

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 Diners** — 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.



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Pictured, Lewis and Clark Elementary School Ambassador Club students who helped with the Christmas Food Basket Program at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Lewis and Clark Elementary School students help organize and deliver food baskets for people in need

“To bring a successful food drive to completion, Lewis and Clark Elementary School’s Ambassador Club took a few hours off from regular school work and traveled to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds to help the Food Basket

Program organize the baskets that will help people in the community during this holiday season,” Debbie Twombly, substitute school counselor, reported.

“They wasted no time, and right after listening to instructions, start-

ed counting and bagging apples and oranges. This efficient group quickly organized themselves into groups of counters, baggers, and delivery people. They worked respectfully with the staff of the Christmas Basket Program, and had their work

completed in record time.” “I feel like it was really fun, and I want to do it again next year,” third grade Ambassador Sven Nelson said. “It felt good to know that people who are having a hard time can get food.”

RELIGION BRIEFS

**Grace Episcopal**  
There are two Christmas Eve services today at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. The family service is at 4:30 p.m.; the midnight service, which starts at 11 p.m., is preceded by hymn singing at 10:30 p.m. A morning prayer service is being held at 10 a.m. Christmas Day.

The Revs. Carol and Wes Sedlacek are the guest celebrant and preacher at both the 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday services. Those attending services may bring gifts to place in the crèche through Jan. 6. This year, the donations will be given to the Warming Center. Items such as socks, under-

wear, Vitamin C, sweat pants, gently used coats, sleeping bags and tarps are requested. For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

**Warrenton United Methodist**  
WARRENTON — The Warren-

ton United Methodist Church, 679 S. Main Ave., celebrates the 12 Days of Christmas until Epiphany on Jan. 6. This Sunday’s 10 a.m. service begins a series of sermons that encourage everyone to look ahead to 2016. There will be singing, scripture, and meditation for adult participation, and activity kits are available

for little ones’ hands. A potluck lunch is being served immediately after the service, and everyone is invited to enjoy a meal and friendship. Bible Study is being held at 2 p.m. Wednesday. The church features off-street parking, and easy accessibility for the physically challenged. All are welcome.

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