

Borgen named publisher at The Daily Astorian, sister publications

The Daily Astorian

Kari Borgen will assume leadership at EO Media Group's North Coast operations on Dec. 1. Borgen, 57, will be the group publisher and revenue director for The Daily Astorian, Seaside Signal, Cannon Beach Gazette, Chinook Observer and the regional Coast River Business Journal.

Borgen and her husband, Kerry, will relocate to the North Coast area. They have three grown children and enjoy the outdoors with their two dogs in their free time.

She is an Oregon native with deep roots in the media industry.



Kari Borgen



Heidi Wright

"I'm looking forward to joining the team, and meeting readers and businesses on the North Coast," Borgen said. "It's a beautiful and diverse landscape of communities with strong traditions, opportunities to grow and an appreciation for community journalism. We're excited to become a part of it."

Heidi Wright, EO Media Group's chief operating officer, said Borgen rose to the top

of a strong pool of candidates. "We are very fortunate to have Kari join our company," Wright said. "She has ties to Oregon and a passion for high-quality community newspapers."

Borgen has a degree in business administration and marketing from the College of Idaho. She has worked for Western Communications, based in Bend, since 1998. Most recently, she served as its corporate revenue officer and regional publisher for the Baker City Herald and The Observer in La Grande. She enjoys engaging in the community and has served on the boards of the Baker County Community Literacy Coali-

tion, Rotary, United Way, Red Cross and YMCA.

She will take over business operations from David Pero, plus assume direct management of advertising sales. Pero left the company on Tuesday and former Advertising Director Betty Smith's position has been vacant since she retired at the end of June. Matt Winters, publisher and editor of the Chinook Observer and Coast River Business Journal, will report to Borgen.

"There is a precedent for what we are doing that can be found in our family's ownership of the Astorian," said Steve Forrester, president and CEO of EO Media Group. "In 1960, during Astoria's pro-

longed postwar adjustment, my parents and my aunt hired a publisher out of Alaska, Morgan Coe. He was a business-side publisher. At the same time, the veteran newsman Fred Andrus was promoted to the role of editor."

Following that model, Jim Van Nostrand is being promoted from the role of managing editor to editor. Derrick DePledge will become managing editor.

"All of this is about our family's commitment to the future of this community daily newspaper at a time when traditional print media is adjusting to a new reality," Forrester said. "In Kari, we have a proven leader who will

help ensure our financial viability for the long term. In Jim and Derrick, we have newsroom professionals who will meet the challenge of engaging readers in print as well as digital platforms."

Forrester added that the newest fourth-generation member of the company's board of directors is his son, Harrison, elected in August. His daughter, Susan Rana, has served on the board for four years and is corporate treasurer.

Forrester will be in the Astoria offices today through Friday. Wright will spend much of November in Astoria until Borgen comes on board.

OBITUARIES

Susan Pastor Cannon Beach

March 19, 1938 — Oct. 16, 2017

Artist extraordinaire Susan Pastor died Oct. 16, 2017, at her home in Cannon Beach, with her husband and cherished cats by her side.



Susan Pastor

She was born on March 19, 1938, in Kearney, Nebraska, to Claude Saunders and Idarose Prell Saunders. The family moved to California when she was a child. She attended Pepperdine University on an art scholarship but, in her words, was "coerced" into the more practical major of education. Like her mother, she became a school teacher and taught elementary school in Southern California.

Seeking a change, she moved to Oregon where she found "beauty and heaven" in Cannon Beach. She met her soulmate Dave Pastor, and they were married on June 3, 1976. She was the concierge for Hallmark Inn for 25 years.

A versatile artist, she mastered many techniques, from trompe l'oeil to whimsical. She painted landscapes, abstracts, still life and portraits. Her work is remarkable for its detail and realism. Her mural of a bamboo garden on a wall outside Haystack Resorts is so realistic that people have tried to walk into it. She created several murals for Hallmark Resorts in Cannon Beach and Newport. Her paintings hang in local restaurants and the Cannon Beach Liquor Store and the Etc. store she owned with her husband.

Any object became art: art deco lamps, a bronze mannequin, sea critters on gutters, a pebble-inlaid fish on the driveway. She was known for her town and seascapes of her beloved town, and her portraits of local personalities, including lamplighter Jay Schwehr and artist Bill Steidel.

Her last painting was of her husband napping. She encour-

aged unsung local artists by creating "Hidden Talent" art events to showcase their talents. She was a member of the Labor Day Splunkers Party. For nearly 42 years, Susie and Dave made it a point to have Sunday dinner at the Driftwood restaurant.

Susie is survived by her husband of 41 years, Dave; her daughter, Julie, and her husband, Nick Sandoval; son, Bruce Billington; stepson, Paul Pastor; two grandsons; three step-grandchildren; and her sister, Shirlee Ann, and her husband, Kent Rogers.

At her request, there will be no services. Her ashes will be spread in the Pacific Ocean.

Susie loved animals and would appreciate any memorial donations to Clatsop Animal Assistance, P.O. Box 622, Warrenton, OR 97146.

Look up to see her latest works, as Susie continues to paint among the clouds.

Mary Jo (Iselo) Gruhlkey Astoria

Dec. 21, 1954 — Oct. 23, 2017



Mary Jo Gruhlkey

Mary Jo was an exciting, energetic, fun-loving, risk-taker and wife and mother of three boys. She moved to Oregon at the age of 19 from Rome, New York, to attend school at Oregon State University to pursue a career in health and fitness.

Since then, she has accomplished too many feats to just write on paper. She worked for Clatsop Community College as a fitness instructor for 29 years, as a fitness instruc-

tor for Columbia Fitness/Fitness 1440 for 15 years, as an aquatics fitness instructor for the last 20 years, and as a senior fitness instructor for Clatsop Care centers for 16 years.

She loved her husband, Milton Gruhlkey; her three sons, Lucas, Joey and Peter; Irish setters; horses and Harley Davidsons.

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Seaside man gets probation after June standoff

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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SEASIDE — A Seaside man will serve probation following a standoff with police in June.

Shaun Mitchell Scarborough, 28, pleaded no contest to one count of felon in possession of a firearm and will serve three years of probation. A plea agreement with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office stipulates that he serve more than 3 1/2 years in prison if he violates probation.

Scarborough allegedly held a kitchen knife to his throat for nearly two hours in early June as Seaside police attempted to arrest him at an apartment on South Columbia Street. After a standoff lasting more than an hour, he eventually was struck by a stun gun and arrested.

Police initially responded to a report of a physical disturbance between Scarborough and his mother at the apartment. But Scarborough was gone when police arrived, and no charges resulted from the original report.

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