on the poems of Robert Graves; and features "The Nguzo Saba Suite," a Kwanza celebration with Biblical text by Glenn Edward Burleigh, the Maddox Dancers and visual representations by the North Coast Printmaker's Collective.

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