

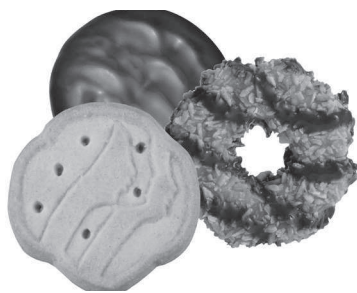
## It's a sweet season as Girl Scout cookies return

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! The 2018 sales season begins today, Feb. 16, and runs through March 11 with more than 30,000 cookie booths set up across the country.

Cookies are \$5 per box and there are eight varieties this year. The S'mores offered last year were a hit, so they'll be back along with the iconic Thin Mints, Samoas and Trefoils.

There will be three sales booths in Warrenton: Fred Meyer, Main Street Market and JoAnn Fabric and Craft.

In Astoria, sales booths will be at Safeway and Astoria



Mini-Mart.

In Knappa, at Country Market.

In Seaside, at Safeway and during the PBL Tournament at Broadway Middle School.

In Pacific County, at Pioneer Market in Long Beach, Sid's Market in Seaview, and at Johnson's One-Stop and

Okie's Market in Naselle.

If you're elsewhere, you can find a sales location at [girlscoutsw.org/cookies](http://girlscoutsw.org/cookies).

"I'm excited for girls to have this business experience, and put themselves out there," said Paige Walker, a director of product sales for the Girl Scouts.

"A Girl Scout Cookie booth is basically a pop-up shop and these young women are entrepreneurs selling an iconic product."

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington serves 13,955 girls in 37 counties.

### News Briefs

## City replacing water meters

The city of Warrenton begins replacing water meters this month throughout the water distribution system.

Warrenton received a \$1.1 million grant/loan combination from the Infrastructure Finance Authority that allows the city to replace all its obsolete meters.

The city has about 3,300 water connections.

The new meter reading system collects the amount of water consumed and information about how the system is operating so the city can bill, troubleshoot and analyze in one fell swoop.

The replacement work is being done by Chris Dials Contracting of Tillamook and is expected to be complete in June.

## Sen. Merkley sets Seaside town hall

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold a town hall in Seaside on Tuesday, Feb. 20, to update constituents on his work in Washington, D.C., answer questions and invite

suggestions about how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and America.

The town hall begins at 12:30 p.m. in the main hall at Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A.

## Candidates must file by March 5

Those who plan to run for a seat on the County Commission have until 5 p.m. March 6 to file their declaration of candidacy or nomination petition for the May 15 primary election.

Three seats are up for elec-

tion: District 1, the seat held by Scott Lee, which includes Warrenton, Hammond and a western portion of Astoria; District 3, the seat held by Lisa Clement, which includes Astoria, Lewis and Clark and Jeffers Gardens; and District 5, the seat held by Lianne Thompson, which includes Cannon Beach, Arch Cape, Jewell and the southern portion of Seaside.

Lee has said he will not run for re-election.

All filed candidates are posted on the county's website once they've been accepted.

## Sip, Savor & UnWined



Saturday, March 3

An intimate **WINE TASTING EVENT** previewing Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival wine competition entries at the Liberty Theatre in downtown Astoria.

Tickets available at the Chamber or at [oldoregon.com](http://oldoregon.com).

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**\$40 ticket includes:**

- 10 wine tastes
- tasting glass
- appetizers
- access to 140+ wines from 40 Oregon wineries
- live music and more

## Warming Center focuses on supper

Warrenton's winter hasn't been cold this year so Warrenton Warming Center has opened only a dozen days.

"Because of the warm temperatures, we're trying to re-focus and figure out how we can still help people," said Rick Newton, a city commissioner and a Warming Center board member.

The center's mission is to provide a warm, safe place with food, love and support, based on principles found in Luke 10:25-36 of the Bible.

The center, based at Calvary Assembly of God, will provide meals, hot showers and blankets to those who show up, even if the sleeping areas aren't in operation.

The center will be open in the evenings three nights a week at least through March, Newton said.

It is the second yearly sea-

### Warming Center

- **When:** 6-9 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday
- **What:** Soup dinner, showers and blankets
- **Where:** 1365 S. Main Ave.

son for the warming center, which formed in February 2016 and opened for the first time last year.

The center opens when temperatures drop below 38 degrees or severe weather warnings are issued. But this year has been unseasonably warm.

So the group, which has received donations of money, food and other items, wants to provide for the homeless in other ways this year.

While the center is based at a church, it's a non-denominational ministry to help those without homes in the winter months.

## The 30th Annual Fisherman's Benefit Fund CRAB FEED

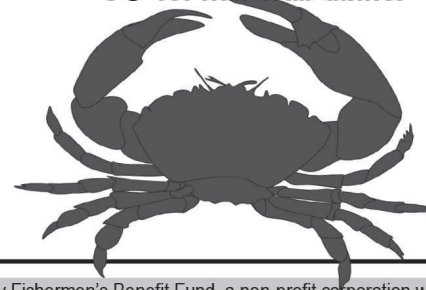
Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
4 to 8 p.m.  
at the

Warrenton Community Center

## Fresh Dungeness Crab

Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Drink, Dessert and all the trimmings

**\$17** adults; **\$15** seniors and those under 12;  
**\$10** for half crab dinner



Sponsored by Fishermen's Benefit Fund, a non-profit corporation which maintains an emergency fund to help fishermen and their families.