

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 — 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 — Donations of mate-

rial always appreciated. 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 — Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.
Astoria Kiwanis Club — For information, call Frank Spence at 503-325-2365 or Susan Brooks at 503-791-3026.
Bras2Moms Fitting — Free nursing bras and/or tanks to mothers. A \$5 donation is requested, not required. For best fit, come for a fitting two weeks after giving birth. Sizes subject to availability. For information, call 503-338-7581.
Evergreen Masonic Lodge No. 137 — For information, call 503-717-0808.
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
Moms Offering Moms Support Club — For information, go to fb.me/MOMS-ClubofAstoria or email president@momsclubofastoria.org
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

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Association on Mental Disabilities — Support group open to all those diagnosed with a mood disorder, or have a family member or friend diagnosed, or who think they might have depression or bipolar disorder. For information, contact Ken Rislow at 503-791-5482.
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 06-02 — Uniformed civilian volunteer branch of the Coast Guard. Members learn new skills and qualifications; no former military or boating experience needed. For information, contact Della Wilson at 360-244-7062 or wilsonkart@gmail.com
Seaside Elks Lodge No. 1748 — For information, call 503-738-6651 or email seasideelks@yahoo.com

THURSDAY
North Coast Women — For information, call 503-738-8695 or go to tinyurl.com/CC
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Rotary Club of Seaside — For information, visit Rotary Club of Seaside on Facebook.
Grief Support Group — For information, call Lower Columbia Hospice at 503-338-6230.
Lower Columbia Danish Society — Zoom meeting at 7 p.m. Virtual potluck: Share a favorite Danish or Nordic recipe, or try a new one. Being or speaking Danish not required; only an interest in Danish heritage, culture and traditions is needed. For up-to-date schedule and Zoom information, go to lowercolumbiadan.es.org, email lowercolumbiadan.es@gmail.com or call 503-325-2612.

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.

Boyfriend delaying partner’s marriage

Dear Annie: I have been dating this man for a little over four years, and I feel like he will never fully truly commit to me. There's a six-year age gap; I'm 28, and he is 34. I've always known in life that I wanted to get married and start a family; hence why I dated an older man. My thoughts were that he would be more on track to those goals rather than someone who was closer to my age (more so around the time we met). With that being said, I feel like marriage will never happen. Any time we talk about marriage it's a rushed conversation and it just seems like excuse after excuse as to why we haven't taken any more steps in that direction. (We already live together.) First he said that I was too young, then he said he's looking at rings and he needs to do his research on them, then the coronavirus pandemic hit, so it hasn't felt like the right time. He's a great guy and all and we have fun together, but I just feel like he will never pop the question and I'm losing my patience. We got into a fight about our relationship this past June (but these arguments aren't new, we've had a few before the most recent one), and I almost walked away for good. But, he assured me it was coming and said, "It was my plan to have a ring on your finger by the end of the year." It's officially 2021 and there is still no ring. Am I wasting my time? Is he just leading me on? Am I being crazy for feeling this way? I just don't understand why he won't commit to me if he claims to want the same things in life. —

Crunched for Commitment
Dear Crunched for Commitment: No, you're not crazy, but keep up this waiting game much longer and you will be. I suggest popping the question yourself. No matter how he answers, you'll be better off than you are now. (And if he says anything like "maybe," take it as a no.)
Dear Annie: "Don't Shoot the Mockingbird's" dilemma about absorbing accents struck a chord with me. I've mirrored accents unintentionally my whole life (I'm 68 now), and I just can't seem to stop. If I watch a British TV program for an hour, then I gain the accent and it may not go away for a few more hours. If I travel and spend a couple of days immersed in another accent, then it sometimes stays with me for weeks! I've noticed I actually think with the accent with my mind's voice. The problem seems to annoy me more than it does the people I'm mimicking, as I've never had anyone say, "Are you mocking me?" I think most people realize I'm absorbing their accent, not making fun of it or them. I think "Mockingbird" and others with the same "affliction" should simply ignore it and be themselves, and the people to whom they're speaking will realize it's not being done in jest. At least, that's how it's worked out for me. — *Voice of the People (All of Them) in Ohio*
Dear Voice of the People: Thanks for speaking as the voice of wisdom, in addition to the rest. May your letter bring comfort to any other accidental mockingsbirds.



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