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PATRIOT HALL SPARKLES AT GRAND OPENING



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TOP: State Sen. Betsy Johnson, right, holding scissors, helps cut the ribbon during the grand opening of Patriot Hall at Clatsop Community College on Tuesday in Astoria. **LEFT:** Members of the Swenson family run the ceremonial first official lap on the new Patriot Hall track. **MIDDLE:** Clatsop Community College President Christopher Breitmeyer, right, recognizes the school's board of directors. **RIGHT:** Members of the public were invited to walk the new track. The new facility features studio and office space, a basketball court, classrooms and a gym and weight room.

New lease for Chinook Building

Conference space planned near Port

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria Commission on Tuesday approved leasing out the Chinook Building to William Orr and Chester Trabucco, who operate the Astoria Riverwalk Inn next door.

Orr and Trabucco's company, Marina Village LLC, will take over daily operations of the Chinook Building, which includes a seafood market, charter boat company and several office tenants. Upstairs is the meeting space of the Astoria Yacht Club, which occupies part of the 7,500 square feet

Marina Village plans to improve into conference space for attracting more guests during winter.

The lease runs one year, with subsequent 10- and 50-year renewal options. Marina Village will pay the Port \$6,311 a month, along with taxes, insurance and utilities.

Port Executive Director Jim Knight said the initial term of the Chinook Building lease, ending in October 2018, is meant to coincide with the end of Orr and Trabucco's current term on the Riverwalk Inn. The pair took over operation of the hotel from Brad Smithart two years ago and envision a Marina Village tourist attraction around the Port's West Mooring Basin.

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The Chinook Building will be leased to Marina Village, which plans to develop the upstairs into conference space.

Eliminating Medicaid backlog will cost Oregon

Estimated expense pegged at \$4.3 million

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**
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SALEM — An intensive effort to shore up Oregon's Medicaid enrollment records is expected to cost the state at least \$4.3 million.

Participants in the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon's Medicaid program, must have their eligibility for the plan verified annually in a process called redetermination.

Oregon had fallen behind on those annual redeterminations, and by late May had an estimated backlog of about 115,000 people whose eligibility for the Oregon Health Plan was in question.

State workers and contractors hired by the state spent months verifying whether those people were still eligible to receive Medicaid benefits, a project that concluded at the end of August.

Of the group of approximately 115,000, the state found that more than half were still eligible for the Oregon Health Plan.

However, 31,895 did not respond to the department's inquiries and 22,937 were found to no longer qualify for the program; both groups were removed from the state's Medicaid rolls.

The \$4.3 million estimated cost includes a \$1 million contract with auditing firm KPMG and \$1.7 million in costs associated with limited-duration staff.

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Gov. Brown doesn't get meeting with Attorney General Sessions

Brown would have made an appeal for DACA program

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions didn't meet with Gov. Kate Brown while in Portland Tuesday, despite her request for an audience with him.

In a speech at a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Portland, Sessions castigated sanctuary cities as promoters of "lawlessness."

Meanwhile, Brown spoke with reporters in her office at the Capitol.



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A group protested U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions Tuesday as he arrived in Portland to discuss sanctuary city policies with city and regional law enforcement officials.

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