

# Come play bridge!



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The American Contract Bridge League Astoria Duplicate Bridge Club has moved to the Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Several members of the club are pictured. The 3 1/2 to 4 hour sessions start at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Bridge players are welcome to observe quietly or bring a partner to play. Bridge lessons are offered Tuesday mornings; for information, contact Ann Gramson at 503-861-1133. To arrange for a partner to play a session, call Monica Taylor at 503-325-0029 24 hours in advance.

# Oregon Elks gather in Seaside

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SEASIDE — The Oregon State Elks Association held its 99th Summer Session in Seaside April 21-23. An estimated 800 Elks, representing 51 Oregon lodges, plus Elks visiting from Montana, Washington and Idaho, attended workshops, meetings and social events. The convention offered information and training to the members, and shared the impact Oregon Elks have had in their communities over the last year. Guest speakers included Police Chief Dave Ham and state Sen. Betsy Johnson, who both received standing ovations.

Oregon State Elks Association 2015-2016 President James Alameda of Springfield ran the sessions. Jerry

Endicott of Baker City was installed as the 2016-2017 state president, and Past National President James Damon and his wife, D.J., of Bend attended the proceedings.

Seaside Lodge 1748 hosted the convention with the help of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Oregon Elks have voted to hold their April conventions in Seaside in 2017-2020 due to the local facilities, motels and community attractions.

“Lodge 1748 is thankful to local businesses and friends who support the motto ‘Elks Care — Elks Share,’” Jan Jackson, Seaside Elks public relations chairwoman, said.

For information about the Seaside Elks Lodge, call 503-738-6651.

# Ocean Crest donates hybrid car to hospital

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Ocean Crest Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac in Warrenton has donated a 2016 Chevrolet Volt to Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH). The hybrid passenger car will primarily be used as a courier vehicle to go between the main hospital campus and CMH Primary Care and Urgent Care in Warrenton. The hospital estimates that the new Volt will offset about 10,400 gas-powered miles per year.

“We are grateful to Ocean Crest and Chris Hayward for the generous

donation of the Volt,” said the hospital’s CEO Erik Thorsen. “CMH is always looking for ways to improve our community’s health. Thanks to this donation, the hospital will be reducing its gasoline use, reducing emissions, and saving money that can go into other community benefits.”

The Volt is powered by an electric motor, and is capable of going 53 miles all electric. When the battery charge runs down, a small gas engine kicks in to generate electricity to power the motors until the vehicle reaches a charging station.

# Seaside Jazz Festival participants donate \$3,300 to Food 4 Kids

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SEASIDE — The annual Seaside Jazz Festival celebrated its 33rd anniversary, and chose Food 4 Kids, a nonprofit organization, to benefit from the Sunday Gospel Service, held Feb. 28.

Jan Jackson and Al Peinhardt, board members of Food 4 Kids, addressed the early morning audience at the Sunday Gospel Service at the Seaside Convention Center, and presented information about the program. In response, the audience donated \$3,300 to Food 4 Kids, which puts together weekend backpacks to feed children who may not have complete nourishment during the weekends.

The program exists due to the generosity of donors, grants and volunteers. Donations may be sent to Food 4 Kids, P.O. Box 2611, Gearhart, OR 97138.

For information about the 34th Seaside Jazz Festival, being held Feb. 23-26, go to [www.jazzseaside.com](http://www.jazzseaside.com)



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Annie Cooke of the Seaside Jazz Festival, left, presents a check for \$3,300 to Jan Jackson, a Food 4 Kids board member.

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Community HU sing

SEASIDE — A Seaside Community Eckankar HU Sing takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Regardless of one’s beliefs or religion, anyone can sing HU (pronounced hue), an ancient name for God; it is for the spiritual upliftment of those who come, and is not directed to any other purpose. For information, call Seann Valen at 503-717-5485, email [access49@gmail.com](mailto:access49@gmail.com) or go to [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org)

### 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 Warhund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

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

### St. Mary, Star of the Sea

A Mother’s Day Plant and Garden Sale is being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the St. Mary, Star of the Sea School Auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. For sale are garden gifts, plants, seed, tools, gloves and more. The event is a fundraiser for the Catholic Daughters of America 151, and the proceeds will be used to support their many humanitarian, charitable activities. For information, call Connie Hunt at 503-310-4114.

The Knights of Columbus W. C. Wallace Scholarship Contest is open to all high school seniors from the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish. For information and an application, contact Ed Betts at 503-325-1186 or Tammy Loughran at 503-325-4062. Applications can also be picked up at the parish office.

Completed applications must be returned to Ed Betts by May 16. Judging is May 17.

### Great Vow Zen

CLATSKANIE — The Great Vow Zen Monastery, located at 79640 Quincy-Mayger Road in Clatskanie, is holding a retreat, “Mindfulness, Concentration, Insight, and Engaged Spirituality with Jack Lawlor,” from 5 p.m. May 12 to 1 p.m. May 15.

This retreat is intended for both newcomers to mindfulness and meditation and for senior practitioners. Participants will study the relationship between the basic meditation practices and texts. This is a silent retreat, with time for sharing and discussion, that includes sitting and walking meditation, silent meals, working meditation, deep relaxation, and Dharma talks.

The cost is \$200 plus donation, and scholarships are available.

For details, call 503-728-0654 or email [registrat@greatvow.org](mailto:registrat@greatvow.org). Register online at [www.zendust.org/calendar](http://www.zendust.org/calendar)

### Grace Episcopal

The labyrinth at Grace Episcopal Church,

1545 Franklin Ave., is available for walking from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday. A labyrinth introduction is offered at 3 p.m. upon request. It takes an average of 30 minutes to complete the walk.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to [www.graceastoria.org](http://www.graceastoria.org)

### First Lutheran

Worship services with communion for the sixth Sunday of Easter are at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.

On Wednesday, a 3-week devotion led by the church pastor, Jerry O’Neill, begins at 10:30 a.m. For information call (503) 325-6252 or go to [www.astoriafirstlutheran.com](http://www.astoriafirstlutheran.com)

### 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. Forrest Duggan and Michael Summers are coordinating a service on the topic “Fatherhood.”

For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to [www.pacuuf.org](http://www.pacuuf.org)

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