

Haircuts and help for the homeless

Event provides a 'safe place'

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Seaside Signal

Free bus rides for students, anywhere in the county. Hair cuts. Dental services. Housing assistance. Even programs at the library.

All these and more services were to be found Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Project Homeless Connect at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Hundreds of visitors, volunteers and nonprofits turned out to address the needs of Clatsop County's homeless population.

Clatsop Community Action, with offices in Seaside and Astoria, offers information referral, a personal care pantry, case management and more.

Executive director Viviana Matthews said housing remains her agency's biggest challenge. With low inventory and high prices, rental costs are rarely met by government or charitable contributions.

Housing specialist Angela Christensen of the Northwest Housing Authority works with clients to meet their housing needs. Chris-



Free haircuts for visitors at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

tensen handed out applications for housing opportunities throughout the county. Waiting lists may range for some properties from one to two years or more, she said.

Seaside High School Vice-Principal Jason Boyd, with guidance counselors

Trevor Cave and Shelby Treick, welcomed families and provided admissions and enrollment information.

"Being here today is hopefully helping us to make some connections to see what barriers we can help remove," Boyd said.

The Seaside Library maintained a presence at the event.

"We want to make sure our homeless population knows what free services they can get," executive director Esther Moberg said. "We remind them all of our



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ABOVE Sai Rajsavong and Natasha Vermilyea donated their services as hair-cutters at Project Homeless Connect.



LEFT Angela Christensen of the Northwest Housing Authority at Project Homeless Connect.

programs are free. We have things like our paperback exchange, our magazines are all free."

Homeless people come to the library for shelter, she said. "On a rainy, stormy day they're going to come in and hang out sometimes as long

as eight hours, because it's a safe location, they can trust it, and of course we have Wi-Fi access and computers. Our main rules are no sleeping, so we have to wake people up sometimes. But for the most part, people see the library as a safe place."

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS



Jan. 20

9:59 a.m., Third and Holladay: A man reported lying in the gutter and throwing rocks at passing cars has a conversation with a police officer. No further action is reported.

12:45 p.m., 600 block Avenue T: A person is arrested and charged with DUII.

11:58 p.m., 1600 block S. Columbia: A person is warned of trespass.

Jan. 21

7:48 a.m., Lewis and Clark Road: Elk herd hanging out near a dangerous curve are assisted by police to safely cross the road and not be a hazard to motorists.

2:11 p.m., Beach and 12th: Sex crimes are reported.

Jan. 22

2:53 a.m., 400 block S. Franklin: Police respond to a report of suspicious activity regarding subjects in a vacant apartment playing loud music and walking around. They determine no signs of forced entry and no music or other noise could be heard.

9:03 a.m., 400 block S. Franklin: Caller reports hearing someone moving around in the vacant unit next to hers. Police searching the premises found no one.

3:06 p.m., 1400 block S. Roosevelt: Police check on an intoxicated woman reported walking towards the highway. The woman told police she was on her way home.

7:10 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Caller requests help with an intoxicated woman described as harassing customers at a business. Police contact the woman and advise her she's been trespassed.

Jan. 23

10:21 p.m., 1100 block Avenue A: A person is arrested for violating a restraining order.

Jan. 24

5:39 a.m., S. Wahanna: Police respond to a report of two dogs caught in thorn bushes; on arrival, the owner got his dogs out.

1:17 p.m., Third and Necanicum: A person is cited for driving with a suspended license.

4:03 p.m., Avenue P and the Estuary: Police speak to a person reported behaving in a suspicious manner who says they are "digging for gold."

Jan. 25

8:40 a.m., Chamber restrooms: A person reported behaving in an aggressive manner and flipping people off was unable to be located.

11:27 a.m., Rite Aid: A person is arrested on a warrant.

2:02 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: A forgery/fraud is reported.

8:08 p.m., 1300 block Kyla Lane: Caller reports someone attempting to break into his residence. On arrival police speak with a person banging on the door. It is determined this is the caller's son. No further action taken.

11:24 p.m., Oceanway: Arguing parties agree to separate for the evening.

Jan. 26

3:43 p.m., Rite Aid: A person is arrested on a warrant.

Jan. 27

9:06 a.m., 2000 N. Roosevelt: Store owner reports a homeless tent set up in the rear of his business. Tent is unoccupied on police arrival; items removed for safekeeping.

10:38 p.m., N. Columbia: A person is arrested on a warrant.

Jan. 28

9:38 a.m. Circle Creek: Police respond to a report of loose dogs in the roadway but are unable to catch dogs. Owner is located who can catch dogs.

10:38 a.m., 200 block N. Downing: A person is arrested for violating a restraining order.

4:03 p.m., 200 block S. Roosevelt: Motor vehicle accident with injuries reported.

Jan. 29

8:07 a.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: A subject trespassed from a business came into the store to curse employees; police remind subject of the boundaries of the trespass as they seem confused about the boundaries.

8:35 a.m., Airport: Vehicles reported illegally parked in the lot of the airport are moved and parked legally.

Jan. 30

8:09 p.m., 1700 block 12th Avenue: A couple is offered resources after police respond to the residence for a report of a disturbance.



Jan. 20

2:48 p.m., 900 block Third Avenue: Emergency medical response.

Jan. 21

9:39 a.m., 2300 N. Fork Road: Emergency medical response.

11:13 a.m., 1100 block Broadway: Emergency medical response.

2:32 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: A car caught fire. Police and fire department on scene.

9:13 p.m., 800 block N. Prom: Emergency medical response.

Jan. 22

Fire call: 6:52 a.m., 900 block Avenue S: Fire alarm.

Fire call: 9:19 a.m., 3300 block Bayview Terrace: Emergency medical response. Police on scene.

Fire call: 22:18 p.m., 500 block N. Wahanna: Police and the fire department respond to a shed on fire.

Jan. 23

Fire call: 22:03 p.m. Forest Drive: Fire alarm. Police on scene to assist.

Jan. 24

6:31 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.

7:56 p.m., 26th Avenue: Emergency medical response.

Jan. 25

5:10 p.m., 1200 block S. Columbia: Fire alarm.

Jan. 26

4:32 a.m., 1700 S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.

9:32 a.m., N. Wahanna: Emergency medical response.

Jan. 27

2:55 p.m., Estuary: Water rescue.

3:46 p.m. 1100 block N. Holladay: Emergency medical response.

Jan. 29

6:17 p.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response. Police on scene. Subject transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

Jan. 30

11:41 a.m., 300 block 18th Avenue: Emergency medical response.



Registration violation

On Jan. 26 at 11:56 a.m., Donna Lee Gibson, 59, was traveling eastbound on Highway 26, MP 12 when she was stopped for registration violation. Gibson's license is suspended and she is uninsured.

She was cited for violations and her vehicle impounded and towed away by Gary's Towing.

Suspended license

On Feb. 1, the 19-year-old operator of a Ram truck was pulled over at 4:26 p.m. for violation of the basic rule on Highway 26 near MP 10. She presented her driver's license which showed her privileges are suspended in Oregon.

The vehicle was removed from the scene by Gary's Towing and the Scappoose woman was given a ride to her residence.

Too fast on the curve

On Feb. 2, at 12:14 p.m., the driver of a gray Volkswagen Jetta traveling westbound on Highway 26 took the curve too quickly heading south on Highway 101 and lost control of the vehicle which crashed into an ODOT sign.

The driver and four passengers, all in their early 20s, were uninjured. As there was damage to the vehicle, it was towed by Gary's Towing.

IN BRIEF

Jennifer Schermerhorn among 9-1-1 operator grads

Seaside dispatcher Jennifer Schermerhorn is among graduates of the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training 117th Basic Telecommunications Class.

The three-week course includes emergency call handling techniques, stress management, civil liability, ethics, criminal law, overview of fire-rescue and law enforcement operations, and a number of other topics. Upon completion of the course, students will return to their employing agency to continue their training for a number of months with a field training officer.

Graduation will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem; 503-378-2100.

Three found safe after overnight search

A 25-year-old man, 14-year-old boy and 17-year-old girl were found in the early afternoon Tuesday, Jan. 27, after an overnight search.

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office said they received a report of three people

missing in the Hamlet area east of Seaside late Monday.

Describing the group as friends, family members reported the trio became stranded when the vehicle they were traveling in left the narrow road after encountering another motorist.

Based on very limited cellular telephone data, deputies were able to locate the disabled vehicle but found it unoccupied.

Deputies continued searching through the night and launched a full search and rescue operation at daylight Tuesday.

After deputies determined the girl was not missing but instead, another 16-year-old boy was determined to have been in the vehicle.

Shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, searchers located the three about a mile from the vehicle. They told officers they had left the vehicle in search of cell service.

They were not injured but had been exposed to the elements through the night.

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the United States Coast Guard, Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Hamlet Rural Fire Protection District, Medix Ambulance, Pacific Northwest Search and Rescue, and Mountain Wave Search and Rescue.



Providence's North Coast cardiology team invites you to celebrate your healthy heart.

We're proud to welcome Gary Greenberg, M.D. to Providence's cardiology team. From left to right: Gary Greenberg, M.D.; Zach Caverley, PA-C; Robert Morse, D.O.; and Masud Ahmad, M.D.

Join us as we celebrate National Heart Month with these fun and free heart-healthy offerings.

Women's Healthy Heart Tea

Join Providence Seaside registered dietitian, **Beth Schwenk, RD, LD** to learn heart-smart eating habits. Light luncheon provided.

12:15 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14

Providence Seaside Hospital, Education Room A, 725 S. Wahanna Road

Know Your Numbers

Knowing your numbers is important for heart health. This heart health screening will help you identify your blood pressure, pulse, height, weight and body mass index (BMI).

1-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28

Providence Seaside Clinic, Suite 101, 725 S. Wahanna Road

Heart Talk and Walk

Providence cardiologist, **Robert Morse, D.O.**, and **Zach Caverley, PA-C** invite you to join them for a presentation on heart health followed by a walk on the prom.

10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 29

Best Western Plus Ocean View Resort, 414 N. Prom

Providence.org/northcoast

