

Memorial: Small towns have helped the project the most

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She is seeking anyone who is related to or a friend or classmate of the men on the list. Anyone who knows where the men went to high school would also be helpful, Hoehn said.

Any photograph will work, and the higher resolution, the better, she said.

To send a photograph or information to Hoehn, email her at neverforgotten2014@gmail.com

Hoehn has sent similar requests to numerous newspapers around the Northwest, including 60 in California, with great success, she said. Small towns have helped her the most.

“I do quite well with these articles. You never know who is going to pick up the paper,” Hoehn said. “In small communities, the whole town gets involved until I find them. I love

PHOTOS STILL NEEDED

Clatsop County:

- Ronald S. Anderson, Astoria — 1951-1972
- Alan L. Barnett, Astoria — 1947-1965
- Francis D. Campbell, Gearhart — 1934-1969
- Dan T. Klindt, Astoria — 1948-1967
- Gondon L. Zimmerle, Seaside — 1948-1970

Pacific County:

- James W. Emerson, South Bend — 1944-1966

For more information on the Wall of Faces, visit www.vvmf.org/thewall.
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it. I feel like I have friends in a lot of counties and states now.” A difficulty in her search is that military records and local memorials don’t always match. The 12 names from Clatsop County are men who enlisted

in the county and may not have grown up in the area. Clatsop County is their “home of record” designation. Anyone who may know of a veteran who grew up in Clatsop County, but enlisted elsewhere



A few of the pictures at www.vvmf.org.

is encouraged to contact Hoehn. Across the Columbia River in Pacific County, Wash., two Vietnam casualties are listed:

Thierry T. Maxim, of Ocean Park, and James W. Emerson, of South Bend. Volunteers still need a photograph of Emerson. None

are listed in Wahkiakum County. “The families are so grateful,” Hoehn said. “I shed a lot of tears doing this.”

BPA: Project estimated to cost up to \$7 million

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area, through the passage of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (H.R. 3080).

The project restores historic tidal inlets and native vegetation, enhancing estuary rearing habitat for juvenile salmon and steelhead, as well as provide habitat for wildlife such as deer, elk and river otter.

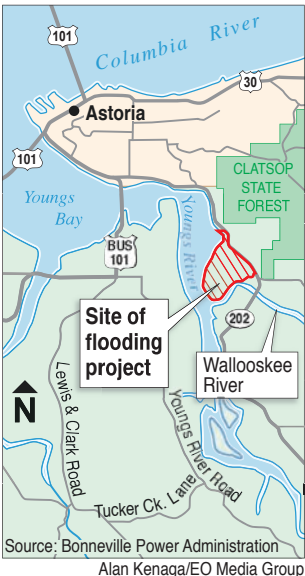
An existing BPA transmission line and access road would be modified to withstand the new tidal regime. Structures on the property — a house, barn and outbuildings — would be removed to return the upland area to its natural condition.

BPA proposes to provide funding for the project, estimated at \$5 million to \$7 million by its representatives, to help meet its obligations under the Endangered Species Act to mitigate the impact of the Federal Columbia River Power System. The 31 federally owned dams provide about 60 percent of hydroelectric power in the region. The agency runs an Environment, Fish & Wildlife program to promote restoration of salmon habitat as an offset.

Astoria Wetlands, LLC, an environmental resources company, owns the property and would conduct the restoration work. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe would assist in implementation, take possession of the property after completion and provide long-term stewardship to ensure permanent protection. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the permitting agency for levee modification and wetland work, helps develop the environmental assessment.

Understanding

BPA is preparing an environmental assessment following the National Environmental Policy Act to assess anticipated impacts and include mitigation mea-



sures that would help avoid or minimize them. During this process, BPA will work with landowners, tribes, federal, state and local agencies and interest groups.

During the scoping period of the project last year, BPA received 19 comments, which it used to help create its draft environmental assessment. Several of the comments showed concerns over the effect of erosion and wave action on Highway 202, adjacent to the project area.

Rudy Salakory, aquatic restoration manager for the Cowlitz Tribe, said that while the partners are still in negotiation with the Oregon Department of Transportation, they’re proposing to build a sheet pile structure along Highway 202 in the project area to protect it from wind, water and waves.

Jason Karnezis, BPA’s manager on the project, said ODOT had suggested the sheet pile wall after seeing potential effects of wave action after the land is flooded.

Several other comments during the scoping period requested public access to the land if turned over to conservation. Karnezis said that discussion would happen after the project is complete.

LaMear: ‘Home rule is really important’

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“And sitting up here in front is just not conducive to discussion. And so the work session process allows you to sit around and kind of brainstorm like we did today.”

One of the early work sessions could be on the divisive question of whether the city should continue to assign drunken-driving cases to Municipal Court instead of Circuit Court, like the rest of Clatsop County does.

The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled last year that the city has the discretion over where to send DUI cases, but Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis and others continue to believe that the cases are more properly handled by Circuit Court.

LaMear described the debate as an issue of home rule, and cited the potential for higher costs on city police who would have to follow Circuit Court schedules, yet she appears open to a fresh look.

“The more you get into it the more you realize home rule is really important,” she said.

The new mayor has received early praise for publicly inviting applications for vacancies on city boards and commissions and for her decision to hold Meet the Mayor events at City Hall every month during her first year in office.

“There’s been a perception in the past that it was a closed process,” LaMear said of mayoral appointments. “I don’t believe it was, but that’s the perception.”

Under the city charter, the mayor has the authority to make appointments to boards and commissions, but some councilors have suggested that the appointees should be sub-



Former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen shakes hands with Mayor Arline LaMear after LaMear’s swearing-in ceremony at the City Council meeting Jan 5.

ject to the advice and consent of the council.

LaMear wants to develop council rules that could cover topics such as advice and consent on mayoral appointments, decorum at council meetings, and time limits on public testimony.

“I think part of it is that our mayor had been mayor for 24 years. It worked, and so why make a change?” she said. “But I work a lot better if I have some kind of structure.”

Willis Van Dusen, the city’s longest-serving mayor, was an institution at City Hall, so LaMear’s initial choices will inevitably be cast in contrast to his approach to governing.

Skip Hauke, the executive director of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, said Van Dusen’s successor would have “big shoes to fill because we’ve had a great mayor for 24 years.

“And so it’s going to be a challenge for anybody who

would have taken the position. But I firmly believe that Arline is up to the challenge.”

Van Dusen, who endorsed LaMear in the election, said the one thing he would stress to any elected official is to not treat critical public feedback as negative. “People care about this town,” he said. “They care about Astoria.

“And there’s many communities our size or much bigger where the city council or elected official can do whatever they think is correct without any response or any feedback. “That is not the case here.”

Stylistically, the more reserved LaMear will preside over the City Council and tackle ceremonial responsibilities in a distinctly different fashion than the gregarious Van Dusen.

“He is very quick-witted and comes back with these quips that kind of diffuse situations, which is a wonderful gift,” LaMear said. “It isn’t one I happen to have. I don’t think of these quips until two hours later.

“But I think that I can get along with most people and try to listen to both sides of any confrontation.”

Wellville: Communities will be judged in five categories

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“The idea is for the two evening sessions is that they are really listening sessions. (Dyson and the advisers) want to hear what the whole county thinks,” Thompson said. “We need to know what the community’s priorities are and this is a great opportunity for us to hear that.”

“Way to Wellville,” sponsored by the nonprofit Health Initiative Coordinating Council, is aimed at communities under 100,000 in population. The other four communities selected out of 42 applicants are Greater Muskegon, Mich., Lake County, Calif., Niagara Falls, NY and Spartanburg, S.C.

The Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization — established in 2012 to coordinate health services for Oregon Health Plan members in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and coastal Douglas counties — spearheaded Clatsop County’s application.

Members of the CPCCO re-

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1901 North Holladay Drive
Warrenton High School library: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday
1700 S.E. Main Court

cently helped create a 12-person Strategic Advisory Council to lead the challenge for the next five years. The council includes a wide range of people in business, boating, social services, education and one elected official, Warrenton Mayor Mark Kujala.

“We are making sure we had people from different sectors of the community,” Thompson said. “It’s a nice cross section of people.”

The council will take local ideas and match them with interested investors. All ideas that work and fail will be shared among the participants and across the nation.

The five “Way to Wellville” communities will be judged on overall health and financial impacts, social concepts, sustainability and a local priority decid-

ed by the community.

The measures will be tracked by collecting data from a wide range of sources such as grocery store receipts, miles walked or the number of bicycles owned.

At the end of five years, one community will be awarded \$5 million.

Dyson plans to visit each of the five communities to launch the five-year challenge.

Nancy Knopf, advisory council coordinator, said the two town hall meetings will give locals an overview of what the challenge means for Clatsop County, and let Dyson know what plans are in place.

“The goal of their visit is to assess and get a better understanding of what is going on locally,” Knopf said.

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