'Stuff the Truck' sets record

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The results of the annual "Stuff the Truck" Food Drive set an all-time high record as organizers, sponsors and supporters rallied resources to feed hungry people in Clatsop County. Each year, since 2008, Arbor Care Tree Specialists, led by Luke Colvin, organizes sponsorships, posters, volunteers and media, all geared to collect food and funds to support the fight against hunger.

This year 1,592 pounds of actual food and an additional \$14,159.19 was contributed to help defray the cost of food and distribution. To date, after nine years of the event, the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank has collected 43,197 pounds of food at the doors of local supermarkets, donated directly from people in the communities, and over \$86,259.41 from customer donations and

sponsorships of the events.

The Food Bank Procurement System, operated by CCA Regional Food Bank, has accessed 474,494 pounds of food with the donated funds from the "Stuff the Truck" event. This food, along with many additional pounds is distributed to emergency food outlets throughout Clatsop County and during our direct service programs to recipients. Each year CCA Regional Food Bank provides enough emergency food for nearly 1,500,000 meals for low income individuals and families in Clatsop County.

"Hunger has proven it does not discriminate; and many hard-working people in Clatsop County fall victim to hunger every day," said Marlin Martin, director of the CCA Regional Food Bank. "Many thanks to all who have supported the fight against hunger. You are heroes to thousands."



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Dawn Miller of Wauna Federal Credit Union, Zach Michaelis of the Clatsop Health & Life Insurance Agency and Luke Colvin of Arbor Care Tree Specialists, who are among the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank's 2016 sponsors, help with the distribution of nearly 5,000 pounds of fresh produce.

VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

Svensen Congregate Meal Site - Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. To volunteer, or for information, call Debbie Dunaway at 503-791-7298 or 503-861-4202

Titanic Lifeboat Academy - Volunteer to help care for animals and assist with sustainable living projects; minimum commitment of four hours per week requested. Some training provided. For information, contact Caren Black at 503-325-6886.

Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thrift Store - 600 Broadway, Seaside. Needs volunteers interested in improving the welfare of animals. For information, call 503-738-7040

Veterans Services Officer of Clatsop County - Seeking volunteer drivers to transport veterans from Astoria to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland using the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van. To volunteer, call 503-298-8757 or email clatsopvso@gmail.com

Two mentors earn top local Scouting volunteer awards

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Local youth mentors of the Fort Clatsop District, Cascade Pacific Council, Ryan Larsen and Jason Schermerhorn, were presented with the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver volunteerism award Feb. 23 at a special recognition ceremony held in their honor.

The Silver Beaver Award is the top award that a local Boy Scout council can bestow upon a volunteer mentor. Recipients are selected by confidential nominations of adult peers, and only one award may be presented for every 60 troops.

Ryan Larsen is an Eagle Scout. He has served in many Scouting positions, including W1-A section chief for the Order of the Arrow, assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster, unit commissioner, den leader, cubmaster, pack committee chairman and troop committee chairman. Currently, he is the bishop of the Warrenton Ward and the executive officer for Pack and Troop

621. He is also a skipper's mate for Ship 635. He has been serving the Cascade Pacific Council since 2007, and is the recipient of the 2014 Fort Clatsop District Award of Merit

An orthopedic physician assistant at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Larsen is also a certified rescue diver ,who volunteers on the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department Underwater Recovery Team and received recognition as the 2015 Diver of the Year.

Jason Schermerhorn is the police chief for the city of Cannon Beach, and an adult leader in the Fort Clatsop District. In 2010, he became a den leader for Pack 540; in 2012 he was the assistant cubmaster for three years; and in 2015 he became an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 642. From 2011-2013 he served



Larsen

Jason

Schermerhorn

served on the board of directors, including as vice chairman and chairman of The Harbor, has been a volunteer for the Seaside Fire Department for over 11 years, and volunteers on the Helping Hands board. This year, he is also teaching "Introduction to Criminal Justice" at

Clatsop Community College.

For information about Scouting programs for youth, go to www. cpcbsa.org or call 503-226-3423.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., offers "Fridays in Lent." This series offers contemplative music for listening or for walking the Stations of the Cross between 12:10 and 1 p.m. On March 17, Jennifer Goodenberger plays the piano.

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

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., offers observance of and walking the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent prior to Holy Week. Today, the Stations are at noon; March 17, Stations are at 6 p.m., followed by a soup supper in the Star of the Sea School auditorium; March 24, Stations are at noon; March 31, Stations are at 6 p.m., followed by soup supper; April 7, the Stations are at noon; and April 14, Stations are at 6 p.m., followed by soup supper. Everyone interested in participating in this Lenten observance is welcome to attend. For information, call the church at 503-325-3671 or go to www.stmaryastoria.com

First Lutheran

First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., holds communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. The Adult Forum between services features Carol Gannaway's mission trip to Haiti.

On Monday, the Scandinavian Workshop meets at 10 a.m., Sea Scouts meet at 5:30 p.m. and the Hope House Parenting Class is at 6 p.m.

Carol Gannaway leads crafts and worship regarding the Haiti Mission at 1 p.m. Tuesday. TOPS meets at 5:30 p.m., Pure Life Alliance at 5:45 p.m., Fort Clatsop Boy Scouts at 6:30 p.m. and the First Lutheran Church Call Committee meets at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the morning Bible Study and "Coloring the Way to the Cross" exercise is at 11:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran and First Lutheran join together for a Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m., a sharing time and a "Coloring the Way to the Cross" exercise is at 6 p.m. and Midweek Lenten Worship is at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the supper, sharing time and worship. Senior Choir practices at 7 p.m.

The Church Council meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fireside Room.

On March 18, the Clatsop Retirement Village Gathering is being held at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to this gathering that features music, Bible readings, a message from the pastor, visiting and coffee.

For information, call the church at 503-325-6252 or go to www.astoriafirstlutheran.com

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Rev. Kit Ketcham is delivering a sermon, "Nevertheless, She Persisted."

Ellen Silverman is the service leader, Joyce Hunt and Emily Nelson are the greeters. After the service, the monthly potluck is being held on the second floor of the Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

Following the social hour, Frank Logan is leading a discussion on "How do Societal influences (History and Economics) have a God like effect on Human Experience?'

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



