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This Weekend

Astoria's Valentine's Day Ball is for the entire family

A Valentine's Day Ball will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

The dance is sponsored by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department and the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association. The family-friendly event includes music, dancing, refreshments, crafts and photo opportunities.

Previously, the event was a father-daughter dance, but it is now open to everyone and all ages.

Admission is \$5 in advance by calling 503-325-7275 or \$10 at the door.



Estate sale is an Alzheimer's fund-raiser

Suzanne Elise Assisted Living is having an estate sale to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the facility's Loft, 101 Forest Drive, Seaside.

There will be refreshments and raffle prizes.

All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

For more information, call Heather at 503-738-0307.

Retirees an increasing force in job market

The number of retirement-age workers in Northwest Oregon has been increasing for years, not just in raw numbers but also as a share of the total population, according to the Oregon Unemployment Department.

In 1992, the five counties in Northwest Oregon (Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, and Tillamook) had about 1,750 workers ages 65 and older.

In 2017, the number was 6,400.

Nationally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that 40 percent of the population 55 or older was in the labor force in 2014.

That participation was expected to increase the fastest for those ages 65 and older.

Most of the increase is due to the aging of the baby boomer generation, along with increasing life expectancy and higher education levels.

Although the share of the

workforce provided by workers 65 and older is not as large as the shares of younger workers and those in their prime working years, it has been growing steadily in Northwest Oregon.

This contrasts with some declining numbers in the larger two groups. The number of these older workers has been growing at an average of 6 percent per year since 2010 in Northwest Oregon.

It is not possible to know precisely what share of each county's older population is working, since some residents commute to work in other counties.

But ignoring that, the number of older workers in each county divided by each county's total older population was 16 percent in Clatsop County in 2016, 7 percent in Columbia County, 11 percent in Tillamook, 12 percent in Lincoln and 15 percent in Benton.

These percentages compare

reasonably well with statewide numbers, which show that the number of workers 65 and older were about 16 percent.

From separate data, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates indicate 19 percent of the retirement-age population in the state is in the labor force (either employed or unemployed).

These numbers indicate a substantial and growing number of people of retirement age are continuing to work in Northwest Oregon.

As healthcare improves and jobs become physically less demanding, people are able to work at older ages.

The two pools of workers that are utilized the least now are teenagers and retirement-age seniors.

In a time of tight labor markets, employers may make special effort to recruit older workers, much as some employers currently do for teenagers.