



Mayor's Message

by Henry Balensifer III

Third quarter was a great addition to Warrenton's year

Wow! What an end to the quarter.

Warrenton had a lot of great things happening. First, we hired two new police officers. Then we took ownership of the Hammond Boat Basin and had a really great transfer ceremony with the Army Corps of Engineers (the prior owners).

Finally, we had our first annual Warrenton Fall Festival.

The conveyance of the Hammond Boat Basin to the City of Warrenton has been actively in process since 2013, but the effort to get Congress to authorize the Corps of Engineers to transfer it has been underway for about 30 years.

This is a major accomplishment and a major responsibility.

As the transfer process began six years ago, our lease terms with the Corps became more onerous. This resulted in difficulties doing repairs and maintenance, let alone leasing space at the basin.

Now that we own it, it is all on us to chart the future. Well, with one caveat. The basin, by federal law, must always be in public ownership. Similar to an airport, we cannot sell the land—only lease it. I personally think this is a good thing

Teen arrested in sex-abuse case

A teenage boy was arrested last week for committing sex crimes against other juveniles and police want to know if there are more victims.

The 15-year-old was arrested Oct. 22 after police received reports that he'd sexually abused three children living in the Forest Rim neighborhood in southeast Warrenton. The criminal ac-

because it ensures the marina stays a public asset in the future.

The Warrenton Fall Festival was originally envisioned about a year ago and I want to give the full credit to both the vision, organization and, frankly, most of the work to put it on, to Jeanne Smith.

You may know her as co-owner of Main Street Market. She did an absolutely fantastic job of organizing, fundraising, and putting on this event.

Despite competing events going on during the same day, the event was super busy from start to finish. The food was good, the games were great fun, and the community was able to mingle.

Proceeds of the games went to nonprofits in the area, and there was no entrance fee.

Pumpkins, picture stands, a petting zoo, trunk or treating, and hay rides were all free.

It was fun for all the ages.

The Fall Festival, and events like it, are what the City Commission has made a priority for our city boards to put on. I want to thank Jeanne Smith for all her work to make this event what I'm sure will become a Warrenton tradition.

tivity began in June.

He was taken into custody and placed in the Clatsop County Juvenile Department system. His name was withheld because of his age.

Anyone with information or any other victims are asked to contact Warrenton Police Detective Tyler Johnston at 503-861-2235 or email him at tjohnston@ci.warrenton.or.us.

'Work Spaces' features sites throughout county

An art exhibit about the places people work can be viewed through Nov. 27 in the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery at Clatsop Community College.

"Work Spaces" features more than 100 photographs by Astoria-based artist Michael Mathers.

"This show is the result of two years of knocking on doors of different kinds of work spaces," Mathers said. "Everyone photographed got a print in exchange for a referral to another work space."

Once the project was underway, Mathers would show samples to prospective subjects, offering them a free meal anywhere in Astoria if they could identify more than half the work spaces. No one could, he said.

"(That) says so much about the unusual makeup of this historic town at the mouth of



Courtesy Clatsop Community College

An employee perfects a propeller at North Coast Propeller and Shaft on Harbor Drive in Warrenton.

the Columbia," he said. "This is my thanks for the privilege to be part of this community."

Mathers has taken photos of city workers and made a short movie of the Sunday Market and the Astoria Music Festival.

A reception for the artist is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

The gallery at 1799 Lexington Ave., Astoria, is accessible to those with disabilities. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. There is no charge.

Coastal cuisine Iron Chef tested

Iron Chef Goes Coastal, which features the best local chefs in a competition, is from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

The 12th annual event is a fund-raiser for United Way of Clatsop County.

Tickets are \$40 to \$85 and available online at clatsopunitedway.org.

Chefs Jeff Martin of Silver Salmon Grille and Brad Dodson of Maggie's on the Prom will attempt to defend their titles against 2018 People's Choice winners Josh Archibald of the Wayfarer Restaurant and Chef Indus Johnston of The Cove.

Participants will get to dine on dishes cooked by 20 top coastal restaurants and vote for their favorites.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 2,
10 am—2 pm

- Baked Goods
- Crafts
- White Elephant Table & more!

Community Lunch
11 am—1 pm

Musical Instruments

- ◆ Keyboards
- ◆ Electronic Pianos
- ◆ Organs
- ◆ Band and Orchestra Instruments

Warrenton United Methodist Church
679. SW Main, Warrenton