

# Relay for Life honors Halbrook's cancer fight

Family team will remember beloved woman

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SEASIDE — Marilyn Halbrook will be leading the 2017 Relay for Life of Clatsop County, not in body, but in spirit. As in-memoriam grand marshal at the July 8 event, Halbrook, a former Seaside resident who lost her long battle with cancer in 2016, will be remembered by family with a team in her memory.

"Her family is coming from all over to celebrate and honor Marilyn at this year's relay," said Laura Parvi, the event chairwoman.

The opening ceremony pays homage to Halbrook's fight.

## Superheroes

On July 8 and July 9 at Astoria High School, Clatsop County's event takes place as part of the internationally recognized Relay for Life, the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relays For Life are staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities in 27 countries. These events bring communities together to remember lost loved ones,



Submitted Photo

Marilyn Halbrook, who died of cancer last year, at the Survival Walk in 2015.

honor cancer survivors and raise money for the American Cancer Society.

This year's theme is "Who is Your Superhero?"

"Your superhero could be your mom you lost to cancer, your dad who is fighting the battle, or maybe your superhero is Batman," Parvi said. "It doesn't matter who your

superhero is, we want to celebrate them all at this year's relay."

## Started in 1994

Clatsop County's Relay For Life was started in 1994 by Parvi's father-in-law, Kay Bredeau, and Kendra Gohl.

"Kay was part of a prostate cancer support group when he

was approached by the American Cancer Society about starting the relay in Clatsop County," Parvi said. "Kay was passionate about helping others, and as a prostate cancer survivor, he did not want his children or grandchildren to go through what he and his wife, Evelyn, did. At that time, Evelyn was a breast cancer survi-



Marilyn Halbrook

vor. Evelyn lost her battle in 2008, six months after Kay died."

Parvi got involved with Relay for Life in 1994. Halbrook, a cancer survivor, joined in 2000.

"We got to know each other," Parvi said. "She was so vibrant and outgoing and funny and she always gave her whole heart to the relay."

## Marilyn's team

Two years ago, Halbrook was at the relay wearing a crown and a purple boa, Parvi recalled. "Last year was the first year she couldn't participate. She always worked with survivors; even when she was going through chemo, she was always at the meetings and so engaged."

Halbrook died Dec. 1, after requesting that people give to

the relay. Her great niece, Ashlyn Routh, is in charge of a team called Marilyn's Red Hot Chili Peppers, raising money in her memory.

"We chose that name for our team because Marilyn always made chili for our family on the eve of all our holidays and big events," Routh said. "Marilyn was our family matriarch. She always took on the big jobs. She didn't like small-plate things. She liked big plates."

Routh said Marilyn's extended family members are coming from Portland, Salem and Seaside to be on board and support the Red Hot Chili Peppers team. "We'd like as many of our family members as we can to be part of this," Routh said, expecting up to 20 people to be on the Chili Peppers team. "I'm really excited. And it's awesome how people continue to send donations in Marilyn's name."

Parvi is a cancer survivor herself. "Surgery fixed mine," she said. "I'm a nurse at Columbia Memorial Hospital. I see the effects cancer and chemo and radiation have not just on the person but their entire family."

The event is signing up teams now. "We're still getting our committees together and covering all our bases," Parvi said. "We're looking for live bands."

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>46</b>	<b>61</b> <b>50</b>	<b>56</b> <b>45</b>	<b>54</b> <b>44</b>	<b>55</b> <b>44</b>
Increasing clouds	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Morning rain, then a shower or two	Variable clouds with showers	Variable clouds with a couple of showers

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Astoria through Monday.

**Temperatures**

High/Low ..... 62°/40°  
Normal high/low ..... 59°/44°  
Record high ..... 75° in 2015  
Record low ..... 34° in 1990

**Precipitation**

Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 1.16"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.99"  
Year to date ..... 42.40"  
Normal year to date ..... 31.03"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 8:34 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday ..... 5:49 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 7:28 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 5:42 a.m.

Full   Last   New   First

May 10   May 18   May 25   June 1

**REGIONAL WEATHER**

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

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**ON THE RECORD**

**Assault**

- At 7:56 a.m. Saturday, Stephen Switzer, 49, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on the 400 block of Northwest Ridge Road for second-degree assault. He allegedly broke his girlfriend's nose.

**DUI**

- At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Brandon Albright, 30, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department near Coffenburg Lake at Fort Stevens State Park for driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving while suspended, failure to install an ignition interlock device and open container. His blood alcohol content was 0.12 percent.
- At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Geoffrey Brunick, 59, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on Southwest Elm Avenue near South-

west First Place for DUI and reckless driving. He was driving a motorcycle when he ran head-on into a car. No injuries were reported, and his blood alcohol content was 0.21 percent.

- At 9:41 p.m. Monday, Mark Emerson Bair, 62, of Manhattan Beach, California, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the 200 block of West Marine Drive for DUI.

**DEATHS**

**May 8, 2017**

**CHOPPING**, Margaret L., 88, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**WESTLEY**, Cynthia Ann, 51, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**BIRTH**

**April 20, 2017**

**TATE**, Krista and Randy, of Hillsboro, a girl, Taylor Nicole, born at Providence St. Vincent in Portland. Grandparents are Becky and Bill Varner of Astoria and Karen and Bill Tate of Portland. Great-grandparents are Charmaine Campbell of Svensen and Helen Varner of Salem.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY**

- Seaside Budget Committee**, 3:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
- Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
- Warrenton City Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
- Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 6 p.m. budget meeting, 7 p.m. regular meeting, Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.
- Clatsop Community College Board**, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.
- Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board**, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Astoria City Council**, 9 a.m., work session on homestay lodging, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
- Cannon Beach Budget Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
- Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.
- Wickiup Water District Board**, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

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Bend	73	43	s	79	48	s	Pendleton	73	47	s	81	52	s
Brookings	63	48	s	58	49	pc	Portland	75	49	s	76	53	pc
Eugene	75	43	s	75	49	pc	Roseburg	78	47	s	78	51	pc
Ilwaco	57	47	s	57	50	pc	Salem	75	45	s	75	50	pc
Klamath Falls	75	39	s	78	46	s	Seaside	59	47	s	59	51	pc
Medford	81	49	s	84	51	pc	Spokane	70	48	pc	76	54	s
Newberg	74	47	s	74	52	pc	Springfield	75	45	s	75	50	pc
Newport	59	44	s	58	49	pc	Vancouver	73	48	s	76	53	pc
North Bend	61	47	s	62	50	pc	Yakima	79	48	s	83	55	pc

**TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER**

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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