

## Benefit dinner for Putman set for Saturday at fairgrounds

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A benefit dinner for Jim Putman starts at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop. In addition to dinner, the event features a silent auction, a handmade quilt raffle and an oral auction.

Putman, a member of the Astoria High School Class of 1971, is fighting stage 4 non-reversible lung cancer, and has finished radiation treatment for brain cancer, and his third round of chemotherapy. He can no longer work, and needs round-the-clock care from his wife, Judy. Medical and living expenses are becoming difficult for the family to meet.



Jim Putman

Donations of products and/or services for the auctions are still being accepted. For information, or to donate, call 503-755-2384 or 503-791-6130. Contributions may also be made at [gofundme.com/jim-putman-benefit](http://gofundme.com/jim-putman-benefit)

## Hampton Lumber offers summer building camp

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Hampton Lumber is partnering with Portland-based non-profit Girls Build on a week-long summer camp in August at Warrenton Grade School.

Girls between 8 and 14 years old will practice the

basics of carpentry, plumbing, electricity, concrete and sheet metal from female instructors.

"In the lumber business, we experience the gender gap in the skilled trades first hand," Steve Zika, CEO of Hampton Lumber, said in a release. "There are great

career opportunities in the manufacturing sector for people with building, electrical and mechanical skills. Camps like these expose girls to these and other possibilities and help build their confidence. It's good for the kids, good for the community and good for

local businesses like ours."

The camp is from Aug. 20 to Aug. 24 and costs \$300 to attend, with breakfast and lunch included. Scholarships are available. For more information, email Girls Build at [info@girlsbuild.org](mailto:info@girlsbuild.org) or visit [www.girlsbuild.org](http://www.girlsbuild.org)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Astoria Veteran Van Drivers** — Volunteer drivers needed for the Disabled American Veterans van for one or more trips per month. The van leaves Astoria at 7 a.m. for the Portland Veterans Administration Hospital and returns in the early afternoon. To volunteer, contact Dick Lang, Astoria DAV van coordinator, at 503-298-8757 or [\[ter.net\]\(mailto:ter.net\). Drivers receive free breakfast and lunch vouchers for the hospital canteen on every trip.](mailto:dicklang@char-</a></p>
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**Cannon Beach Academy** — 3781 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for breakfast or lunch preparation and cleanup, reading groups, math groups, lunch/recess duty and housekeep-

ing. Shifts are 1.25 hours or longer. For information, call 503-298-5245.

**Cannon Beach Library** — 131 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks and time commitments, including alphabetizing bookshelves, covering books, doing minor building maintenance, helping with a speakers' se-

ries, and participating in annual book sales and other events. For information email [info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org) or call 503-436-1391.

**Columbia Senior Diners** — 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Volunteers needed weekdays to serve tables and for kitchen help. To volunteer, call 503-325-9693.

## BRIEFS

### American Legion marks Vietnam War with program on Saturday

Clatsop Post 12 American Legion, 1132 Exchange St., is holding a U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration Day Program and Memorial starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. ChrisLynn Taylor sings the national anthem, followed by the Presentation of Colors and all service flags, and the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Ceremony. Gold Star parents from all wars present roses, and all others present poppies, on the memorial table. Veterans receive Vietnam War lapel pins.

From 4 p.m. until gone, a baked chicken dinner is served free to all veterans and their families; for all others, the cost is \$6 per person. Donations are welcomed. Music by Greg Parke is from 4 to 8 p.m.

The day's events are open to the public.

### Military Appreciation Day honors veterans Saturday at Lum's Auto Center

WARRENTON — A Welcome Home Veterans Military Appreciation Day is being held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Lum's Auto Center, 1605 S.E. Ensign Lane. The event features presentations to local veterans at 11:30 a.m., a barbecue, raffle prizes, live music and awards.

This opportunity for the community to thank local veterans is sponsored by Marine Corps League Daniel E. Crockett Detachment

1228. For questions, call Beverly Neubecker at 503-717-2265.

### Veterans' health and benefits are focus of meeting on Tuesday

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is holding an Astoria VA Veteran Community Meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Clatsop Post 12 American Legion, 1132 Exchange St.

Join the VA Portland Health Care System, and the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Portland Regional Office directors to discuss ideas or concerns regarding VA services. VBA claims representatives, VA enrollment, suicide prevention and other staff will be on site.

For questions, call VA Portland Public Affairs at 503-402-2975.

### RiversZen co-founder speaks out about 'workplace wellness'

The Lower Columbia Human Resource Management Association presents, "Workplace Wellness," featuring Peggy Stevens, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St. Stevens is the co-founder of RiversZen Yoga in Astoria.

Long periods of sitting, poor body mechanics and bad breathing techniques have an effect on a company's bottom line. This session shares simple

things any business can do to support the health of its employees.

The cost for lunch is \$20 for LCHRMA members, \$25 for nonmembers and \$15 for students. Anyone with an interest in the topic is welcome to attend. Register online at [lchrma.org](http://lchrma.org). Cancellations must be received by 5 p.m. April 2 for a full refund.

### Meet Orr event on tap in Warrenton on Wednesday evening

WARRENTON — A Meet John Orr event takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Orr, who is running for state representative from District 32, discusses issues facing the local region and Oregon.

For information about John Orr, go to [fb.me/ORR4Oregon](http://fb.me/ORR4Oregon), email [johnorr4statehouse@gmail.com](mailto:johnorr4statehouse@gmail.com) or call 503-741-6805.

### Older adults have education opportunities

Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education (ENCORE) is offering a variety of classes, with special emphasis on contemporary issues that face the nation.

Visiting instructor Kjirsten Severson offers an analysis of terrorism, while a team of instructors and local government officials present "The U.S. Constitution and Local Governments."

In addition to "Stretch Yoga" and "Hand Embroidery," ENCORE offers creative writ-

ing through Eric Anderson's "Writing Exchange and Literary Sharing." Philosopher Seth Tichener opens the "Analects of Confucius."

Classes start Monday; nonmembers of ENCORE may attend two class sessions without joining.

For specific class dates and times, go to [encorelearn.org](http://encorelearn.org) or call Leah Olson at 503-338-2408.

### Seaside AAUW supports local girls and women with two scholarships

SEASIDE — The Seaside branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is announcing two scholarship opportunities for local girls and women planning on attending college in the fall.

The June Stromberg AAUW Scholarship for \$1,000 is available to a Seaside High School graduating senior who is the first female in her family to attend college. Applications are available through the counseling office of the high school, and need to be returned by Thursday.

The second scholarship for up to \$2,000 is available to a local female returning to school after an absence of five years, and enrolled in a two- or four-year college program. Applications are available through the Seaside AAUW website at [seaside-or.aauw.net](http://seaside-or.aauw.net) and/or Clatsop Community College, are due April 18, and should be returned to Seaside AAUW, Attn: Scholarships, P.O. Box 693, Seaside, OR 97138.

For information, contact Helen Gronquist at [aauwseaside@gmail.com](mailto:aauwseaside@gmail.com)

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