LEADS: 'We hope the guilt gets to them'

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Det. Andy Phelps is taking over the case and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Phelps at 503-856-3497. To make a report anonymously, call 503-856-3519 or email tips@keizer.org.

An autopsy determined Speten died of blunt force trauma to the head and she had been deceased at least 24 hours before she was found. Sharon had been trying to coordinate a Valentine-themed crafting day with Speten and her youngest daughter for several days before discovering her body. Sharon had shown up at the apartment each day knocking on the door and calling for Speten. When she noticed an unlocked window, Sharon enlisted one of Speten's friends to crawl through it and unlock the front door.

Blake Wheeler, who lived at the neighboring apartment in 2011, told the *Keizertimes* he last saw Speten about four days prior to when her body was found. He said she came to his apartment after he overheard her side of an argument with a man, Speten claiming she was being "manipulated."

Speten asked Blake if he could use a cell phone, and called her own cell because it had been stolen, Wheeler said. Wheeler described Speten as "very respectful. She was religious, and she felt comfortable around us." He said he heard music playing in her apartment for several days straight before her body was found.

Sharon suspects her daughter's murder and the phone are linked.

"The phone caused a lot of trouble. Everybody went to her to use it to set up [drug] deals. It had all the phone numbers in it," Sharon said. "I begged her and pleaded with her to get rid of it. I told her I would buy her a new one."

Speten had a history of drug addiction, but was making strides toward sobriety while staying in contact with associates from her past.

The eight years since Speten's death have been a waiting game for police and Speten's surviving family.

"The hope is that the right people will have a change of heart and they realize that this is important. We can't force them to talk, but we hope that guilt gets to them," Lathrop said.

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didn't want to kill them."

City of Keizer Police, Parks Department and other KFD staff members were also notified of the situation.

After contacting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cowan was referred to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

Tom Valente, an entomologist with ODA, confirmed that the species is the native Pacific Northwest Forest Scorpion, Uroctonus mordax, which can be found throughout the Willamette Valley.

Because they are nocturnal, the species is commonly unseen.

"All of us knew that they were scorpions, we just didn't know that they were right in our backyard," Cowan said.

While the scorpions do appear scary, they are not poisonous and not particularly hostile according to Valente.

"Although they can sting (and do sting their prey when hunting), they 'play dead' rather than trying to sting when disturbed," Valente told KFD.

Under the care of entomologists' at ODA, the scorpions will travel to multiple outreach events this summer, including the Oregon State Fair.

"It all turned out well, even for the scorpions," Cowan said.

United Way christens shower trailer

United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley will host a ribbon-cutting event on Tuesday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. to launch its Mobile Shower Trailer.

The local homelessness crisis has long been a priority issue for leaders. With committed community partners, United Way is working to change the tide with real solutions and tangible projects.

The 22-foot long trailer has three private bathroom stalls that will give community members access to a hot shower, clean clothes and connections to additional services.

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency will be managing the day-to-day services and taking this valuable resource to key urban and rural areas.

"One of our key focus areas is to address this urgent problem of homelessness and housing affordability. United Way is working together with our area service providers to produce results that address this issue," said United Way Executive Director, Ron Hays.

obituaries

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Lucille May Zandol December 12, 1952 – June 26, 2019

Lucy passed away peacefully at Salem Hospital, with her husband Ken, children and grandchildren by her side.

Lucy was born in Japan to Toshiko and Maurice Irish. After six months, the family moved to Washington, Germany, and then to Ft. Ord, Calif., where Lucy's father was a drill instructor. In 1959, they moved to Salem.

Lucy graduated from North Salem High School and took a summer job for Marion County where she became a plans checker.

She then went to work for a local builder drawing house plans. Her big break came when she went to work for the developer of King City and Charbonneau. She was put in charge of new construction, Farm Home statewide and a subdivision in Forest Park in Portland. Lucy developed a manual for qualifying new home buyers for Farm Home, the manual is still used by the federal government today.

Lucille May Zandol

After commuting for four years and meeting her future husband, Ken, she decided to try something different. In their first year of marriage, Lucy and Ken built six Farm Home houses in their spare time after work and on weekends. After that, Lucy toned it down to become an escrow officer for a local title company where she worked for 30 years, before retiring in 2017.

Lucy was one of those people that got more done by 9 a.m. than most people do all day. Gardening and landscaping on their small acreage in Keizer was Lucy's passion. She had literally everything from fruits to nuts, and always had a big garden with many edibles. Her favorite was Blue Lake pole green beans, and always had enough for all her friends. Lucy was an excellent baker and cook, nothing went to waste.

Lucy excelled in arts and crafts, at one time teaching a watercolor painting class. Remodeling was a love of hers, and working on the couple's 110-year-old farm house was a 25-year project. Lucy was as much at home in Home Depot as she was at Nordstroms. She also enjoyed fishing, clamming, bowling and antiquing.

On one of her many travels, she got to touch the Statue of Liberty, which was one of the biggest highlights of her travels. She also went back to Japan twice to visit.

To say Lucy loved animals would be an understatement. She once had 17 cats simply because they needed a home. Jack (a mini ausi) and Jill (a yellow lab), the family's dogs, were very devoted to her and always by her side.

Lucy is survived by her husband and best friend, Ken Zandol; mother Toi Heibert,; sons Cameron Zandol. Eli Ritter, Jacob Ritter; daughter Stacee Zandol, and 12 grandchildren.

Lucy and Ken were married for 34 years. No service is planned at this time.

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