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## New Warrenton Warming Center needs more helping hands, hearts



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Kathleen Hudson, a volunteer, helps serve hot soup to homeless people eating and sleeping at the Warrenton Warming Center on Tuesday at the Warrenton Calvary Assembly of God church. The center opened in mid-November.

## Money, winter clothing donations also needed

By ERICK BENGEL  
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**W**ARRENTON — The Warrenton Warming Center, a new emergency overnight shelter at the Calvary Assembly of God, opens to the homeless population when the winter weather turns nasty or the temperature hits 38 degrees and below.

But only if the center has enough manpower to staff it.

The facility, which opened mid-November and will operate through the cold season, has about 40 volunteers on call, but only a dozen show up regularly, according to Heather Warren, a shelter worker who coordinates them.

"We're getting the same volunteers volunteering every night, but that's hard, because we don't want to wear our volunteers out," she said.

Not many people know that Warrenton even has a warming center, let alone its location on Main Avenue, according to the staff.

The founders, Beverly Jackson-Shumaker and Darlene War-



Beverly Jackson-Shumaker is one of the founders of the Warrenton Warming Center. She volunteers her time organizing volunteers and providing hot meals and beds for those in need.

ren (Heather Warren's mother-in-law), based the mission statement on sentiments expressed in scripture: "Showing the love of Jesus through our actions by providing a warm/safe place with food, love, and support."

But the nonprofit is not a



A man named John sips on hot cocoa while eating a hot meal at the Warrenton Warming Center on Tuesday at the Warrenton Calvary Assembly of God church.

**'We don't know why they're (homeless), but I just think we need to show 'em we care. And that's why we're here, is to provide that to them.'**

Beverly Jackson-Shumaker  
one of the founders of the Warrenton Warming Center

religious organization.

Operating from 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m., the Warrenton shelter has no barriers to entry, except that staff will turn away people who cannot, as a result of drug and alcohol use, walk in by themselves.

Though the center has 12 available mattresses in the church gymnasium — and extra mats and sleeping bags if needed — the number of visitors hasn't exceeded 10 per night; the

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## Coast Guard Auxiliary disbands

Flotilla 64 needed more  
members to stay afloat

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

After more than 30 years of helping to keep boaters safe, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 64 in Astoria has disbanded because of declining membership.

Vice Flotilla Cmdr. Corey Deck said that in the past couple of months, membership dipped as low as five, as people moved on, died and transferred to other flotillas.

"We took a vote and said, 'Why don't we just close the doors,'" he said.

Flotilla 64, one of several on the Lower Columbia River, was primarily focused on supporting the Coast Guard's missions and encouraging boater safety. The group's primary presence was meeting boaters in the Buoy 10 salmon fishery before they launched, performing voluntary vessel inspections and making sure fishers had all the necessary safety equipment. Deck said auxiliaries from other flotillas will still travel to the Lower Columbia for the event.

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## Convicted, sentenced to jail, but released

Lopez received credit  
for time served

By DERRICK DePLEDGE  
The Daily Astorian

Adam Lopez, a former chiropractor, was sentenced in December to a minimum of 80 days in jail for the sexual abuse of four of his patients.

In a letter to Judge Philip Nelson, Lopez, who had pleaded guilty in 2014 and served time for sexually harassing eight other patients, had asked to be spared any more jail time. If sentenced, Lopez wrote, he requested he start his time in January so he could spend the holidays with his family.



Adam Lopez

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## Craft3 lender extends roots on waterfront

### Lender moving to Fisher Bros. building

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

Regional lender Craft3 will consolidate its Ilwaco, Washington, and Astoria offices at the Fisher Bros. building in Astoria in February.

Carl Seip, a spokesman for Craft3, said the move is about locating in a regional economic center. The lender will house 12 to 15 staff as the sole tenant of the Fisher Bros. building, located at the corner of Astor and Seventh streets near the waterfront. Craft3 is currently building out its offices in the building. Seip said there are also plans to refurbish

the historic Fisher Bros. mural outside.

"We're excited to move down there," he said. "It gives us a lot more visibility in a community we've lent in for well over two decades now."

Since its inception, Craft3 has lent nearly \$33 million in Clatsop County and nearly \$20 million in Pacific County, Washington.

Craft3 was founded as ShoreBank Enterprise Pacific in 1994 inside a former cannery in Ilwaco by John Berdes, who died last year. Berdes was succeeded by Adam Zimmerman. In Astoria, the lender has operated out of offices on Pier 39 since 2010. Seip said the enterprise has simply outgrown its old spaces. The move to the Fisher Bros. building will be complete by the end of February.



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The Fisher Bros. building is pictured here at Astor and Seventh streets in Astoria. Craft3 will house 12 to 15 staff as the building's sole tenant.

