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From left to right, Andrew Holston, Rick Tweed, Gib Richardson, Pastor James Holston and John Warren work to unload firewood. The Green Diamond Co. gave the Shelton Nazarene Church two truckloads of logs for its firewood Gap Ministry, which the church facilitates on behalf of Love INC of Mason County.

Green Diamond, Shelton Nazarene provide firewood for needy

SHELTON - The Green Diamond Co. recently gave the Shelton Nazarene Church two truckloads of logs for its firewood Gap Ministry, which the church facilitates on behalf of Love INC of Mason County, according to Love INC board president Bill Kendrick.

When cold weather comes to Mason County, those most affected are low-income individuals, especially those who heat their homes with wood.

Shelton Nazarene Church is helping make firewood available through the efforts of 12 to 20 volunteers who

split, haul and deliver wood to individuals and families in need who have been screened to receive services through the Love INC clearinghouse.

Firewood Ministry coordinator Jamie McCoy said the wood donated by Green Diamond will ensure a supply of wood for at least two seasons.

"We have delivered wood to people who are in wheelchairs and unable to get wood for themselves, people who have gone through surgeries and are making a nominal wage, a family whose primary provider had just been informed that he was not allowed to lift weight, and many families who have been struggling," McCoy said.

Each family or individual approved for the wood min-

istry receives about a half cord of wood.

"To see the look on people's faces when they receive the gift of wood is inspiring," Kendrick said. "They are beaming and we get to tell them this is a gift from the Lord. This season, it's thanks to Green Diamond who really came through for us, and it didn't cost us anything. We're really excited about this ministry."

Love INC of Mason County has 21 partner churches who work together to provide a hand up to those in the area who have fallen on tough times.

Love INC is always in need of more volunteers and donations. To volunteer, or to make a donation, contact the Love INC office at 462-5683, or loveinc.office@hcc.net.

Shelton School District taking referrals for highly capable students

SHELTON — From Dec. 12 through Jan. 9, Shelton School District will be taking referrals for nominations of highly capable students for grades K-11.

The process and forms are located at school offices or on the district's web-

site www.sheltonschools.org, under Highly Capable in the "Families" tab.

Students who are already identified as "highly capable" will not need to be re-nominated.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Susan B. Heyer, Advanced Academic Program facilitator (Hi-Cap) at 700 S. First St., Shelton WA 98584, or call 426-1687, ext. 10069, or email sheyer@shelton-schools.org.

Tickets on sale for Cooking with Xinh

SHELTON — Sherwood Guild, a chapter of Mason General Hospital Foundation, will host the 2015 "Cooking with Xinh" dinner event on two nights: 6 p.m., Sunday, March 22 or Monday, March 23.

Seating is limited, so reservations must be made by

Monday, March 17. Tickets are \$50 each, and can be purchased by calling MGH Foundation office at 427-3623.

The event takes place at Xinh's Clam & Oyster House, 221 W. Railroad, Shelton. The evening will include a cooking demonstration and recipes from renowned seafood chef Xinh Dwelley, plus, dinner, dessert, and wine or beer.

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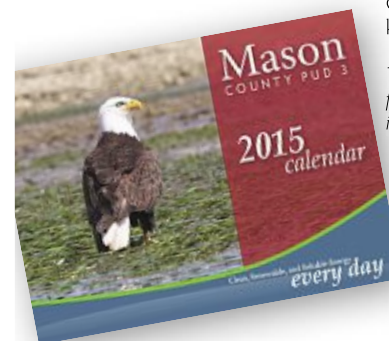
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