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Tiny salmon fry look like specks as they make their way down slides and into the Skipanon River.

Fish release, dinner benefit WHS

Warrenton High School's fisheries program will have a community release of salmon fry – babies who will be headed to the sea to grow and thrive – on Saturday.

The public is invited to participate throughout the day at the hatchery, which is behind the high school. Students will be on hand to describe their project and help children and others to release the fish. Take the road between the

school and the sports fields down to the Skipanon River.

In addition, a fundraiser to benefit the program will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Tickets are \$50 and include a surf and turf dinner, live auction and a talk by former Sen. Betsy Johnson.

Tickets are available on the program's website, warhf.com, or at bpt.me/5414275.

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What are you proud of achieving? By working together with the County Health Department, the two hospitals in Clatsop County, the cities of Clatsop County, Clatsop County has one of the highest COVID vaccination rates in Oregon.

As the county liaison to the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, I have participated in the planning for the imminent groundbreaking of a 42-unit apartment complex of affordable units in Warrenton and the feasibility study of the restoration of a historic building of over 40 units of senior housing, with the possibility of additional units on site.

Participation in the long-overdue (40 years) update of the County Comprehensive Plan. I have been an advocate of greater participation by citizens, more technical analyses of environmental conditions in the county, and zoning changes that will increase the supply of housing in unincorporated areas.

Participation with the tourism industry to create messaging to our visitors that en-

courages them to respect our natural resources, prepare for emergencies should they occur, and contribute to the preservation of our beautiful place through experiences in trail maintenance, beach clean-up, and other environmental projects.

As the county liaison to the Northwest Oregon Workforce Board, I have advocated successfully for increased federal and state funding for education and training services to connect job seekers with family wage employment.

TOP ISSUES

1. Lack of affordable housing.
2. Inadequate childcare facilities.
3. Inadequate infrastructure for economic development.

How will you approach those issues?

1. As a member of the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, in coordination with our cities, and as a member of a State work group that is addressing changes to our land use laws to incentivize the creation of housing.
2. We have to create new partnerships among private and nonprofit providers,

school systems, and public agencies to rethink how we provide childcare services.

3. I will continue to "get smart" about how to access infrastructure funds from the recently passed federal legislation.

Why vote for you?

Because I am the most experienced candidate for the position. I have worked at every level of government, and I have proven leadership in getting public-sector projects done.

The week ahead

Nearly all public meetings are also held virtually. Information on how to connect is posted on each entity's website.

MONDAY, MAY 2

• **Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St., 2nd Floor.

• **Warrenton CERT**, 6 p.m., contact policechief@ci.warrenton.or.us.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

• **Port of Astoria Commission**, 4 p.m., 10 Pier 1, Suite 209, Astoria.

• **Clatsop County Fair Board**, 5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

• **Gearhart City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

• **Countywide Veterans Breakfast**, 8 a.m., Port Light Cafe, 33168 Patriot Way, Camp Rilea.

• **North Coast Republican Women**, 11:30 a.m., Astoria Golf & Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Road, Warrenton. Speaker and lunch, \$15. Info: 425-221-2630.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

• **Children's Clothes Pantry**, 3 to 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St. Repeats on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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