

Red Cross seeks recruits for disaster training

By Brenna Visser
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For those in Cannon Beach who want to help in the event of a disaster, the American Red Cross is looking to recruit.

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn and American Red Cross Disaster Program Manager Jenny Carver present a Red Cross recruiting event 5:30 p.m. April 27, at the Chamber of Commerce in the hopes of educating individuals of the services and opportunities available to volunteers.

The event was inspired after a series of storms in October threatened the area. Carver, who was in Cannon Beach to promote the event, remembers trying to reach out to Red Cross volunteers in Cannon Beach, but said she realized there were none at that time.

“It spurred a conversation,” Carver said.

Those who attend will learn about sheltering, disaster preparedness and disaster action team programs, Carver said.

Anyone can come into it with any level of commitment, Schermerhorn said.

“We have lots of small incidents in this area, and it’s great to pull from any resources you can,” he said. “The more people you have trained, the great pool you have to draw from.”

Red Cross volunteers often work closely with other disaster preparedness like the Medical Reserve Corps and CERT, and having volunteers familiar with multiple skills can serve as asset during a disaster, Schermerhorn said.

“Some CERT members may not be needed in a moment, but could help in a sheltering capacity, for example,” he said.

No matter the situation, joining means joining a group of people who have a heart for helping the community, Carver said.

“A prepared community makes a resilient community,” Carver said. “The more families who are trained, the better of the community will be.”

Carver also said to expect a training in sheltering the first weekend of June.

For more information, visit the city website or contact Carver at 503-528-5713 with questions.

‘Marilyn’s Red Hot Chili Peppers’ to recall beloved resident

By Eve Marx
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Marilyn Halbrook will be leading the 2017 Relay for Life of Clatsop County if not in body 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.



Marilyn Halbrook

“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.

On July 8-9, at Astoria High School, Relay For Life of Clatsop County 2017 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, 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 years relay.”

Clatsop County’s Relay For Life was started in 1994 by Parvi’s father-in-law, Kay Bredleau.

“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.”

Parvi got involved with Relay 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



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Kay and Evelyn Bredleau with Laura Parvi, at left. Kay Bredleau was the first co-chairman of the event in 1994, along with Kendra Gohl.

and she always gave her whole heart to the relay.”

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, with the request at her death the people give to the Relay. Her great-niece, Ashtyn 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.”

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.”

To sign up for a team, call 503-440-3497 or 503-298-8943.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

April 9
12:25 a.m., Highway 101 and Sunset: A person is pulled over and charged with DUII.

2:13 a.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: A subject undergoes a drug evaluation test.

3:24 a.m., 600 block Avenue T: Cannon Beach police assist Seaside police with a domestic disturbance. The disturbance is verbal in nature only; subjects are warned.

10:29 a.m., 200 block N. Spruce: Property crimes are reported.

5:29 p.m., Washington and Hemlock: Police offer a courtesy ride home to a disoriented person.

8:46 p.m., Roosevelt and Avenue K: Seaside police advise Dispatch about a stopped stolen vehicle. Cannon Beach police assist with a felony traffic stop. A male driver and female passenger were removed from the vehicle at gunpoint and placed in custody. Shortly after, the highway was reopened.

April 10
7:35 p.m., 1st and Spruce: Oregon State police report a stolen travel trailer described as a tan and gold 77 Terry trailer with old style Oregon plates.

8:39 p.m., 3400 block S. Hemlock: Police assist with a chimney fire at the Sand Castle condos.

11:41 p.m., Arch Cape, Arcadia Beach: Police assist other agency with a located female requiring medical assistance for treatment of exposure.

activity in the woods.

11:15 p.m., 2100 block Lewis and Clark Road: Police respond to a welfare check call; subject determined not to be a threat to himself or others.

April 12
2:58 a.m., 700 block 25th Avenue: Cannon Beach police assist another agency regarding a report of 10 or more juveniles unlawfully entering the residence of a recently deceased person. Officers determined one of the group is a family member of the deceased. It was determined that subjects access to the property was civil, not criminal, in nature.

10:41 a.m. 1300 block N. Hemlock: Police respond to a report of counterfeit checks; counterfeit checks were also passed in Manzanita, Astoria, and Seaside, possibly by the same individual or individual. Police are investigating.

April 13
2:06 a.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: A drug recognition evaluation was conducted.

1:29 p.m., 300 block Sunset Boulevard: Police assist Cannon Beach fire department with a structure fire, evacuating the home, stretching handlines, assisting with the hydrant, and engineering the fire engine.

April 14
5:30 p.m., 1200 block S. Hemlock: A subject originally contacted for theft and possible intoxication was arrested for improper use of 911. They were also warned for disorderly conduct.

6:36 p.m., 100 block N. Hemlock: Police were called regarding a belligerent, intoxicated man who left the premises before police arrived.

April 15
6:27 p.m., Oak Court: Police respond to a report of an intoxicated driver. Police are unable to locate.

6:59 p.m., 200 block E. Warren Way: Owner reports his dog ran off; the dog is observed running on private property. Police guide owner to where he can retrieve the dog.

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