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Disturbance calls, arrests up over previous year

By CINDY YINGST *The Columbia Press*

Crime statistics were up in nearly every category last year and, even though other Clatsop County agencies got far more calls for help, Warrenton officers arrested more people.

Warrenton Police Department received 8,587 calls in 2021. Officers wrote 3,159 reports from those calls and made arrests in 501 cases.

The destination towns of Astoria and Seaside received far more calls (15,233 and 15,728 respectively), yet cases resulting in arrests were 461 for Astoria and 428 for Seaside.

Police Chief Matthew Workman reported on the 2021 statistics to Warrenton City Commission on Tuesday night.

The biggest jump was in what the department calls "person crimes," primarily offenses in which a victim is present, and the act is violent, threatening or has the potential to be physically harmful. In the past,

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Historical find uncovers entry to old cemetery

just by looking around.

Oceanview Cemetery.

said.

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It's amazing what can be found

Claudia and Bob Ellsberg,

along with City Commissioner

Rick Newton, set off Tuesday

exploring an overgrown section

of dune land between New-

ton's home on Ninth Street and

They found the original cross-

"When we saw what it was, we

couldn't believe it," Bob Ellsberg

Ellsberg has been research-

ing Lexington, one of the oldest

non-Indian settlements in Clat-

Claudia Ellsberg and Rick New-

near the old Paupers Cemetery.

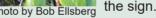
Below, a closeup of a portion of

ton hold the sign they found

bar marking the entrance to

Clatsop County's first cemetery.







sop County. The area along the Skipanon River near Anchor Avenue and 13th Street in Warrenton was the first county seat.

In 1885, the city of Astoria bought all the land that is now part of Ocean View Cemetery for \$800. Then they built a road for \$900 that ran from the Lexington wharf to the cemetery.

So Ellsberg decided to take a walk through the forgotten portion of cemetery land, especially after learning that the oldest part – at the far north end -- included Indian burials and county residents who'd died as early as the 1860s.

Adam Van Dusen, one of Clatsop County's earliest settlers, had been buried there in 1884.

Ellsberg invited his friend Newton to accompany him, since Newton lives so close.

"I had seen somewhere a picture of what the entrance looked like," Ellsberg said. "There was an archway, and stones marking the entrance, and so we were walking up there so I could get an idea of what it looked like for me to do my article. ...

"Rick remarked that when he was a kid, he'd walked through there and found an old wood-See 'Cemetery' on Page 4

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