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EVICITION SQUABBLE IN WARRENTON ENDANGERS NEW PROJECTS

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The owner of Youngs Bay Plaza is trying to evict Ross Stores over a rent dispute.

Landlord wants to evict Ross Stores

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WARRENTON — Atlas Youngs Bay, the owner of Youngs Bay Plaza, is trying to evict Ross Stores, the discount clothing chain that has occupied a large storefront since 2003, for not paying rent.

The dispute has blocked other projects at the shopping center, including an expansion of Providence Health & Services' Warrenton clinic and a new Chipotle Mexican Grill.

The parties met in Circuit Court on Thursday. Oral arguments in the case were pushed until after Thanksgiving.

Atlas alleges Ross failed to pay

rent of more than \$14,000 last month. After sending a notice of default and failing to collect, the landlord terminated the lease and attempted to evict Ross earlier this month before the retailer refused to give the space up, the landlord's attorneys wrote in court filings.

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Lawmakers make case for more cutters

Coast Guard vessels won't arrive until 2024

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Members of Oregon's congressional delegation are calling on the U.S. Coast Guard to double the number of new fast response cutters at North Tongue Point.

The Coast Guard chose Astoria over Newport for two of the 154-foot cutters, meant to replace the 1980s-era patrol boats nearing the end of service life. The cutters will homeport near Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, along with U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, recently wrote a letter

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Gap in virus relief funding almost filled

County left out of state grant portal

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Business groups have nearly filled a gap between the \$2.4 million requested in coronavirus relief grants and available funding, with more support coming.

Around 400 businesses

across Clatsop, Tillamook and Columbia counties, along with portions of western Washington County, applied for federal relief funneled through the state to the Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District and then to local support groups. The money had to be allocated this month.

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Several local businesses have sought relief funds during the coronavirus pandemic.

Ward 4 race goes to recount

Hilton and Morley are tied for east side seat

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A hand recount will be held in the Ward 4 race for Astoria City Council after the most recent vote count showed a tie.

Tom Hilton, the owner of Hanthorn Crab Co., and Lisa Morley, a behavioral workplace safety consultant, were tied at 360 votes, or 29.8% to 29.8%.

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A Coronavirus Snapshot

Clatsop County surpassed 300 reported cases of COVID-19 in November, a local milestone in the global pandemic. Four hospitalizations and one death have been reported.

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REPORTED CASES

