

First signs of Spring

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First come the robins and the skunk cabbage, followed by daffodils poking their heads through the rain-soaked soil.

Next is Easter and other religious holidays, followed by a bevy of baby elk calves.

Spring is a wondrous time in Clatsop County. It's also when organizations and people begin to come alive.

Last weekend saw 265 children and adults enjoying Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Warrenton Community Center. The event was presented by the center's Advisory Board with assistance from Fort Stevens VFW Post and Auxiliary and the Warrenton High School softball team.

This Saturday will bring hundreds of children and their parents to Robinson Community Park, where the second annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

More than 300 kids had registered by early this week, said Jeanne Smith, director of Spruce Up Warrenton, which organized the event. There are four age categories

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Above: Lila Bigelow considers some of the fundraising items at last weekend's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Warrenton Community Center.

Top right: Garvey Matthews, kitchen manager at the Seaside Pig 'N Pancake, prepares some flapjacks while the Easter Bunny sneaks in behind him. (Courtesy VFW)

Right: Blue irises in support of Ukraine were added to this year's daffodil cross on the lawn in front of Pioneer Presbyterian Church. (Cindy Yingst)



Port approves plan to revive waterfront

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Tuesday was a good day for the Port of Astoria.

An ambitious but realistic plan to reinvigorate the waterfront west of the Astoria-Megler Bridge was approved.

The first cruise ship full of visitors in 2 1/2 years was expected to pull into port.

The port commission held its first in-person meeting since 2019.

"I believe this is the beginning of a new day, a new era," Port Commission Chair Frank Spence said as he and fellow board members reviewed the Astoria Waterfront Master Plan.

"It's a giant venture and we have both – the city and the port – a vested interest in moving forward," Spence said. "We have an excellent commission and management to implement it and move forward."

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