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## CORONAVIRUS

# PANDEMIC PORCH PARADE



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Assistance League volunteer Christine Lolich hands goody bags filled with treats to a car on the parade route. From left, Christine Lolich, Sandra Clark and Sally Haserot from the Assistance League prepare and hand out goody bags for the Pandemic Porch Parade. Participants paid \$10, passed by 13 different decorated stops and answered trivia questions for a prize at the end of the route. The socially-distanced parade replaced the Assistance League's annual Home and Chef fundraiser to support programs for local children. From left, Mary Davies, Lori Hulti and Ramona Hunter run a Día de los Muertos at a stop on the parade at Pioneer Cemetery. A decorated house on the parade route features witches, ghosts and trivia, asking, 'What was Lewis and Clark's dog's name?' Dressed as Batgirl and a witch, Kayrori Gedenberg, left, and Jacqueline Denton wave to passing cars from the sidewalk at a stop of the parade.

# Cruise ship Regatta heads for Astoria

Extended stay during pandemic

By EDWARD STRATTON  
*The Astorian*

The Norwegian Cruise Line ship Regatta will arrive Thursday with 93 crew members and lay up at the Port of Astoria through at least April.

Will Isom, the Port's executive director, said the Regatta will be charged \$75,000 a month.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention extended its no-sail order for cruise ships carrying more than 250 passengers through October. A CDC release on the extension noted that "data show that when only essential crew are on board, ongoing spread of (coronavirus) still occurs."

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# Most schools continue with online learning

Precautions to contain virus

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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Clatsop County schools that had reopened to some or all students in September will continue with online-only classes following a coronavirus outbreak at the Pacific Seafood plant in Warrenton.

The county's virus count remains too high to allow in-person classes, wrote Tom Rogozinski, the superintendent of the Warrenton-Hammond School District, in a message posted on the school district's website.

The school district's leaders plan to continue distance learning for all students through at least Oct. 23.

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# Neighbor appeals Pacific Seafood dorm

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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HAMMOND — Pacific Seafood, after pulling back from a dormitory proposal in Astoria amid neighborhood appeals, faces a similar situation at proposed dorms in Hammond.

Warrenton city staff recently extended by a year building permits set to expire Nov. 19 at Pacific Fabrication, a Hammond

machine shop Pacific Seafood owns and hopes to use part of to house 70 workers from May through November.

The seafood processor has struggled to fully staff the Warrenton plant, busing workers in from across the region and using the federal H-2B visa program to attract foreign workers. The company has rented hotel rooms and other lodging to house the seasonal workforce.

John King, the general manager of the Warrenton plant, said the company

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Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian  
Astoria High School's Colton McMaster is a top athlete in Clatsop County.

# Astoria's super discus thrower

McMaster on track to beat school record

By GARY HENLEY  
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Colton McMaster is the Clark Kent of Astoria High School. He may look quiet, humble and unassuming, but put him in a football, basketball or track uniform, and he becomes Clatsop County's latest superhero.

Topping the list of his summer highlights was a sixth-place finish — nationally — in a virtual track meet discus competition in May.

"That doesn't mean that I'm the sixth-best in the nation," he said, "because there's probably a whole lot of kids better than me who didn't

compete."

McMaster also placed ninth in another virtual meet with his best throw ever.

His mark of 173 feet, 6 inches, on film and measured by his mom, bettered the Astoria school record by over 10 feet. The Fishermen school record is 163-5, a mark which still belongs to Jason Thiel, set in 1989.

Track is not McMaster's only sport.

McMaster wrestled and played baseball through middle school, eventually trading those two sports for basketball and track.

And that has turned out to be a pretty good deal.

McMaster was one of the Cowapa League's leading scorers in basketball last season.

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