

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.

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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 AstoriaRotary.org

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

TUESDAY
Stewardship Quilting Group — Donations of material 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.

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 — For information, call 503-338-4520.

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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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 — For information, call 503-325-4030.

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

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Rotary Club of Seaside — For information, visit Rotary Club of Seaside on Facebook at fb.me/SeasideRotary

Caregiver Support Group — Open to all caregivers, both professional and family care. Yoga exercise, refreshments, friendship and support. For information, call 503-738-0900.

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 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 won't commit

Dear Annie: I have been with my "boyfriend" on and off for three years. I put "boyfriend" in quotes because he says he doesn't like labels. I'm at his place 90% of the time, yet I still pay rent on my own apartment because he would never agree to move in together. I have met his family and he also has met mine. When I ask for commitment, he says I'm being pushy. He doesn't communicate well at all. I feel shut out. I'm so hurt from the years of not knowing where I stand with him. Everyone deserves to know where they are in someone's life and what they mean to that person! Please help. I can't take this anymore. — Confused in Love

Dear Confused: You can't and you shouldn't take this anymore. You absolutely deserve better, and you need to end things with this man — abruptly and completely — so that you can find it. I know it won't be easy. When someone jerks you around as badly as this jerk has, it whittles away at your self-esteem — and perversely, it causes you to keep turning to that same person to build you back up. It's a recipe for despair, and it can make leaving seem impossible. But it is possible, and necessary. I encourage you to seek a therapist's help in navigating through the turmoil and finding the other side. Your whole life is waiting for you there.

Dear Annie: My husband died back in 2010. Before he died, he gave my brother some money to hold onto. Now I would like to get it back. My sister told me that our brother had spent it already. He moved somewhere else. Is it too late for me to get the funds back? — Cashed Out

Dear Cashed: Try reaching out to your brother in any way that you can — letters, more phone calls, even an in-person meeting. He might not be able to pay

you back in full, but perhaps you could set up a monthly payment plan. If he still refuses to talk, it's worth reaching out to a lawyer for a consultation. If your husband effectively gave your brother this money outright (i.e., there's no documentation that it was a loan or otherwise meant to be returned to you eventually), then you may not have many options. But an attorney can offer expertise and evaluate the specifics of your situation.

Dear Annie: You asked readers what they love most about their partners a little while back. I love my husband's everyday affections, from sweet smiles to little notes tucked under coffee cups and inside gloves, and even in sand-wiches! But I think the thing I love most about him is that he makes me feel safe. He is nonjudgmental. By doing that, he frees me to love him deeply and without fear. — Sheila G., Eastham, MA

Dear Sheila: Thank you for reminding us what true caring looks like. Though Valentine's Day has come and gone, love goes on and on. I received another letter on love that I just had to print.

Dear Annie: My partner and I are both in our mid-70s. My late husband and I were couples friends with him and his late wife. After both of our beloved spouses passed away we shared our grief and became friends. Eventually, our friendship blossomed into love. I love about a hundred things about him, but what I love most is the very fact that after I thought I would never know romantic love again, here it is! We feel like young lovers and every day is a gift because we both know what it is like to lose the love of your life. — Linda B.

Dear Linda: What a touching story. I'm so glad you two have each other. Thanks for writing.



ANNIE LANE Creators Syndicate Inc.

Finn Fest needs donations for community center

The Astorian

NASELLE, Wash. — The Naselle Community Center is seeking donations for maintenance funding because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

The community center was donated to the Finnish American Folk Festival by Naselle Congregational Church.

For two years, the festival offered the building to others for meetings, rentals for weddings and funerals, art shows and several musical performances. During the

last year, the community center has been closed because of the pandemic.

"With the shutdown of the community center, we are facing a critical shortage of maintenance funding," Mike Swanson, past Finn Fest chairman and signer for the new building, said. "We appreciate any donations for this worthwhile community resource."

Contributions may be made at bit.ly/3rGP7oq or nasellefinnfest.com, earmarking the donation for Naselle Community Center.

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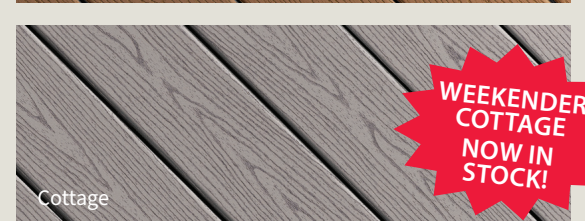
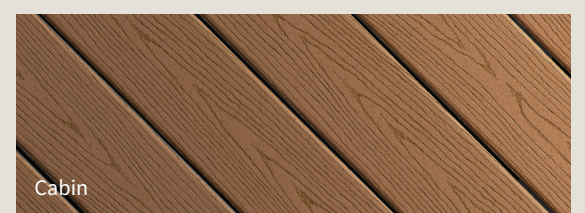
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