



DANI PALMER/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

State Rep. Deborah Boone speaks to Coastal Harvest of Giving attendees On Thursday, Dec. 10.

Community food bank

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Volunteer Sandy Rea announced the mobile produce pantry would again be available on Jan. 14. It typically serves the community from April to October each year. “I’ve had so many people come to me, begging ‘Why can’t you be open now?’ They’re going without,” she said. “We will not be waiting until April.”

Rea herself was once a recipient of food bank services. She said a single person on food stamps receives about \$175 a month for food, roughly \$2 a day, excluding fresh fruit and vegetables. Without the produce, fruit and meat the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank provides, many have said they couldn’t make it, she noted. She sees 20 to 30 people stand in line waiting for the pantry to open each week.

Oregon leads the U.S. in food insecurity among children, a level defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

In 2013-14, there were 1.5 million pounds of emergency food delivered to Clatsop County residents, according to Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank statistics. Twenty-five percent of county residents qualified for emergency food boxes.

With State Rep. Deborah Boone’s support of House Bill 4068, clearing the way for bycatch to be sold to food banks, Martin said, 133,000 pounds of fish and game have been processed and distributed in Clatsop County. He noted they’ve had “such good bounty at times” they’ve been able to share food across the state.

Boone served as Coastal Harvest of Giving’s keynote speaker and said there are steps communities can take beyond state and federal assistance “so in the long run we might actually have a chance of making a difference, even if it’s a small one.”

She used Rooster Soup Company in Philadelphia as one example. They make soups, salads and sandwiches out of restaurants’ unused chicken backs to

Dance studio celebrates the season

By Marilyn Gilbaugh
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The magic of the holiday season appeared Dec. 11, as the Seaside Convention Center provided the backdrop as Encore Dance Studio took the stage for its first Christmas Recital and Toy Drive. This year, Encore Dance Studio celebrates its 20th anniversary of teaching dance.

What began in a converted garage with one tap student has seen the studio fill up two locations with dancers; one in Gearhart and one in Warrenton. There are about 300 students who come to take dance lessons, traveling from Washington State’s Ilwaco, Chinook, Ocean Park, Long Beach and Naselle. In Oregon, dancers arrive from Manzanita, Nehalem, Knapapa, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Gearhart and Astoria. Studying a multitude of dance disciplines, they are taught by 12 highly qualified instructors — their resumes and class descriptions are at Encore’s website, getyoudancing.com

The studio provides a



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Kids rehearse for the Encore Dance Recital.

performing arts preschool program at both locations, offering beginning dance plus the ABCs and 1-2-3s. School-age dancers and tumblers can arrange school bus delivery to the dance studios from their schools or, if needed, set up rides with the Encore Shut-

tle. After-school dance also includes 45 minutes of supervised homework or reading assistance.

Encore holiday recital dancers are provided only costume guidelines: colors, shoes and hair styles. The dancers can often create

what they need from their own wardrobes.

Encore Dance Studio is planning an October trip to Disney inside Disneyland Park for dancers age 7 and up. Classes are taught in ballet, jazz, tap and hip-hop, among other styles.

Haystack Holidays helps set festive mood

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before Coaster Properties retired all but the one in Sandpiper Square.

Schwehr died on Nov. 23, 2013.

“We still come together,” Dueber said, to celebrate the joy and peace of the holidays.

Since Schwehr’s death, others have taken on the task. Two Seaside Heights Elementary fifth-graders from Cannon Beach did the honors this year.

To get attendees in the festive mood, local artist Bill Steidel first sang “Christmas in Our Hometown,” an original he wrote for the Dueber family when Paul Dueber Sr. died on Christmas Day in 1967.

After the lighting, Santa Claus surprised children, arriving in a Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue truck and handing out presents.

“It was just a really great day,” said Jill Dobinski, of Portland. She has family in Cannon Beach and attended events with her daughter, Emma, 4. “She loves shopping and cookies and Santa Claus. It (Haystack Holidays) had all of that.”

She added that Cannon Beach’s holiday tradition is “really neat” for a small town.

‘Tis the season for song and wreaths

In addition to the lamp lighting ceremony, Cannon Beach held a variety of events over the weekend and will continue to do so the rest of the month.

Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant Jim Paino taught participants how to make wreaths from items like pine cones and branches at the Community Center.

It’s where Deb Steele, who makes jewelry for DragonFire Gallery, made her first wreath. She noted

she had a good teacher and enjoyed the event.

Her family attends Haystack Holidays annually for the festivities.

“We’re taking it all in,” she said Saturday.

During the afternoon, the Cannon Beach Library offered Holiday Tea. The library was filled with holiday decorations and a table lined with treats, tea and cider was available.

Judy Wood, co-president of the Cannon Beach Library Board, said their crowd had been steady throughout the day.

On Dec. 4, the annual Cannon Beach Chorus Christmas Concert was held at the Cannon Beach Community Church.

Santa Claus returned for pictures on Dec. 12 in the Chamber of Commerce’s Community Hall.

And homes and businesses alike participated in the Cannon Beach in Lights Contest.

The Coaster Theatre’s holiday show, “Once Upon a Mattress,” will play through Sunday, Dec. 20. Weekend evening shows start at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Visit www.coastertheatre.com for more information.

The last Haystack Holiday event of the season, the Chamber of Commerce’s Holiday Concert with The Trail Band, will be held on Dec. 30 at the Coaster Theatre.

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