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A new scholarship fund at Clatsop Community College will direct more than \$105,000 to students in need.

New scholarships to assist students in need at college

The outreach is called the 'Magic Opportunity Fund'

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Just as the last contributions were trickling in, Lindsay Davis jumped out of her chair and said, "One more donation!"

At an annual fundraising event in April, the Clatsop Community College Foundation held a special appeal to benefit students in need.

Betsy Johnson, the former state senator who is running for governor as an independent, was hosting the special appeal. She met Davis on stage in front of the crowd at Patriot Hall.

Davis, the community engagement specialist for Hampton Lumber, donned a pair of Betsy-esque glasses and spoke a few words on behalf of the Oregon-based timber company before passing an envelope to Johnson.

"Oh, Jesus!" Johnson proclaimed. "Fifty-thousand dollars!"

Hampton Lumber's donation helped the foundation raise over \$200,000 at the event, with more than \$105,000 directed to scholarships for students in need this school year. Called the "Magic Opportunity Fund," 70 students are set to receive \$1,500 in assistance.

The money can be used to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies or other educational costs, but the remaining balance will be provided as cash to help support basic needs, such as housing, transportation and child care.

"This (fund) was a little more generic, in terms of looking holistically at the students and not just a

THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY THE HOPE CENTER FOR COLLEGE, COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY IN PENNSYLVANIA, FOUND THAT OF THE 110 STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED, OVER 50% HAD EXPERIENCED HOUSING INSECURITY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WHILE 40% HAD EXPERIENCED FOOD INSECURITY IN THE PREVIOUS 30 DAYS. TWENTY PERCENT HAD REPORTED EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

scholarship need, but their needs as a whole and how we can reduce barriers — the financial barriers — for students that are working toward getting an education and bettering themselves," Angee Hunt, the executive director of the foundation, said.

Recognizing a need

In 2019, the college initiated a survey assessing the food and housing challenges for students.

The survey, which was conducted by The Hope Center for College, Community and Justice at Temple University in Pennsylvania, found that of the 110 students that participated, over 50% had experienced housing insecurity in the previous year, while 40% had experienced food insecurity in the previous 30 days.

Twenty percent had reported experiencing homelessness in the previous year.

The results left a "very visceral" impact, Hunt said.

In 2020, when the coronavirus pan-

demic hit, many of the same needs grew.

"It was the perfect alignment of things to really show students holistically, that it's not just about coming to class and needing books and learning," Hunt said.

The average age of a student at the college in 2020 was 28.

"A lot of them are on their own, having to support themselves, oftentimes a family, and they're trying to get education advancement so they can either get a better job or for various reasons," Hunt said. "... It's a wide spectrum of students and just a lot of basic needs."

In collaboration with the foundation, the college set up a food pantry. The foundation has also collected funding to provide blankets and warm clothes during the winter months. The Magic Opportunity Fund is an attempt to help tackle some of the same basic needs.

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WARRENTON

City looks to expand borders

Move would cover all of Hammond Marina

By ETHAN MYERS
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WARRENTON — The city is looking at redrawing its borders to cover the entire Hammond Marina.

At a Planning Commission meeting earlier this month, Kevin Cronin, a former assistant city manager who is working as a consultant, discussed the possibility of shifting the city's urban growth boundary to encompass the whole marina.

"It's one of those governmental items that needs to get done that's been neglected for a very, very long time and we're finally getting to it," Mayor Henry Balensifer said. "But we've been talking about this for six, seven years."

The expansion would allow the city to conduct code enforcement at the entire site, which is partially under Clatsop County's jurisdiction.

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Housing task force weighs help

Some want to tap into housing authority

By ERICK BENGEL
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SEASIDE — A regional housing task force may try to fold the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority into the process of finding local solutions to the shortage of affordable and workforce housing.

The task force — a group of elected and administrative officials, as well as planning staff, from Clatsop County and North Coast cities — met on Wednesday at the Seaside High School library. It marked the first meeting since an inaugural work session brought the local governments together in May at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Jeff Adams, Cannon Beach's community development director, led the meeting, while Denise Lofman, the director of the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, helped facilitate the discussion.

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Artist's descendant has a zest for her quest

Fryer has a keen interest in genealogy

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Jan Fryer is on an art mission. She is trying to track down paintings or drawings by her great-great-grandfather, Henry Cane.

He lived in Ilwaco, Washington, in the early part of the last century and his funeral was recorded in 1914.

Fryer has some examples of his art, but is seeking more. "I want to



know if there are people out there who would know if there are any pictures by Henry Cane," she said.

She is also looking for any artwork by Hilma Amanda Jacobson, who she believes was Cane's student during his final years. Jacobson, a daughter of Long Beach, Washington, pioneers, was born in 1871 and lived to 1963. She was the great aunt of Barbara Pearl, now 86, who lives in Long Beach.

Fryer moved to Astoria from Lake Oswego some years ago and has a keen interest in genealogy. She

speaks with enthusiasm about family history discoveries, fascinated by her relative's diary, which recorded the minutiae of peninsula life in the early years of the last century and his retirement hobby. Entries in 1906, 1909 and later refer to watercolors of wrecks and Long Beach scenes, as well as named students, including one note that reads, "finished Hilma's dog picture."

Henry Cane and his wife, Louisa, have a joint grave marker in the Ilwaco Cemetery; Jacobson is also buried there.

Henry archives show Cane was born in Brighton on England's southern coast in 1838; someone of that name appears in census records of 1841, 1851 and 1871. In 1859, he married Louisa Rason in the



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Jan Fryer, of Astoria, checks through the large collection of mementos she has collected about her ancestors, including her great-great-grandfather Henry Cane, who emigrated to the Pacific Northwest from Britain after a career as an architect.

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