

# Lots of hands made breakfast a success

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Tradition lives on in Warrenton as more than 300 men, women and scads of little ones gathered at Warrenton Community Center to have breakfast with Santa.

Our Santa came all the way from the North Pole's Astoria Division. Ben Owen is his manager. We so appreciate his working us into his schedule during this time of year.

Sponsored by the Warrenton Community Center's Advisory Board, the tradition is carried on year after year with the help of many. Serving on the board currently and assisting in the event are Debby Little, Carol Snell, Lorna Anderson, Ronald LeChurch, Frank Becker and Mel Jasmin.

More than \$1,300 worth of breakfast tickets were sold with proceeds of \$188 in raffle funds raised.

As always, the raffle was run by Mel and Betsy Jasmin. Large baskets valued at \$25 each, crafted by Betsy with a snowman theme, were raffled



Warrenton High School's football team helped serve during Breakfast with Santa. They are (L-R) Duane Falls, Ethan Caldwell, Mark Warren, Austin Little, Devin Jackson, Josh Earls, Jacob Morrow, Santa, JJ Salcedo and Kaleo Kapua. Kneeling is Zander Moha.

off during the event. Susan Walker and Amber Nichols won two of the baskets.

Jason Hawkins once again brought over a Pig 'N Pancake grill to produce about 635 amazing Pig 'N Pancake pancakes (try to say those three words fast).

In addition, they went through 69 dozen eggs, most donated by Main Street Market, according to Lorna Anderson. Warrenton Mini Mart and Smart Foodservice (formerly Cash & Carry) donated sausages. There was a lot of teamwork, for sure.

As always, there were many workers behind the scenes, including Bert Little, Madora Bahr, Susan Walker, Brian Walker, Muriel Dunn, Sandra McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Mitch Miller, Alex Courtway, Colton Courtway, Jerry R. O'Neill, Carla Iverson, Logan Iverson, Avery Iverson and Carol Farmer. Even football coach Michael Larsen was put to work.

Some board members said it was the best organized and most successful Breakfast with Santa ever.

All money received benefits the community center.

## Fort Clatsop: Activities scheduled for last week of year

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### ACTIVITIES

- Living history programs by park rangers, 9:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. daily.
- Flintlock muzzle-loading led by rangers in period clothes, noon and 3 p.m. daily.
- Hands-on programs about various aspects of the explorers' winter at Fort Clatsop, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.
- Ranger-guided walks on the Netul River Trail, 12:15 and 3:15 p.m. daily.
- Two movies will be shown in the visitor center each hour. They are "A Clatsop Winter Story," a 22-minute



The Tractor Supply Co. store in Kelso, Wash.

## Farm store: Developer wins approval

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"We need an anchor to get this project off the ground," Giesbicht said. "Nothing (like this) has been approved in the city of Warrenton in the past. ... But there's a significant demand for what they have to offer. I think they'd be a great fit."

Tractor Supply Co., whose nearest store is in Kelso, carries clothes, toys, pet and home and hearth items in addition to tools, fencing, power equipment, animal feed, plants and landscaping supplies.

One of the previous disputes to the development proposal had been with the number of bicycle spaces the city code required for the project.

"You don't ride a bicycle to pick up 50 pounds of feed or a roll of fence," Giesbicht told planning commissioners.

And decorative screening of

outside sales areas was excessive, he said. "It's a no-frills, very functional building. It is what it is. There's no point to try to dress this thing up or make an architectural statement."

In the end, city staff and the developers went through items one-by-one and came up with compromises.

The city won't require developers to improve King Street, which is platted but not built through the project area, but it will remain on the books for future development. Some sidewalks, landscaping and other improvements can be left for completion in the future, when other parts of the property are developed.

But builders will need to provide pedestrian crossings at two intersections that will access the farm store, one at Marlin Avenue and one at Highway 101 Business.

A reconstruction of the fort built by members of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery for the winter of 1805-06.

Courtesy Fort Clatsop



movie about the 1805-06 winter from a Clatsop Indian perspective, and "Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage," a 34-minute movie about the entire voyage.

The park is closed on

Christmas Day, but will be open New Year's Day.

Admission to Fort Clatsop is \$7 per adult. Dogs on leashes are welcome on the walks and at the outdoor programs.

For more information, call 503-861-4414.

Warrenton Community Center Advisory Board

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