

# Emergency responders make a difference in Seaside

It's no secret that visitation to Seaside comes and goes throughout the year. Two years ago, with very little snow falling in the Oregon mountains, visitors flocked to the beaches during unseasonal warm days throughout January, February and March of 2015. This year's weather has been the exact opposite of two years ago, and many leisure days have been spent in the mountains instead of along the beaches.

Yet, no matter what's happening, or how busy it is in Seaside — whether it's our year-round population of 6,500 or a busy summer day, coupled with a large event — there is a small group of people in Seaside that arrive at work each day and serve the public behind the scenes. National Public Safety

## SIDE RAIL

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Telecommunicators Week is April 9-15, and as of this publication, just concluding. The weeklong event, established in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office in California, was set up to honor and celebrate the hard work and dedication of those who have made their professional lives all about serving the public as an emergency telecommunicator.

Part of my role with the City of Seaside is also assisting with the dissemination of public information to the media and citizens of our

town. I've seen our emergency dispatchers in action. I've witnessed them taking a call about a minor accident but I've also seen them working in situations where someone's life is on the line. There's really no way to know what that call coming in may be for. Is it a visitor who has seen a loved one go missing in our vast Pacific Ocean? Maybe it's a minor disturbance. It could also very well be because someone has stopped breathing and needs CPR assistance. These dispatchers provide as much help as possible until police, fire and medics can arrive on scene. They are a lifeline to thousands of citizens every year.

I personally thank them for their service and encourage you to do so as well.

## Advertising updates

With the kickoff of the spring-break season, the Seaside Visitors Bureau launched a couple of brand new ad campaigns over the past month. On March 13, we unveiled mass transit advertising on the TriMet Light Rail system throughout the Portland metro area. Our icon-rich advertising, sans photos, will be featured on train cars for twelve consecutive months running through March 2018. The cars can be seen across the entire Max train system over the length of the contract.

As of April 1, you can also keep tabs on what the Seaside beach looks like by tuning into KOIN news. Seaside is now one of eight weather cams across the

Portland viewing area. The camera will be used by meteorologists on various news broadcasts with all on-air inclusions featuring the "It's Easy to Seaside" logo. Part of our partnership will also include digital advertising across the KOIN.com website and the webcam can be viewed online at [koin.com/weather/](http://koin.com/weather/) webcams. We plan to add the same online stream to our website in the next 30-60 days.

Have a thought or a question about tourism in Seaside, or maybe an idea for a future column? Drop me an email at [jrahl@cityofseaside.us](mailto:jrahl@cityofseaside.us).

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## OBITUARIES

### Violet May Malo

Oct. 6, 1925 — March 26, 2017

Vi, who was 91, lived a full life surrounded by family and many friends. Everyone who knew her would say she was an extremely loving wife, mother, grandmother, and a hard worker and kindred spirit. She was a native Oregonian.

The daughter of Raymond and Viola Robertson, Violet was born in Dallas, Oregon. She attended school in Taft, Willamina and was a graduate of Sheridan High School, where she met her husband, Robert William Malo. They were married until his death in 1987.

Vi worked in the ship yards during World War II as a certified Navy welder and electrician. In later years, she ran and worked her blueberry farm in Tigard, Oregon, while raising her boys.

After her husband's retire-



Violet Malo

ment, they made the move to Cannon Beach, Oregon. There she opened the Mama Malo's Burger Burger (home of the Surfer Burger) in an old box car. She also worked alongside her husband next door after the opening of Malo's Crab and Fish Market.

Violet had a love for traveling, the ocean and also her

Lone Rock getaway.

She is survived by two sons, James Eugene Malo and Robert Adran Malo; by four grandchildren, Angela Maria Malo, James Robert Malo, Matthew Robert Malo and Katelin Maria Malo; and three great grandchildren, Krystopher Daniel Malo, Malia Kana Lei Lani Malo and Summer Riley Malo.

Violet enriched everyone's lives she came in contact with, and was better known as "Mom Malo."

She's journeyed to the spirit in the sky (God speed), where she'll where she'll finally meet Elvis.

We'll miss her!

Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at [www.caldwellsmortuary.com](http://www.caldwellsmortuary.com)

### Doris Alma Hill

Dec. 9, 1923 — March 16, 2017

Doris was born in Strachan, Alberta, Canada, to Albert and Grace Barkham on the family homestead. When she was twelve, she moved to the Portland area and graduated from Franklin High School. While in high school, she was a Rose Festival princess.

After high school, she earned her college money as a welder in the ship yards building Liberty ships for the war effort. She met her future husband, Vernon Hill, at Oregon State College. In 1944, they were married in Buffalo, New York, where Vern was serving in the Army Air Corps. She and Vern raised their family in Richland, Washington.

In 1972, they retired to Vern's family homestead in Hamlet, Oregon, near Seaside. They enjoyed 66 years of marriage. Her last seven years were spent at Avamere at Seaside, where she received loving care and made many good friends.

Doris was preceded in



Doris Hill

death by her husband, Vern, and grandson, Peter Hill. She is survived by her sister, Millie Lindsay (Gordon); her brother, Larry Meissner; her daughter, Diane LeClair Neet (Donald); and her son Dave Hill (Charlotte). She has five grandsons and eight great-grandchildren: Samuel Hill (Justine), and their daughter Eva; Andy Hill (Kari), and their children, Abbie and Gabe; Alan LeClair and his daughter, Marcelle; Nathan LeClair (Mary) and their sons, Adam and Henry; and Kev-

in LeClair (Sarah) and their sons, Evan and Jack. Doris has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins in both the U.S. and Canada.

Doris will be remembered for her kind and gentle spirit. She always had a smile and time for people. She was sensitive to others feelings and needs. She dearly loved her family and friends, and they loved her. Now she is freed from her dementia and cancer, rejoicing at the feet of her savior.

A memorial service will be held at the Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., on April 15 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lower Columbia Hospice, 2111 Exchange St, Astoria, OR 97103; or Cannon Beach Community Church.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary and Crematory of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Please visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to share memories and sign the guest book.

## LETTERS

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Oregonians have access to the broadest possible range of specialty physicians and providers throughout the state and not just in urban areas. Our community is already struggling under the high costs of health care. Truly my drive in going to Salem every year is to fight against anything that can cause state sponsored rate increases without a recognizable benefit. As a member of our community it has always been important to me to stand against things that I believe will negatively impact our economic health as well as our quality of life. Far too many of my community live on a fixed income, increases in cost without increases in income are devastating. On Wednesday I will have the honor of sitting with both of our wonderful

representatives, Rep. Deborah Boone and also Sen. Betsy Johnson to bring forward our concerns and hopes.

**Jeremy Mills, State Farm Seaside**

### Thanks to all for a memorable season!

We would like to thank the many, many people who helped make our season one to cherish and remember. From the very beginning of the season, through the Holiday Classic, on into the league season, and throughout our journey to state, we had so much support from so many different people, and we'd like to express our gratitude. The kindnesses we received from parents, community members and fans was something we shall never forget.

We can't begin to explain the wonder and joy it meant

to go to on the road to Banks, or Tillamook or Molalla, or play at the state tournament, and have it feel like a home game. With such support, both at home and on the road, we couldn't help but give it our all. We have truly been given a lesson in what the idea of community means, and how special it was to have been the recipient of such support.

Finally, we would like to give a big, loud, and wonderful congratulation to our boys. Way to bring home the first state championship for basketball in our school history. We could not be more proud of our boys and their coaches and supporters.

Thank you Seaside, thank you to all who helped make our season such a memorable one.

**Michael Hawes, head coach Seaside High School girls basketball team and coaches**

## COME JOIN US!

The Cannon Beach Academy is a public, tuition free charter school that is part of the Seaside School District. We open this fall, starting with grades K-2. We will grow one grade, each year, until we reach K-5.

We are offering a unique curriculum consisting of Direct Instruct and The Core Knowledge Sequence. Both programs have been proven to increase student achievement as well as boost self confidence and esteem. Our class sizes are limited to 22 students.

We are offering Spanish language exposure; students will receive daily instruction in Spanish. We are also providing a focus on the Arts; we will work with the large number of local artists to help provide our children with a rich experience.

Enrollment ends on April 30th, 2017. To enroll your child, please visit our website at [www.thecannonbeachacademy.org](http://www.thecannonbeachacademy.org) or give a call to 503.440.9878.



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