

COMMUNITY NOTES

FRIDAY

Senior Lunch To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Ave. A, Seaside. Drive up to Avenue B to pick up at back door. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202; for new Meals on Wheels inquiries, call 503-304-3420.

Columbia Senior Diners — Full Meals \$6: Delivered to seniors or pickup available at the Astoria Senior Center kitchen door, 1111 Exchange St. For information, or meal delivery, call 503-325-9693 before 10 a.m.

MONDAY

Grace and Encouragement for Moms — GEMS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others' company. For information, call Christina Leonard at 503-298-3936.

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Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — For information, go to Astoria Rotary's Facebook page.

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

Astoria Toastmasters — For information, go to 775.toastmastersclubs.org or call Christa Svensson at 206-790-2869.

TUESDAY

Stewardship Quilting Group — For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Do Nothing Club — Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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Astoria Lions Club — For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Authentic Spiritual Conversations — Open dialogue about spiritual issues. All faiths, including "spiritual but not religious" welcome. For information, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

WEDNESDAY

Mindfulness/Meditation Group — Free and

open to all, drop-ins welcome. For information, call 503-338-4520.

Warrenton Mothers of Preschoolers — Moms of children ages infant through kindergarten. For information, go to mops.org/groups/warrentonmops

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Fat Quarter Quilters — Not limited to quilts. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177 or go to homespunquilt.com

Warrenton Sunrise Rotary Club — 6 p.m., Uptown Café, 1639 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton. For information, call 503-325-4030.

THURSDAY

Alzheimer's Support Group — For information, call 503-368-6445.

Wickiup Senior Lunches To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202. For new Meals on Wheels inquiries, call 503-304-3420.

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Seaside Rotary Club — For information, visit Rotary Club of Seaside on Facebook.

OTHER

Quilting Project Needs Fabric — Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Seaside. Needs polyester/cotton fabric, 1/2 yard or larger, and clean sheets (queen or king size) for group that makes quilts for those in need within the U.S. and around the world. For information, or to donate, call Claudia Kulland at 503-738-5895.

Blankets Needed — Columbia Veterinary Hospital, 576 31st St. Needs blanket donations for their four legged patients. Anything is helpful, even the stained or frayed. Donations can be dropped off during business hours (closed for lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m.) Monday through Saturday.

Man hiding behind texts

Dear Annie: I'm 48 years old. I've been a single mom since I had my first kid — in other words, since forever. I've never really had healthy relationships with men. I'm way too trusting and just want love so badly. A few months ago, I accidentally texted a man I knew from high school. We ended up striking up a conversation, texting back and forth for a few days. Then he called me a couple of times, and we had long talks. We became friends on Facebook. I was so interested, as he seemed like a very good man: 20-year veteran, retired, single father, hard worker. I could tell that family was important to him. And he was so good-looking. After two months of chatting back and forth, I asked to meet him. He said, "Maybe after some more time."

After another month, I said: "Can I please meet you? I just want to see you in person, even for 5 minutes." For some reason, he seemed to panic. He said: "I am going through something professionally. I may be moving out of state and don't want to get attached." I decided that he was worth the risk, so I pushed on and asked questions. He got angry and blocked me. For two weeks after that, I tried to contact him, but he kept me blocked. I just don't understand. Our friendship meant something to me. In our last conversation, when I brought that up, his only response was that "we weren't together." I understood that. But why would he not just let me meet him? I'm too old to be this confused. — *Lost*

Dear Lost: It sounds as though he's the one who's lost and confused. You know what you want. Thankfully, your directness flushed out these issues after just three months; otherwise, this could have dragged on for who knows how long. Don't get discouraged. There are plenty more good men out there who

value family — and who are looking for a relationship. While the coronavirus pandemic makes in-person dating risky at the moment, you can connect with potential partners on dating sites such as Match.com and eHarmony and go on FaceTime or Skype dates to see whether you feel a spark.

Dear Annie: I'd like to share my response to "Working From Home Works." In the past, I also had at least an hour's drive to the office. Talk to your boss. He might consider some compromise, such as allowing you to do three days at home and two days at the office. That approach worked well for me — the best of both worlds! Initially,

bosses may think that you goof off at home. But in time, they'll likely find that production is higher, and then they are happy. — *Worked for Me*

Dear Worked for Me: Indeed — a hybrid remote and in-office approach might be just the thing to make life workable for long-distance commuters and managers alike. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: Not long ago in your column, you featured a letter from a gentleman asking what to do when he was asked to write a recommendation for someone whom he was uncomfortable recommending. I was reminded of a time, many years ago, when I worked for a human resources director who was widely regarded by every employee and was asked often to write recommendations. When he was asked to write a recommendation for someone who wasn't a great employee, he solved the problem by writing, "If you can get (name) to work for you, you will be a very lucky person." I don't think any of those requesting the references ever caught on. — *Bonnie R.*

Dear Bonnie: Thanks for the chuckle!

DEAR ANNIE



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SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — For information, call 503-325-1087.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — For information, call 503-810-5196.

Al-Anon (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-842-5094 or

503-730-5863.

Al-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area Al-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org

Alateen (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-730-5863.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting in Clatsop County, call 971-601-9220, in Tillamook County, call 503-739-4856, or go to aa-oregon.org



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