

## Warrenton strong: A call for fiscal vigor

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Warrenton needs you – yes you – to keep it on the path of economic success.

The entire town and its business leaders are being asked to come together to create a vision for economic vitality.

The first of four Economic Vitality Roadmap meetings is Monday in Hammond.

### If you go

**Who:** All residents and business leaders

**What:** Economic Vitality Roadmap planning

**When:** 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20

**Where:** Gateway Community Church, 796 Pacific Drive, Hammond

Roadmap meetings is Monday in Hammond.

“You have a very terrific and simple vision,” Mary Bosch told city leaders recently. She is director of rural economic vitality for RDI, a Eugene-based non-profit company.

“Warrenton has an incredibly diverse strong economy,” she said. “I can’t state enough how important that is to long-term stability.”

The city has a range of small and large retailers plus major employer-producers in lumber and fishing. There’s light industry, three marinas, hospitality businesses and even tourist attractions.

Few rural cities are so lucky, Bosch said.

RDI’s mission is to help rural communities thrive. The company receives 95 percent of its funding from foundations, such as the Ford Family Foundation of Roseburg.

One of the city commission’s goals this fiscal year is revitalizing downtowns.

“Hammond’s got one. Warrenton’s

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## Pacific Seafood tackles adversity and wins



**Left:** Chief Executive Frank Dulcich speaks to the crowd gathered for the reopening. **Below:** Dulcich’s grandsons, Charlie and Dominic, on a whiting processor. **Below left:** A worker unloads yellowtail rockfish from the Pacific Conquest.

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## New state of art plant rises from ashes of 2013 fire

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Pacific Seafood, a leader in the fishing industry, celebrated its grand reopening Tuesday with speeches, facility tours and employee recognition.

The new facility is on the precise spot where a fire destroyed the original plant and dock in 2013.

“Today is a celebration of resilience and strength in the face of adversity, a celebration of community, a celebration of the seafood industry, which is among the best in the world,” Frank Dulcich, chief executive of Pacific Seafood, announced to the crowd.

He thanked the community and elected officials for their support and paid homage to his grandfather, Pacific Seafood founder Franck Dulcich, a Croatian immigrant who began the business in Portland in 1941 by selling fresh seafood out of the back of his truck.

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## Warrenton High School girl wins Regatta queen title

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Warrenton High School senior Catherine Tapales was named Regatta queen during a competition at the Liberty Theatre on the first night of the five-day maritime festival.

Tapales, who turns 17 this month, competed against Danielle Morinville of Knapapa High School, Katie Zagata of Seaside High School and Nikkole Sasso of Astoria High School. She succeeds 2017 queen Megan Postlewait.

“I was very shocked when they said my name,” Tapales said. “It was such a surreal experience and it went by like a blur. At the reception, I was super happy and everyone was very sweet and congratulating me.”



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Catherine Tapales is crowned Regatta queen.

Tapales is the daughter of Felix and Grace Tapales. She has an older sister, Christine, who will be a junior at Oregon State University, and a younger brother, Christian, an incoming freshman at Warrenton High.

She volunteered over the summer at Fort Clatsop and has served on the student council, is a member of the National Honors Society and was head statistician for the school’s wrestling team. She plans to attend the University of Washington to become a pathologist.

Tapales will receive a \$6,500 scholarship from the Hankel Trust plus additional money from the Regatta Foundation and Riedel Foundation. All members of the court receive some scholarship money.