

Warrenton fulfills its own Christmas wishes

‘Every kid goes home with a gift’

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Santa’s workshop on Friday was the cafeteria at Warrenton Grade School’s cafeteria. Lining the benches where kids eat were black trash bags, stuffed with gifts and tagged with the Christmas wishes of anonymous families.

Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids, the nonprofit providing holiday dinners, gifts and daily living staples to local youth in need, collected donations for about 100 families and 250 kids to take home for Christmas gifts.

“Every kid goes home with a gift,” said Debbie Morrow, head of the group and chairwoman of the Warrenton-Hammond School Board.

The district has consistently faced the highest rates of student homelessness, with large backpack food programs helping feed around 180 each weekend. The Christmas gift started three years ago providing for 150 kids, then grew to 238 the following year, Morrow said.

Families submit a form at the beginning of the year indicating whether they want to partake in the backpack programs, holiday meals and



Left to right: Mike, Connor and Serena Moha wrap presents for families in need at the Warrenton Grade School last week.

other services. For Christmas, they list their children’s gender, age and interests. Families adopt and shop for others, while Healthy Kids fills the gaps with separate donations and shopping.

Overseeing such aid programs is Rosa Gilbert, the district’s bilingual family liaison and federal programs coordinator.

“Our greatest need is with adolescents,” Gilbert said.

Reaching out for help is more stigmatizing for teenagers,

Gilbert said. The district tries to identify older kids in need though their parents and younger siblings. Separate gift drives run by the owners of Main Street Market and Warrenton Mini-Mart focus on older kids.

Gilbert’s position was added after the district realized there was a barrier to parental involvement, Gilbert said. About 13 percent of the district is Hispanic, and 90 percent of the parents in those families don’t speak English.

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Rosa Gilbert, left, helps students at the Warrenton Grade School move bags of gifts to the cafeteria.



Mason Vuylsteke checks bags of gifts ready for families to pick up at the Warrenton Grade School.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather DOWNLOAD OUR APP TODAY

<p>TONIGHT 32 Cloudy with a touch of rain</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 47 41 Cloudy with occasional rain</p>	<p>THURSDAY 50 45 Periods of rain</p>	<p>FRIDAY 50 41 Occasional rain</p>	<p>SATURDAY 49 37 Rain at times</p>
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ALMANAC
Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures
High/low 43°/34°
Normal high/low 48°/37°
Record high 63° in 1980
Record low 21° in 1924

Precipitation
Monday 0.11"
Month to date 4.66"
Normal month to date 8.02"
Year to date 80.97"
Normal year to date 65.39"

SUN AND MOON
Sunset tonight 4:35 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:57 a.m.
Moonrise today 12:39 p.m.
Moonset today 12:08 a.m.

First Full Last New
Dec 26 Jan 1 Jan 8 Jan 16

REGIONAL WEATHER
Shown is tomorrow’s weather. Temperatures are tonight’s lows and tomorrow’s highs.

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight’s Sky: First Quarter Moon (1:20 a.m.).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW’S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
7:43 a.m.	8.6 ft.	1:03 a.m.	2.0 ft.
8:26 p.m.	6.7 ft.	2:33 p.m.	2.1 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	50 34 s 45 32 pc	45 26 c	Olympia	36 27 c 42 35 r	32 28 sn
Boston	27 10 pc 22 6 s	54 43 c	Portland	36 32 r 42 40 r	40 38 c
Chicago	12 -2 c 12 7 pc	47 43 r	Roseburg	43 41 c 50 38 c	49 41 r
Denver	23 5 s 51 27 s	44 40 c	Seaside	42 35 r 47 43 r	51 36 r
Des Moines	12 -4 pc 14 7 pc	51 19 pc	Spokane	20 17 pc 24 21 sf	42 39 r
Detroit	16 2 pc 15 1 pc	45 32 c	Springfield	39 37 c 51 36 r	42 39 r
El Paso	69 39 pc 66 37 pc	51 43 r	Vancouver	36 32 r 42 39 r	30 22 c
Fairbanks	-1 -12 pc -4 -15 s	41 41 c	Yakima	29 18 c 30 22 c	
Honolulu	81 65 r 80 68 pc				
Indianapolis	16 1 c 15 6 pc				
Kansas City	14 -1 c 18 14 pc				
Las Vegas	64 42 pc 65 43 s				
Los Angeles	68 50 pc 73 52 s				
Memphis	42 23 pc 34 20 c				
Miami	82 69 pc 83 69 pc				
Nashville	41 22 pc 34 19 c				
New Orleans	59 45 r 51 42 r				
New York	31 19 pc 28 15 pc				
Oklahoma City	36 17 pc 32 22 c				
Philadelphia	34 22 pc 30 18 s				
St. Louis	20 6 c 20 9 pc				
Salt Lake City	42 30 c 44 29 pc				
San Francisco	57 45 s 57 45 s				
Seattle	36 29 c 42 39 r				
Washington, DC	38 25 pc 34 18 pc				

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Study: Distance restrictions on orcas haven’t hurt tourism

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Restrictions limiting boats from getting too close to endangered southern resident killer whales have not harmed the whale-watching industry, according to a new federal study.

The study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicated that whale-watching tourism continues to grow even with the federal restrictions that require vessels to stay at least 200 yards from the orcas in Washington’s Puget Sound, The Seattle Times reported.

Lack of food, environmental contamination and boat noise are the primary

threats to the survival of Puget Sound orcas, according to the agency. The population of southern resident whales is down to 76 — the lowest in 30 years.

Noise from boats can disturb orcas, causing them to spend less time looking for food and more time traveling, according to researchers. The restrictions enacted in 2011 were aimed at reducing the stress placed on the orcas from noise.

Departing from more than 20 locations on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border, about 400,000 people take commercial tour boats to watch whales each year, said Michael Harris, former executive director of the Pacific Whale Watch Association.

When boats enforcing the restrictions are on the water, the study found the federal rules to be more effective with fewer violations by recreational vessels.

Washington Sen. Kevin Ranker said he plans to introduce legislation to fund an enforcement boat and two state Department of Fish and Wildlife officers to be on the water five days a week during peak whale-watching season. The Democratic senator said to preserve whale watching, it requires preserving the whales.

“We have to protect the orca whale from our stupidity,” Ranker said.

DEATHS

Dec. 23, 2017

FRANSEN, Dale Rodney, 82, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center of Seaside is in charge of arrangements.

Dec. 21, 2017

QUAINTANCE, Susan June, 63, of Cannon Beach, died in Seaside. Caldwell’s

CHAMBERS, Claudia Jean, 71, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY, Dec. 28

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-2-0-3
4 p.m.: 3-7-5-7
7 p.m.: 3-6-4-5
10 p.m.: 5-5-8-2

Monday’s Lucky Lines: 04-08-09-16-20-22-28-31
Estimated jackpot: \$35,000

Monday’s Megabucks: 11-12-14-22-37-43
Estimated jackpot: \$5.8 million

WASHINGTON
Monday’s Daily Game: 1-9-3
Monday’s Hit 5: 02-07-28-30-39

Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Monday’s Keno: 01-03-04-07-11-12-18-19-27-30-35-38-46-47-54-59-60-62-67-75
Monday’s Lotto: 02-09-20-25-44-48
Estimated jackpot: \$1 million
Monday’s Match 4: 01-07-08-24

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