

United Way’s Day of Caring lifts community

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The United Way of Clatsop County’s annual Day of Caring was held April 20, and 125 volunteers — from several local organizations and individual community members — worked at six projects throughout the region.

Astor Elementary School received a truckload of playground bark chips donated by Nygaard Logging, and plants, tools and soil from Home Depot that volunteers used to weed, repair and plant flowers in a 40-foot flower bed.

Lewis and Clark Elementary School received paint and supplies from Home Depot along with custom vinyl inspirational quotes from the Rusty Dahlia. Volunteers also helped paint two sets of bathroom stalls.

At Cannon Beach Academy, Home Depot provided supplies

and tools, and volunteers pressure washed an outdoor play area and weeded around the entrance.

The Hope House received plants, tools and supplies from Home Depot, and a Team Depot Crew helped beautify the building’s exterior.

At Ocean View Cemetery, volunteers used tools and supplies from Home Depot and helped raise 50 headstones in the veterans’ area.

The Home Depot Foundation provided the Sunny Hunt Community Garden with lumber to rebuild garden beds, cement blocks to build a new compost area, mulch for walkways and tools for the project. Gravel was donated by Bayview Asphalt, which also brought a crew of volunteers.

Next year’s United Way Day of Caring is set for April 18.



Volunteers from several local organizations and individual community members turned out to help on six projects for United Way of Clatsop County’s annual Day of Caring April 20.

Safe medication class set for Wednesday

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Oregon Care Partners hosts a free, instructor-led class, “Safe Medication Use in Older Adults,” from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hampton Inn & Suites, 201 39th St.

The class is designed to

help anyone who cares for an aging Oregonian understand how medicines work in older adults, and learn skills to optimize care. A professional instructor shares real-world experience in an interactive classroom environment. This class is free, thanks to funding by the state of Oregon.

Individuals who provide care for an aging family member or loved one, as well as those who work in professional caregiver settings, public safety or social work, are encouraged to sign up for this class. To register, go to OregonCarePartners.com or call 800-930-6851.



Ospreys are among the many varieties of injured birds that receive treatment at the Wildlife Center of the North Coast.

Wildlife center holds open house, plant sale

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The Wildlife Center of the North Coast, 89686 Oregon Highway 202, announces the second annual Spring Open House and Native Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, which also provides an opportunity to see the local wildlife rescue center, as well as meet

the center’s wildlife care team.

This event is for all ages. There is a booth with activities for kids, as well as tours of the facilities. The plant sale features trees, shrubs and small plants of various native species, suitable as gifts for Mother’s Day.

The Spring Open House is a fundraiser for the wildlife center that helps raise

critical funds just in time for the start of the busy baby animal season. Donations provide food, medicines, quality medical care, and safe shelter for birds, mammals and other wildlife creatures in need.

For information about the event, or how to get involved with the wildlife center, go to CoastWildlife.org or call 503-338-0331.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship

A Purification Service at Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship is held on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room of the Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. Use the 11th Street entrance.

This service is not defined by any particular belief system, and is especially intended for the “spiritual but not religious,” as well as those who draw from more than one faith tradition. For information, go to cgifellowship.org

St. Catherine Episcopal

NEHALEM — St. Catherine Episcopal Church, 36335 U.S. Highway 101 in Nehalem, holds a Labyrinth walk from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome. For information, go to saintcatherineoregoncoast.org

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.

Crossroads Community

SVENSEN — Crossroads Community Church, a Friends Fellowship, at 40618 Old Highway 30, is holding a Free Family Film at 6:45 p.m. Friday. Come enjoy a film and fellowship. This event is always held the second Friday of the month. All are welcome. For information, call Shawn Leonard, pastor, at 503-949-5033.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

A Pre-Mother’s Day Plant, Garden and Bake Sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the parish auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave., sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the parish. The event includes a bake sale and garden basket raffle.

Donations of new plants, house plants and vegetable plants, plus tools and garden accessories are accepted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. This fundraiser is for church supplies.

On Sunday, the 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., is followed by a reception in the parish auditorium.

The Women of the River monthly ladies “Dutch treat” luncheon is at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, at El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant, 229 W. Marine Drive, to celebrate motherhood. For questions and reservations, contact Genie Marxer at 503-861-2945.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, behind the church on 15th Street, is open from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday. For questions, call 503-325-2007.

The Catholic Daughters Scholarship deadline has been extended to May 23 for graduating seniors.

Community Vacation Bible School

Six area churches have combined to create the Astoria Community Vacation Bible School, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 24 to 27, open to ages 3 to sixth grade. The cost is \$15 for one student or \$25 per family.

This year’s theme is “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.” The week is filled with learning new songs, skits, arts, crafts, games and Bible stories, with a special celebration at the beach at 5 p.m. June 28, for the kids and their families.

For information, and to register, go the First Presbyterian Church of Astoria website, fpcastoria.org, or call or check all of the participating church websites for a link to the registration form.

The churches partnering for this event are: First Baptist Church of Astoria, First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, Grace Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, Peace Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church.

Grace Episcopal Church

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

Grace Church offers an ecumenical Taizé Prayer & Song service at 7 p.m. Wednesday. All are welcome.

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

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