

Discoveries in your own backyard

Hometown Tourism Day is Monday, Nov. 11

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We live in a place so special that the rest of the country comes here to vacation.

Clatsop County and the entire Columbia-Pacific region are hard to beat in the offerings of history, the arts, natural beauty and outdoor recreation. We get to enjoy those things every day.

November is hardly crowded with tourists, so opportunity awaits.

The ninth annual Hometown Tourism Day is Monday, Nov. 11, and attractions throughout Clatsop and Pacific counties are making offers they hope you won't resist.

CLATSOP COUNTY

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop: Free admission and ranger programs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Astoria.

Columbia River Maritime
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Above: A view of the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse from inside the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Ilwaco, Wash.

Right: Visitors take photos of the giant anchor in front of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

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Port gets down to business of repairs and making money

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While the Port of Astoria waits for the state to approve its strategic plan – essential to receiving future state or federal grants – the agency is getting down to business with deferred maintenance and setting the course for stability.

At a meeting this week, port commissioners approved contracts or negotiations dealing with airport repairs, damaged pier pipes and West Marina Basin dredging.

They also approved a contract that requires port staff to move from its upscale offices with outstanding views to make way for a clinic that will provide services to the community and cruise ship passengers.

Finally, the five-member body took steps to hire a new executive director at its Dec. 3 meeting.

AIRPORT REPAIRS

Columbia Pacific Construction, the contractor making improvements to the west taxiway, found unexpected problems with the soil beneath the old pavement.

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