

IN BRIEF

Vietnam War Veterans Memorial to add 10 more names

SEASIDE — Ten new names will be added to the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, bringing the total of those honored to 111 Seaside men and women who served.

“People keep calling up and saying, ‘My dad was there,’ ‘This guy was there,’” co-organizer Mark Hansen said. “I had a couple guys look at it and say, ‘Hi, I was there.’”

The names of Floyd Breitmeyer, Darcy Dobson, Dale Goodman, Joe Luth, Gary Martz, Jack Owen, Danny Robinson, Patrick Roshay, Mike Spillman and Doug Strong will be added.

The granite monument stands at the south edge of Seltzer Park in the Cove after the city’s Public Works Department cleared, excavated and installed the memorial in March.

Hansen teamed with John Alto, Ky Jennings and others in the community to lead the four-year fund-raising effort and make sure each of Seaside’s Vietnam veterans received recognition.

Seltzer Park, on the east side of Sunset Boulevard in the Cove, was chosen for its historical connection to the community, view of the beach and accessibility to visitors.

New Coast Guard commander replaces Astoria native in Florida

An Astoria native ended his tour as the commander of U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit 307.

Cmdr. Karl Hellberg was replaced on Saturday by Cmdr. Gregory Rogers at a ceremony in Clearwater, Florida.

Hellberg led the 160-person command during a deployment to distribute food to victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, while providing security for search and rescue crews from the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Under his leadership, the reserve unit earned the Pacific Area Exceptional Readiness Award.

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DEATHS

Sept. 19, 2020

DEDMON, Russell, 83, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 18, 2020

LARSON, Yvonne Joanne, 84, of Astoria, died in Warrenton. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, Sept. 26

WALKER, Brian Dale — Celebration of life at 1 p.m., outdoors at 430 N.W. Seventh Place in Warrenton.

BIRTHS

Sept. 4, 2020

ROMAN, McKenna and Luke, of Astoria, a girl, Rennie Louise Roman, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Steve and Becky Roman, of Astoria, and Stan and Leslie Yeend, of Beaverton.

YEEND, Molly and Kelly, of Astoria, a boy, Karl Neighbor Yeend, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Becky Roman, of Astoria, and Stan and Leslie Yeend, of Beaverton.

ON THE RECORD

Animal abuse

• Robert Joseph Clack, 32, of Seaside, was arrested Saturday on Exchange Street in Astoria for animal abuse in the second degree.

Theft

• Domenika Marie Galpren, 33, was arrested Saturday at Walmart in

Warrenton for theft in the second degree and giving a false name to a police officer.

• Samuel Joe Johnson Jr., 30, was arrested Saturday near Fred Meyer in Warrenton for theft in the second degree and criminal trespass in the first degree.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Seaside Airport Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., 2797 U.S. Highway 101 N.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

WEDNESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

THURSDAY

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, Astoria.

PETER PAN RETURNS



RIGHT: Ka’ena Martin runs the checkout station at Peter Pan Market & Deli. The popular spot closed at the start of the coronavirus pandemic and has since changed ownership, but is back open serving sandwiches, snacks and, of course, their famous carrot cake. **BELOW:** The Peter Pan Market & Deli has reopened on Niagara Avenue.

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RALLYING AROUND THE FLAG



ABOVE: Conservatives waved Americans flags and showed their support for President Donald Trump and police at a rally on Saturday in Warrenton. Republican candidates in the November election — Christopher Christensen, who is running for U.S. House; Michael Cross, who is running for Oregon attorney general; and Warrenton City Commission contenders Brandon Williams and Allen Berry — appeared at the rally. **LEFT:** Conservatives gathered in Warrenton on Saturday.

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Peninsula sees hot housing market

By BRANDON CLINE
Chinook Observer

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on seemingly every industry over the past six months, but it has helped lead the way to a local housing market that longtime Realtors on the peninsula say is unmatched in recent memory.

About 225 listings in south Pacific County have been sold in the past six months, a historically high number for the area, according to Char Wolters, managing broker and Realtor for Lighthouse Realty since 2005.

“Right now it is red-hot.

It’s probably as hot as the fires that are going on around us,” Wolters said.

Wolters said the local housing market’s recent surge coincides with the beginning of the pandemic, and attributes it to people living in densely populated areas wanting to come to an area where they can get away from COVID-19 and get their own little piece of the beach. She also thinks civil unrest following the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis have played a role, as well.

“When things like the pandemic, and now the fires and the political unrest are going on, we’re seeing that

people in the city want out. They just want out, and they can get a lot of money from their home in the city and come down here and still buy something reasonable,” Wolters said.

The economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic has also led to historically low fixed mortgage interest rates, another reason why Wolters believe the market is as hot as it is. According to Freddie Mac, the federally chartered mortgage investor, the 30-year fixed-rate average fell to its lowest level ever since it began tracking mortgage rates in 1971, to 2.86%.

The market is so hot and

new listings are coming off the market so quickly, Pacific Realty owner and designated broker, Leslie Brophy, said agents representing the buyers are less concerned about seeing and showing the property itself and more concerned about if any other offers have been placed on it yet.

The number of offers that many houses are receiving in such a short period of time after going on the market is something that Brophy, who has owned Pacific Realty since 1995, said she hasn’t seen much of over the years. She said she feels bad for the buyers who are being bid out of their price range.

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