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FORT GEORGE BREWERY // WARRENTON

DEAL IS ON TAP

Brewery to be first tenant in North Coast Business Park

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Fort George Brewery is finalizing a deal with Clatsop County to expand into the North Coast Business Park in Warrenton.

The brewery — the first tenant in the 162-acre park across from Costco — plans to purchase about 10 acres for \$700,000.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the agreement Wednesday night. After negotiating in executive session for the past couple of months, the deal is expected to officially close within a week.

Chris Nemlowill, co-owner of Fort George, declined to comment until the deal closes on why the brewery chose the location and what it has planned for the lot.

"I will feel more comfortable talking about it once it closes," he said.

Wetland mitigation

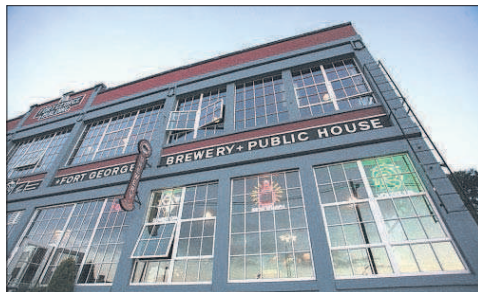
As part of the agreement, the county is offering Fort George four wetland mitigation credits, worth up to \$100,000 each, that are necessary for development in the business park.

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A sign designates the location of North Coast Business Park near Southeast 19th Street and Southeast Ensign Lane in Warrenton. Fort George Brewery hopes to close on 10 acres in the park within a week.



Fort George Brewery plans to build on 10 acres in the North Coast Business Park. Submitted Photo

Fort George's canned regular beers. Submitted Photo



County health to evaluate Smith

State law calls for local option in accused murderer's case

By KYLE SPURR
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A local mental health provider is getting the first opportunity to determine if Clatsop County has the expertise available to evaluate the mental state of accused murderer Jessica Smith.

Smith, 42, is the mother charged with drugging and drowning her toddler and attempting to kill her teenager in a Cannon Beach resort in July 2014.

Her defense lawyers claim Smith suffers from a mental disease and is unable to aid and assist in her own defense.

They asked the court for a competency examination of Smith and then a determination of her fitness to proceed.

Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas ordered Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, the county's mental health provider, to consult with Smith this week to determine whether services and supervision are available in the community to safely restore Smith's fitness to proceed.

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Oysterville court battle winds down

Judge rejects county appeal in sea farms fight

By NATALIE ST. JOHN
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SOUTH BEND, Wash. — Pacific County will not have the opportunity to appeal a September District Court decision that was largely favorable to oyster-grower Dan Driscoll.

Since summer 2014, Driscoll has been engaged in a legal dispute with county authorities about what business activities should be allowed at Oysterville Sea Farms, his historic Oysterville cannery. While Driscoll maintains that a long-standing "grandfathering" agreement gives him the right to operate a small seafood and souvenir shop on the site, the county

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CLASSES GIVE LATINAS WINGS

Outreach helps break down barriers to education

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Margaret Frimoth, the head of Clatsop Community College's Lives in Transition student-support program, has noticed the changing demographics on the North Coast and the increase in Hispanic families.

She felt that her program, along with the Women Interested in Going to School conference organized by the American Association of University Women, needed to change, too.

Two years ago, the college started the free Latina WINGS and Transiciones Costa (Coastal Transitions), the Spanish-language equivalent to Frimoth's education- and career-exploration course.

Like its daylong English counterpart, Latina WINGS brings women to the college Feb. 6, provides lunch and child care and inspires them to further their education.

"The goal is to encourage all students to come through the college, even if it's for a couple of classes," Frimoth said. "I think that adds strength to a community, and that's the goal of a community college."

After the introduction to the college, women can join a daytime section of Transiciones Costa Uno with Yolanda Turner, a former Westanta High School teacher, or an evening session with Cynthia Livar, a clinical chaplain at Providence Seaside Hospital.

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Yolanda Turner is an instructor with Clatsop Community College's Transiciones Costa, a Spanish counterpart of the Lives in Transition course.

