

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia ARE YOU AT RISK?

According to a new study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging, men and women with hearing loss are much more likely to develop dementia and Alzheimer's disease. People with severe hearing loss, the study reports, were 5 times more likely to develop dementia than those with normal hearing.

Have you noticed a change in your ability to remember?

"The more hearing loss you have, the greater the likelihood of developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Hearing aids could delay or prevent dementia by improving the patient's hearing."

-2011 Study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging

IS IT TIME FOR A HEARING TEST?

TAKE THIS QUIZ TO FIND OUT...

- Y N** Do you feel that people mumble or do not speak clearly?
- Do you turn the TV up louder than others need to?
- Do family or friends get frustrated when you ask them to repeat themselves?

- Y N** Do you have trouble understanding the voices of women and small children when they are speaking?
- Is it hard to follow the conversation in noisy places like parties, crowded restaurants or family get-togethers?

If you've answered "Yes" to any one of these questions, there's good news! Miracle-Ear can help! Don't wait another moment. Call us today.

"Hearing loss, left untreated, can lead to serious problems such as loneliness and isolation."

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Food Backpack for Kids meets Wednesday

The board of directors for Food Backpack for Kids meets next on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at Cross Road Assembly of God.

The mission for Food Backpack for Kids is simple: "Together, no child will go hungry."

The group's short-term purpose is to provide ready to eat, pre-packaged meals to children at risk for hunger on weekends during the school year. Its long-term purpose is to reap the benefits of these young people as adults giving of themselves back to the local community, state and country.

This program promotes the well-being of underprivileged youth and assists struggling families living in Florence and Mapleton. It is often the children that suffer the consequences, and no parent wants to see his or her children go hungry.

"Collectively, we have the opportunity to make a difference that will pay dividends for years to come for people who live in our community and currently need a helping hand," Food Backpack coordinators say. "Sending ready to eat food home with the children from school places the food in their hands so they will have three meals on Saturday and three meals on Sunday. The immediate benefit will be young people nourished and ready to learn."

As of 2017, the group is distributing weekend food supplies to more than 80 students.

The Food Backpack for Kids team includes Chief Executive Officer Dale Edwards, pastor at Cross Road Assembly of God; Program Director Marilyn Barba; Secretary Barbara Chase; Finance Coordinator Deb Williams; Promotions/Public Relations Officer Linda Lauck; Operations Coordinator Sue Scott; Operations Assistant Suzie Donati; Packing/Distribution Coordinator Laverne Sanders and assistants Alex and Saadia Petras; Delivery Assistant Walt Homenyk and advisors Tiffany Holdahl and Sarah Nunez, Florence Community PTA president and vice-president.

For more information, visit backpackimpact.com.

Washington Federal hosting two 'giving trees'

Washington Federal, next to H&R Block on Highway 101, is hosting the Soroptimists International children's giving tree to help support their tradition of helping Florence area families in need.

Come into the bank and choose a child's name from the giving tree to buy a gift for, or just bring an unwrapped gift to Washington Federal between now and Dec. 15, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (6 p.m. on Fridays).

Washington Federal is also hosting a giving tree for Shangri-la, a nonprofit human services organization helping Oregonians with disabilities or other disadvantages.

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