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ABOVE: Members of the armed forces wait for a Veterans Day event to begin at Clatsop Community College on Saturday. BELOW: Veterans participate in a ceremony at Clatsop Community College on Saturday for Veterans Day.

## College: 'Their sacrifice is something that I am humbled by'

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redeveloped Patriot Hall, opened for fall term courses.

"The men and women who are in our armed forces, their sacrifice is something that I am humbled by," college President Christopher Breitmeyer said. "I am honored that we have a building on our campus that is dedicated to them and their service."

The celebration included renditions of the national anthem, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and taps by a collection of North Coast bands and singers. The American Legion's Clatsop Post 12 performed a ceremony for prisoners of war and those still missing in action.

Accompanying the original dedication of Patriot Hall was a bronze shield that now hangs outside the building's third-floor entrance on

Lexington Avenue.

Breitmeyer and board members unveiled a new glass-capped plaque marking the rededication with an excerpt — "the last full measure of devotion" — from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address during the Civil War, also on the original shield. The new plaque will hang just inside the entrance.

The college predicted an 8 percent jump in tuition and fee revenue for the coming academic year, much of it tied to the new medical and physical educational offerings in Patriot Hall.

JoAnn Zahn, the college's vice president of finance and operations, reported recently that about 350 students registered for Bandit Fitness Club, the college's mechanism for allowing public access to the hall's elevated running track, cardio machines and weightlifting

areas in exchange for at least one credit per term.

Margaret Frimoth, vice president of academic affairs, said the building's classrooms and studios are in use for yoga, dance and other physical education classes. The college is still developing new classes and programs in the building.

The facility also hosts emergency medical technician courses, the beginnings of a full-fledged program the college is trying to start.

"We're still waiting for a few things in the floor to be fixed permanently, to get some nets up, and that will bring in additional revenue with classes, with volleyball and badminton, that can't start yet, so we're waiting for that," she said.

"We're still on a roll-up of new classes and new programs, and then it's just going to get better."



## Dinner: 'There are a lot of vets in Seaside'

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dinner. Post 99, with more than 240 members, provides outreach to shelters in the area, with special invites to local nursing and care centers Avamere at Seaside and Suzanne Elise.

Gretchen Jolly, a lifelong Seaside resident, joined Wright in the kitchen. Jolly was inspired to volunteer because of the service of her grandparents, her stepfather and her ex-husband, she said.

"This is home," Jolly said. "I grew up here, so I know so many faces. And the people are great who work here."

Tawni Malmberg arrived Friday in Seaside from Utah. Her first stop was the American Legion, she said.

"I volunteered my time to do some cooking tonight," Malmberg said. "They actually needed someone and I just walked in the door."



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian  
Tawni Malmberg dishes up a plate of spaghetti during a Veterans Day event at the American Legion Post 99 in Seaside on Saturday.

Their efforts — including spaghetti, salad, garlic bread

and beverages — were greatly appreciated.

"There are a lot of vets in Seaside," Post member San-



Gretchen Jolly works in the kitchen of the American Legion Post 99 in Seaside on Saturday during a Veterans Day event.

dra Gee said. "I think it's a nice thing that this post is here for them. That they can come in and have a dinner like this tonight."

Marion Gee, a Korean War veteran, said he looked for-

ward to some conversation during the evening.

"We enjoy coming down here," he said. "The only trouble is, the first person who tells a lie doesn't have a chance."

## Ferry: Faces issues with deterioration

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Restore Oregon's endangered list names properties in imminent danger of being lost. Inclusion on the list makes the project eligible for technical assistance and educational resources to develop strategies for long-term viability and preservation.

Built in 1924, the ferry worked the Columbia River under Capt. Fritz Elfving. The Navy commandeered the vessel in 1941 to lay mines at the mouth of the Columbia after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After the war, the Army used the ferry between

Fort Stevens and Fort Canby, Washington. In 1946, Elfving bought the ferry back and used it until 1966, when the Astoria Bridge opened.

The ferry was sold and used in the Puget Sound region by Pierce County, Washington, until 1996. It was later used for summer cruises and purchased in 2010 by Christian Lint for dockside events in Bremerton, Washington. Local hotelier Robert Jacobs learned of the ferry's existence and started negotiating with Lint for its return to Astoria.

The Astoria Ferry Group

raised more than \$50,000 to have Lint bring the vessel in August 2016 from Bremerton, Washington, to North Tongue Point. A year after the ferry's arrival, the group issued an ultimatum for \$100,000 and a fresh influx of volunteers, warning that the restoration effort had plateaued and could stop.

But new volunteers, including Lint and seaman-ship students from federal training site Tongue Point Job Corps Center, have taken over restoring the vessel at North Tongue Point.

"While it provides protection from the weather, it

is a primitive facility, with dilapidated pilings, and provides power sufficient only to keep the generator battery charged," Restore Oregon said in its explanation of threats to the vessel.

The ferry faces issues with deterioration, water damage, utilities and antiquated equipment. The Astoria Ferry Group hopes to move the vessel to the waterfront commercial complex at Pier 39 for more public exposure while volunteers continue to prepare it for the Coast Guard certification needed to carry groups on the water.

## Outages: High wind warning expected to last through 6 p.m.

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The National Weather Service issued a high wind warning that is expected to last through 6 p.m. Gusts of up to 65 mph are expected in North Coast communities, with stronger gusts up to 70 and 80 mph predicted for areas near beaches and headlands.

The winds will be strongest and most widespread in the late morning and through the afternoon, according to

the weather service.

A high surf advisory for the North Coast and Washington state's south coast comes along with the wind warning. It will last through 5 p.m.

"Wave run-up on southwest facing beaches and jetties will be much higher than normal," the weather service stated, advising people to avoid jetties. Such conditions also produce rip currents and erode beaches in certain areas.