

Seaside couple makes restitution

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The city and the Seaside School District are standing by City Councilor Dana Phillips and Seaside School District board president Steve Phillips after a settlement with the Oregon Department of Justice over their handling of the Miss Oregon scholarship program.

The settlement was reached after the state alleged unlawful trade practices.

They agreed to pay \$150,000 to the Oregon Community Foundation for the Tiffany Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for the couple’s 17-year-old daughter, who died in a 1998 car accident.

The couple has been involved with the Miss Oregon pageant for decades. They will make restitution in three installments and must permanently resign from any office, directorship or position of authority with the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and Oregon Scholarship Foun-



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Steve and Dana Phillips signed a settlement with the Oregon Department of Justice over their handling of the Miss Oregon pageant.

ation. They are also prohibited from being financially involved in any nonprofits or charities.

The agreement “shall not be considered an admission of a violation for any purpose.”

Dana Phillips denied that the couple personally profited from the pageant. The Oregonian reported on Feb. 1 that the couple pocketed \$336,584 from the scholarship fund.

“It’s not true,” Phillips said. “We did everything we

possibly could and answered questions all along.”

The agreement with the state does not allege fraud, she said. “At no time did we ever use the Miss Oregon pageant for personal gain or wrongdoing. This is a situation that’s really sad and hard to swallow.”

Phillips said when she left her role as director of the pageant in 2015, financial documentation was shredded, a situation compounded by a computer crash that destroyed a system backup.

“I’m not an accountant and I ran (the pageant) as a mom-and-pop organization, and kept it afloat,” she said. “I thought I had all the documentation, but when I needed it most, when the DOJ wanted it, I didn’t have it.”

Phillips said she plans to meet with City Manager Mark Winstanley and fellow city councilors “to find out their feelings” as to whether she should retain her council position.

“If they feel I need to step aside, I will,” she said. “I don’t want to, because there are things I haven’t finished doing.”

Shirley Tadei Astoria

June 25, 1933 – Jan. 29, 2019

Sadly, with heavy hearts, we are grieving the loss of our sweet, angelic, eloquent, wife, mother and grandmother, Shirley Marie Tadei, who passed away Jan. 29, 2019.

Shirley was born June 25, 1933, in Astoria, Oregon, to Finnish immigrants John and Karoline Osmus, the youngest of six children, Ruth, Leonard, Doris, Helen and Charles, all of whom preceded her in death.

In 1950, while in high school, she met Vince Tadei, who survives her; they went on to be married in May 1952. She was a loving, devoted mother to 10 children, and is survived by daughters Tricia, LouAnn, Juli (Tom), Mary, Lisa and Sue, and sons Peter, Paul (Leslie) and Joe (Heather). Daughter Pamela preceded her in death in 2008.

She was active in St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, National Association of Letter Carriers Auxiliary and Vasa Order of America, and liked volunteering at the annual Scan-

dinavian festival. She enjoyed many interests, including travel, shopping, “coffee an,” bingo, sewing, time at the beach, family gatherings and frequent outings with lifelong best friend, Laurel Carlson.

Shirley enjoyed reminiscing about her Finnish heritage, and her days growing up in the Alameda neighborhood of Uniontown. Most important to her was spending time with her 21 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service and burial will take place, with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

A public visitation took place Thursday, Feb. 7 at Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Shirley to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, or Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.



Shirley Tadei

Sheriff’s office sees uptick in telephone scams

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The Clatsop County Sheriff’s office has seen an increase in the number of reported telephone scams.

People are impersonating law enforcement officers, with some choosing to identify themselves by using the actual name of a sheriff’s office employee.

Be wary of unexpected

calls from anyone identifying themselves as members of a law enforcement agency. Officers never ask for money over the phone and do not inform others by phone of pending warrants for their arrest.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Jan. 13

10:46 a.m., Haystack Rock: Subject warned for climbing the rock.

12:27 p.m., Old Cannon Beach Road: Police respond to a complaint about a person acting oddly and going door-to-door collecting cans. Subject is advised of complaint and leaves on foot.

4:10 p.m., 1500 block S. Spruce: Police assist with a medical call regarding a male possibly having a heart attack. Subject is transported to Seaside Providence Hospital by Medix.

Jan. 14

3:07 p.m., N. Spruce: A man with a broken or dislocated wrist is transported to Seaside Providence Hospital by Medix.

9:17 p.m., Sewer Ponds: A suffering raccoon apparently struck by a car is humanely euthanized by police.

Jan. 17

5:31 a.m., 7900 block Cannon Road: Police assist the fire department with a person with altered mental status.

12:03 p.m., Police headquarters: A person reports losing their wallet on Neahkahnie Mountain.

7:55 p.m., 3800 block S. Hemlock: Police assist Alpha Taxi with collecting a fare from an intoxicated female.

Jan. 18

10:26 a.m., 600 block N. Hemlock: Police dispatched to a home to tell the person inside their spouse had fallen on the beach. The injured party was

MULTICAR CRASH AT MILE POST 26

On Feb. 1 at 5:24 p.m., Oregon State police responded to a non-injury related, multi-vehicle crash occurring at Mile Post 26 on U.S. 101 in Cannon Beach. Police say Vehicle 1 was attempting to turn northbound on U.S. Highway 101 from a parking lot off of the southbound shoulder. The driver of Vehicle 1 said his vision was blocked by a RV parked in the parking lot. Vehicle 1 pulled onto the highway as Vehicle 2 was southbound. Vehicle 1 collided with the rear-end of Vehicle 2, causing Vehicle 2 to lose control and leave the roadway. Vehicle 2 then collided with Vehicle 3, which was parked in a parking spot in the parking lot, on the southbound shoulder. The driver of Vehicle 1, Richard Konstantin Kehoe, 24 from Seaside, was found to be driving with a suspended license, a misdemeanor. A vehicle involved in the crash had to be towed. No injuries were reported.

transported to Seaside Providence Hospital for medical attention.

11:54 a.m., 100 block N. Hem-

lock: A burglary was attempted.

5:48 p.m., 1500 block N. Franklin: Cannon Beach police assist Seaside police with a potentially sui-

cidal subject. Subject was highly intoxicated; a friend took over the situation.

Jan. 19

10:23 p.m., 1200 block S. Hemlock: Police assist a homeless woman traveling by bus as she is trespassing from Helping Hands. She was given a ride to Stop & Go.

Jan. 20

12:19 a.m., First Avenue: Police assist Seaside police with a male subject in a drug psychosis running down the street. Man is taken into custody at the Seaside police station.

6:23 a.m., Fifth Street: Police assist fire department with subject who couldn’t get a gas fireplace to turn off. Northwest Natural is on scene to remedy the situation.

Jan. 21

9:40 a.m., 3700 block Coho Place: Police intervene and intercept a child with marijuana at the bus stop.

2:33 p.m., Warren Way: Theft of merchandise is reported; manager declined to press charges if the merchandise is returned; the person came in and paid for the item.

3:21 p.m., 600 block Breakers Point: A juvenile female with an allergy is assisted with an EpiPen prior to police arrival. Juvenile transported by Medix.

Jan. 23

11:14 p.m., Elk Land: A person is arrested and charged with DUI. Police say subjected tested a blood alcohol content of .21 percent.

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