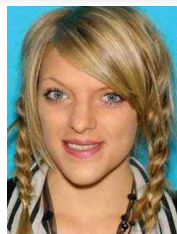


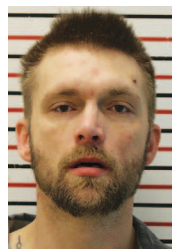
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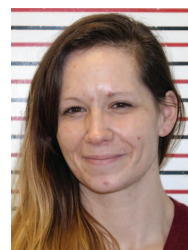
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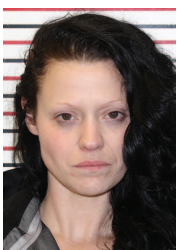
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Police raid Warrenton-area home, arrest six on drug charges

A search warrant served over the weekend just south of Warrenton's city limits resulted in the arrest of six people and the confiscation of heroin and firearms.

The raid was conducted jointly Saturday by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and the Seaside Police Department at a home on Railroad Road in the Clatsop Plains area.

Those arrested:

Richard Leroy Baker, 56, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of delivery of a controlled substance/heroin and booked at Clatsop County Jail.

He was found in possession of more than 6 grams of the drug pre-packed for delivery, according to the Sheriff's Office. Other items in his possession: \$300 cash, digital

scales, packaging material, drug records and 13 firearms.

Blair Dylana Hernandez, 25, of Warrenton; Sara Elizabeth Poirier, 35, of Seaside; and Emmitt Chandler Brewer, 37, of Astoria all were at the residence and arrested for frequenting a place where drugs are sold.

Kelly Jean Parker, 35, of Milwaukee was arrested for frequenting a place where drugs are sold. She also had an outstanding felony warrant.

Jason Brian Pace, 34, of Warrenton was located on the property and arrested on an outstanding felony warrant and for frequenting a place where drugs are sold.

The case has been sent to the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office for possible additional charges.



Guns, cash and packaged drugs were among the items found during the raid.

Astoria and Scandinavians' history intertwined, hence a new park

By JUDI LAMPI

For The Columbia Press

Residents of Scandinavian descent are celebrating recent approval of an agreement with the city of Astoria that allow them to build Scandinavian Heritage Park.

The monument will honor the immigrant tradition that brought thousands of Scandinavians to Oregon's North Coast in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The goal with the park is to make locals and visitors aware of the ethnic heritage that contributed immensely to the fabric of this area.

The state had fewer than 50 Scandinavians in 1870, but they were coming to the Northwest in droves by the turn of the century.

Many came when the railroad from San Francisco to Astoria was completed. Most were loggers, fishermen, farmers and small business owners.

In 1900, the largest num-



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Members of the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association at the site of the park near the maritime museum.

ber of foreign-born Astorians were from Finland, followed by Sweden, Norway, Germany, England and Denmark.

By the 1910 census, there were 9,599 Astoria residents and 35 percent identified as Scandinavians. Norwegians had surpassed the Swedes as the second largest Scandinavian immigrant group during this count.

Most of the early Finnish immigrants lived in a neighborhood called Uniontown. They began a Finnish-language socialist newspaper "Toveri" in 1907. Circulation peaked at 4,000 in 1916.

The Norwegians settled in Uppertown.

Many locals credit John Warren, coach of the 1928 state title-winning Astoria

High School basketball team, as the unifying force that brought the diverse Scandinavian ethnicities and neighborhoods in the community together.

Astoria has gone through several transformations since its founding in 1811.

From its start as a trading outpost to a booming fishing and logging industrial area to its present-day tourist industry, the region has ridden the waves of history.

Modern Astoria remains home to many descendants of early Scandinavian immigrants and several organizations exist that evolved from early Scandinavian societies.

They include United Finnish Kaleva Brothers & Sisters, founded in 1886; Scandinavian Benevolent Society, 1887; Daughters of Norway, 1910; Sons of Norway Nidaros Lodge, 1910; Astor Lodge 215 VASA (Swedish) Order of America, 1912; and Lower Columbia Danish So-

ciety, 1975.

The nonprofit Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association formed in 2011 to preserve Scandinavia's culture and heritage through educational opportunities.

ASHA's primary activity has been the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, but it's now leading the drive to build Scandinavian Heritage Park.

You can follow progress of the new park or donate at www.astoriascanpark.org.

Scandinavian Heritage Park will be at the entrance to downtown Astoria near Astoria Riverwalk and the Columbia River Maritime Museum. The main feature visible from the street will be a welcome arch flying flags of Scandinavian countries on special days.

Drawings and details of the design proposal are online at www.astoriascanpark.org.

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