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Robbie Buckman, left, is served some cranberry sauce by Charlet Robinson at Riverfolk Homeless Coalition's Thanksgiving meal Thursday. The group served more than 100 people dinner at the Armory, while providing meals for thousands more with \$15,000 worth of donated food from the Astoria Safeway's Turkey Bucks program.

RIVERFOLK HELPS THOSE IN NEED GIVE THANKS WITH SAFEWAY DONATION, THOUSANDS DINE ON THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Established in September, the nonprofit Riverfolk Homeless Coalition has experienced quick growth to become one of the region's foremost advocates for those in need.

With about \$15,000 worth of turkeys, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy from the Astoria Safeway's Turkey Bucks fundraiser, the group became this year's hub for Thanksgiving dinners, distributing food for more than 1,800 people and feeding more than 100 at the Astoria Armory Thursday.

Riverfolk

Liz Bartell, one of Riverfolk's five board members, said the group started as a gathering of like-minded friends and associates. On the board with her is Mike Doran, Nicole Adamczyk, Mary Docherty and Hilary Levine.



Liz Bartell

"We talked about the troubling ... presence of people who were homeless in Astoria, and wanted to step forward and do something positive," Bartell said.

Docherty said her husband, Scott, had produced an annual fundraising concert called Winterfolk for Sisters of the Road, a nonprofit cafe in Portland that has been feeding the homeless since the 1970s. The group attended the concert, she said, and decided to create their own, calling it Riverfolk, which the group held at Clatsop Community College's Performing Arts Center in June.

Since then, the group has been focused on helping the homeless with the simple things of life.

'I was nowhere'

Two weeks ago, Mary Tucker didn't have an ID, which prevented her from doing anything as simple as going to the library or big like applying for a job or finding place to live.

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Mary Docherty, center, a board member with new nonprofit Riverfolk, fits Mary Tucker, right, and her partner, Joshua Gianuario, with donated new rain jackets. The nonprofit provides clothing, rain gear and assistance with getting IDs to the local homeless community.

Festival of Trees is 'winter wonderland'

Meet Princess Belle, Sugar Plum Fairy

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For EO Media Group

SEASIDE — For Veronica Russell, Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation's development specialist, "Christmas is about kids."

To create an especially enchant-

ing experience for children at this year's Festival of Trees community open house, the Dec. 3 event will feature a new Candy Cane Lane, with expanded activities and offerings for young attendees.

An actress portraying Disney's Princess Belle will sing and read

stories on the mezzanine at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, where the event will take place. The Sugar Plum Fairy, inspired by "The Nutcracker" ballet, will oversee the making of Christmas magic wands. Children also will get to decorate cookies, get their picture taken with Santa Claus, have their

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Sneaker waves are in season

Be careful at the beach

By JAMIE HALE
The Oregonian

PORTLAND — Never turn your back to the ocean.

That's probably the best piece of advice when it comes to surviving sneaker waves — the sudden, unpredictable surges of water that can knock you over or pull you out to sea. And while there's no official season for sneaker waves, plotting out major incidents in Oregon shows an undeniable seasonal trend.

Since 1990, all major sneaker wave incidents have occurred between October and April, peaking in November and March. In that time, at least 21 people have been killed by sneaker waves on the Oregon coast, and several others have been severely injured.

Victoria Hansen, a rescuer with the U.S. Coast Guard, told The Oregonian/OregonLive (<http://bit.ly/2fSSRFp>) the seasonal occurrence could be the result of a more turbulent ocean. Winter storms toss the ocean about more violently, and the runoff from the land only adds to the volume. Tides also tend to be more extreme in the colder seasons, she said, drawing people to the beach when the water is low but pushing them back further come high tide.

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Brown aims to reduce investment price tag

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown plans to advance a bill in the upcoming legislative session aimed at maximizing returns on the state's investments, according to her office.

The Oregon State Treasury oversees the state's investments, although it outsources some investment work to outside firms. It appears Brown would bring some of that work back to Salem to reduce costs.

Kristen Grainger, a spokeswoman for the governor, said in an email Tuesday that the treasury "needs to be resourced adequately to expand the amount of funds they manage internally."

In previous legislative sessions, Treasurer Ted Wheeler — who will be replaced by state Rep. Tobias Read, D-Beaverton, come January — introduced similar legislation aimed at reducing the cost of investing by bringing more outsourced functions in-house.

The gist of both proposals is that reducing costs could increase the state's net returns.

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Gov. Kate Brown's office says she will propose legislation to maximize state investment returns, including reducing costs by ending the outsourcing of some investment management.

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