

Work on North Jetty extended

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has extended construction on the North Jetty in Ilwaco through at least the end of the year.

The Corps originally planned to re-open the area and road Nov. 1, but jetty construction and equipment removal has taken longer than anticipated.

The jetty, North Jetty Road and nearby parking lots will remain closed. Benson and Waikiki beaches are not affected.

The Corps constructed the rubble-mound jetties at the mouth of the Columbia River between 1885 and 1939. The jetties minimize navigation channel maintenance and make passage safer between the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River.

Preparation work on the South Jetty in Fort Stevens State Park already is underway and will pick up in earnest in the spring.

Housing board needs members

Applicants are sought for an open seat on the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

NOHA owns and manages housing for low- and moderate-income people and administers various federal housing assistance programs in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties. The board normally meets once a month; the location rotates among the counties.

The open seat is for a four-year term. Deadline is Dec. 13.

Applications are available at the Clatsop County Manager's Office, 800 Exchange St., Suite 410, Astoria. Forms also are available online at co.clatsop.or.us.

Feeding families for the holidays



Courtesy Debbie Morrow

Warrenton High School students Mark Warren and Jake Morrow gave up a day off to put together food baskets on behalf of Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids.

It's the ninth year the non-profit group has provided a complete Thanksgiving dinner for less fortunate students and their families who live within the Warrenton-Hammond School District. The group partnered with Walmart, as it did last year, for

donations of some food products and reduction in the price of others. Walmart Manager Kim Smith and Assistant Manager Daralyn Nichols worked with the teens.



Health coverage decisions due

Oregonians who don't get health insurance through their jobs and don't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan have until Dec. 15 to sign up for 2020 coverage.

To sign up or make changes, go to OregonHealthCare.gov. The website will estimate whether you qualify for help paying for coverage, allow you to skim the plans available in your area, and help you find a local expert who can help you apply for a subsidy and enroll. Darlene Warren Farmers Insurance on Ensign Lane has a local

expert who can help.

OregonHealthCare.gov is the online home of the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, a part of state government.

Last year, more than 148,000 people got coverage through the Marketplace. More than 74 percent received subsidies.

The financial assistance varies with a person's income; larger subsidies generally go to people with lower incomes.



Of Shakespeare and shipwrecks

Clatsop Community College Professor Julie Brown will tackle "Shakespeare & Shipwrecks: What English Royal Navy Ships Can Teach Us about Shakespeare's Plays" during a free lecture Thursday, Dec. 5.

The talk is part of the free Ales & Ideas lecture series sponsored by the college and Fort George Brewery and held in the brewery's Lovell Showroom.

During the summer, the English professor studied Shakespeare at Cambridge University in England. Then she visited the sites of several shipwrecks. Brown is a native Oregonian and has taught writing and literature at CCC for 24 years. She is co-founder of Astoria's Fisher Poets Gathering.

The brewery is at 1483 Duane St., Astoria. Doors open with food and beverage

service at 6 p.m., followed by the lecture at 7 p.m. No purchase is required and minors are welcome.



Julie Brown poses at the wheel of Cutty Sark, a British clipper ship on display in London.

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