

Shipping up to Portland



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The USS Bunker Hill, a Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser, docked at the Port of Astoria Wednesday as part of the annual Fleet Week and Rose Festival celebration in Portland. The Bunker Hill crew enjoyed a program at the Elks Lodge. Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear, Port of Astoria Executive Director Jim Knight and volunteers thanked the sailors for their service to the country. In gratitude, a sketch of Astoria was given to Bunker Hill Capt. Joe Cahill. The captain thanked the people of Astoria for their hospitality with a Bunker Hill plaque. "We appreciate everything," Cahill said.

Car theft suspect arrested in Astoria

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A man who allegedly eluded police in Astoria on Tuesday was arrested Wednesday morning.

Richard Sterling Smith, 51, of Astoria, was arrested on the 1400 block of 11th Street for

unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, reckless driving and attempting to elude with a motor vehicle.

Smith allegedly stole a 1993 Subaru Impreza in Yakima, Washington, on Sunday. When a Clatsop County Sheriff's Office deputy spot-

ted him Tuesday, he allegedly tried to drive off and abandoned the car on Coxcomb Hill. An initial search of the area, which includes both Astoria Middle School and the residence where Smith was arrested, did not lead to any arrests.

Headstone found shattered near Cullaby Lake

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A military style headstone was found shattered Monday near Cullaby Lake.

A Clatsop County Sheriff's Office deputy found the headstone discarded near a boat launch in Carnahan Park. Several pieces of the headstone — including the name, date of

birth and date of death — were missing.

The veteran did appear to

have served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

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Port moves against former Riverwalk Inn operator

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria is seeking partial summary judgment on two claims against Brad Smithart, the heavily indebted former operator of the Astoria Riverwalk Inn, for more than \$400,000 in rent and revenue-sharing. The Port sued Smithart

and his company, Hospitality Masters, in November. The agency's first claim is that Smithart failed to make \$323,000 in required payments during his operation of the hotel from March 2012 to September 2015. Smithart, who has not listed a defense attorney, responded to the lawsuit in December, admitting to not paying the rent the Port seeks.

Smithart, who operates the Arc Arcade in downtown Astoria, did not immediately return a request for comment Wednesday.

Hospitality Ventures dissolved in March 2015. The Port's second claim is that Smithart's operation of the hotel after his company's dissolution until September 2015, when he was replaced, was inappropriate.

Charlotte Ann Vlastelicia Scappoose

Aug. 3, 1936 — June 3, 2017

Charlotte Ann Vlastelicia passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2017, with her family by her side. Charlotte was born on Aug. 3, 1936, in Astoria, Oregon, to Evelyn and Toivo Kivisto.

At age 9, her family moved from Astoria to Knappa-Svensen, Oregon, where as a freshman in high school she met the love of her life, John Vlastelicia. From that first "wink" in band practice, it was always Char and Johnnie. They married in 1956, raised five children, and enjoyed 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Charlotte actively participated in the St. Wenceslaus prayer circle and the Ladies of Callahan Road Club. She loved her cats, her yard and flowers and her hummingbirds, but her real joy was in caring for her family. For that, her husband,

children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are forever grateful.

Charlotte is survived by her husband of 60 years, John Vlastelicia; her five children, Susie (Doug), Karen (Delbert), Joe (Jeanni), Dan (Karen) and John (Tess); and her sister, Patty Kivisto (Mike Jones). She is preceded in death by her sister Judy Josephson (Dennis).



Charlotte Vlastelicia

A memorial Mass will be held at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Scappoose, Oregon, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The family invites you to join them afterward at the Scappoose Senior Center for refreshments and sharing memories of Char.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice that supports families, love and peace.

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