Volunteers provide for a well-fed Thanksgiving weekend for kids



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian Students at the Warrenton Grade School grab food items to add to Thanksgiving boxes for families in need on Tuesday.

Nonprofit, others help feed hungry families

By EDWARD STRATTON *The Daily Astorian*

ARRENTON — Parents, students and other volunteers gathered in a mostly empty Warrenton Grade School cafeteria Tuesday morning. They filled Home Depot boxes with all the makings of Thanksgiving meals.

Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids, a nonprofit supporting the Warrenton-Hammond School District, sent out 100 Thanksgiving meal boxes, part of a continuing effort to feed kids in need on weekends and breaks, a growing trend among schools.

In 2011, the Windermere Foundation provided seed money for Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids. The nonprofit added to an ongoing weekend food box program co-director Pam Ackley said now discreetly provides breakfasts and lunches each weekend to about 300 kids.

Feed the need

Warrenton has consistently led the region in rates and total number of homeless students, despite having a much lower enrollment than Seaside and Astoria. The district reported 125 homeless students last year — nearly 40 percent of all homeless students reported countywide, 12.5 percent of Warrenton's overall enrollment and the 12th-highest rate in Oregon. The vast majority of

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ABOVE: Tyson McGorty adds food items to boxes for families in need at the Warrenton Grade School on Tuesday. BELOW: Boxes of food wait to be picked up at the Warrenton Grade School on Tuesday.



Port sets plan to leave N. Tongue Point

Letter on its way soon

By EDWARD STRATTON

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With Hyack Maritime preparing to close on its purchase of North Tongue Point next month, the Port of Astoria Commission voted 4-1 to give a proposed termination agreement to landowner Washington Development Co.

The Port Commission in August approved sending a letter to the company seeking a termination of the lease. Hyack presented its plans to turn the deteriorated, but appealing, industrial dock into a shipyard. Port Commission President Frank Spence said Hyack is scheduled to close on the property Dec. 1.

The Port started a lease at Tongue Point
— a former World War II-era boat plane base
— in 2009, but has been unable to bring in a major tenant in or make significant improvements to the docks.

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Executive Director Jim Knight said the Port has lost an estimated \$2 million at the facility since leasing it. The Port pays \$350,000 in yearly rent, with an option to buy the property once its lease expires in late 2019. The proposed purchase price was more than \$5 million, too high for all the work that needs to be done to modernize the facility.

Spence and Commissioners Dirk Rohne, James Campbell and Robert Stevens have supported the effort to leave. Commissioner Bill Hunsinger has vehemently opposed to the idea of leaving Tongue Point.

"Tongue Point is the future of the Port of Astoria," he said. "It's the expansion we need."

Hunsinger, a commercial fisherman and retired longshoreman, has argued the Port never properly marketed Tongue Point or created a plan to buy the facility. He accused the Port staff of planning to sell Tongue Point without giving the public a decent chance for input, adding he thought about filing an injunction against the lease termination.

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Co-owners Jacob Bond and Brian Raymond pose with beers at their newly opened restaurant, Cannon Beach Smokehouse Charcuterie & Bar.

'Craft comfort food'

Former Bill's Tavern bartender opens smokehouse and deli in Cannon Beach

By BRENNA VISSER The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — At first glance, it's hard to imagine how a cold-case deli, bar and restaurant fit into the 700-square-foot space squeezed in at 131 Second Ave.

But Brian Raymond and Jacob Bond managed to do it.

"It was a tight squeeze, but I think we maximized our space," Bond said.

A few weeks ago, the two Cannon Beach residents opened Cannon Beach Smokehouse Charcuterie & Bar — a deli and pub that serves what Bond calls "craft comfort food." The aesthetic is rustic at heart with hardwood detailing and a boar head mounted on the wall, juxtaposed with the more modern, large-screen TVs.

Deli cases are filled with handsmoked and cured meats, and the menu offers items like beer cheese soup and chorizo pot stickers. The tap list is thanks to Bill's Tavern and Brewhouse — their partner in business.

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