

Girl Scouts plant trees



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Girl Scouts at work planting trees near the Seaside water treatment facility.

Ashley Houston, Seaside/Gearhart Girl Scout leader and event and travel coordinator for all Clatsop County Girl Scouts, led 30 second- and third-grade Girl Scouts, 12 adults and two grandparents to a tree-planting on Arbor Day, Sunday, April 23, in Seaside on the banks

near the water treatment plant. Scouts planted about 140 shore pine trees.

"It rained a little bit, the wind blew a little bit, but the kids didn't care," Seaside Public Works Director said at Monday's City Council meeting. "We had a great time."

LETTERS

Where's the plaque?

The Astoria Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) wishes to thank everyone of Seaside who has helped with the search for the World War I memorial plaque.

In 1920, it was presented to honor the men and women of Seaside who served. The last location was the Old City Hall on Broadway. (It was to the right as you entered under the arch.)

All memorials are being located for the Centennial next year. If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of the memorial or an old photograph of it, contact Seaside Public Works or call Marjorie Stevens at 503-717-8635 as it would be helpful if a replacement is needed to be made.

Marjorie Stevens
Seaside

Community's health care needs

Providence Seaside Hospital's CEO Kendall Sawa correctly identified an important community need at the recent Clatsop Economic Development Resources business awards; we need to attract and retain more health care providers. "We continue to have challenges with recruiting providers to our coast," he said.

Sawa was talking about doctors, but the same is true of nurses. Nurses are the backbone of our local hospitals. For example, Providence Seaside employs approximately 20 doctors and 85 registered nurses.

When patients receive hospital care, it usually comes from a nurse. Because we rely heavily on nurses, when the hospital doesn't have enough nurses in a specific department — like labor and delivery or intensive care — it turns patients away; sending them on long, expensive ambulance rides to Portland-area hospitals. This should never happen.

We have the ability to care for our patients here, and we should welcome them with open arms. The solution isn't limited to recruiting more health care providers. We can provide the care our community needs by cross-training nurses to work in multiple departments.

Cross-training is standard practice in many rural hospitals. It gives nurses the experience and flexibility to meet changing patient needs, and prevents community members from being sent away for health care. When one department needs additional help, cross-trained nurses working in a different part of the hospital can move there quickly to make sure

patients receive the care they need.

As an editorial in The Daily Astorian said, we can't afford complacency when it comes to our health care system ("Proven leaders position our hospitals for success," March 30).

Nurses at Providence Seaside are eager to adopt local cross-training programs to help meet our patients' needs. We hope Providence Seaside Hospital's administrators are willing to work with nurses and embrace best practices like cross-training to make sure all our community members receive the care they need, when and where they need it.

Mary Romanaggi, RN
Seaside

Note: Romanaggi is an emergency room nurse at Providence Seaside Hospital, and chairwoman of the Oregon Nurses Association's bargaining unit at Providence Seaside.

Port staff hiding

Budget Committee meetings are a time for Port board members and citizen members to publicly review the practices and operation of the Port in regards to their budgetary affects and to recommend fiscal changes as necessary. The budget is then approved and presented to the Port Commission for its approval.

Port director Jim Knight appears to interpret this duty as simply presenting the

Port's budget and expecting the Port Budget Committee to rubber stamp and approve it with minimum input and oversight.

I have served on local, county and state budget committees over the past 40 years, and I am troubled at constraints Port staff has put on the Port Budget Committee that prevents it from doing its job. Port staff has continually refused to answer questions about budget concerns that would include: failing to timely correct non-payment of rent at the Riverwalk Inn and a warehouse on Pier 2; DEQ stormwater violations of \$69,319 that were not disclosed; loss of equipment value abandoned by Port tenants; and transferring Port interest in buildings for less than the fair market value. The Port's Budget Committee needs answers to these budget concerns so it can properly plan for the next year's budget and ensures financial accountability.

In my view, commissioner Steve Fulton has been asking these necessary budget questions all along and the public benefits from his insights. Everyone should care because these budget concerns affect the bottom line of the Port of Astoria, its future and your property taxes.

Richard Lee
Port of Astoria Budget Committee chairman
Astoria

OBITUARIES

Phyllis C. Edy

March 19, 1925 — April 19, 2017



Phyllis Edy

Phyllis C. Edy passed peacefully into the world beyond on the evening of April 19, 2017, with family members by her side.

Weighing only 3 pounds 12 ounces, Phyllis Mae Christensen was born on March 19, 1925, to Lloyd Anton Christensen and Tekla Katrina Weik. She was brought home in a shoebox, and kept warm and alive by the wood stove. Later she was joined by two sisters, Betty and Jacquelyn. Throughout her entire life she displayed remarkable strength and resilience to all who knew her.

Phyllis attended grade school in Coquille, Astoria and Seaside. In 1943, she graduated from Seaside High School as class valedictorian. Phyllis attended Oregon State University, where she obtained a degree in home economics in 1947. Other than one B in fencing, she received straight As. Her sorority sisters of Alpha Chi Omega were an integral and important part of her entire life.

In 1946, Phyllis married Donald Allen Edy, her high school sweetheart. They were married for almost 50 years. They are survived by children, Mark Edy and Susan

Edy, and son-in-law, Kerry Smith; daughters of the heart, Becky Edy and Mechthild Luger; grandchildren, Heather Sharpe, Bowen Turetzky, Kevin Edy and Kaisa Edy; as well as great-grandchildren, Hadley, Grayson, Clara, Booker, Wyatt and Guthrie.

Phyllis returned to school in 1960 to earn degrees in English and education from Portland State University. She taught at Lewis and Clark Consolidated, Astoria Middle School and Astoria High School, where she was head of the English Department. Students from years ago would still stop "Mrs. Edy" to share that she had made a difference in their lives.

Phyllis was a member of

AAUW, serving at the state level. At the time of her death, she was the longest living PEO member of her Astoria chapter, and attended meetings into her 90s. Along with Michael Foster, Phyllis was instrumental in the creation of the Astoria High School scholarship foundation and served on its board for many years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Astoria Golf and Country Club and Alderbrook Golf and Country Club at Hood Canal.

After Don's death, Phyllis remarried long time college friend, Jack Grey. Jack was devoted to Phyllis, and they were married happily, just shy of 20 years. Phyllis loved travel, golf, reading, and anything to do with Oregon state sports. She was a pie maker extraordinaire.

Throughout her life, education was of the utmost importance to Phyllis. Memorial gifts may be sent to: Astoria High School Scholarship Inc., P.O. Box 598 Astoria, OR 97103.

A celebration of her life will be announced.

Phyllis will be missed by so many, but she would be the first to tell you she had a long and wonderful life.

Memorial for Claire Lovell



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Claire Lovell

Saturday, May 6

LOVELL, Claire — Memorial at 11 a.m., Seaside United Methodist Church, 241 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside. A reception follows.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 2
Seaside Community and Senior Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.

Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.

Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Wednesday, May 3
Seaside Urban Renewal Community Forum, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Seaside Improvement Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Seaside Urban Renewal Budget Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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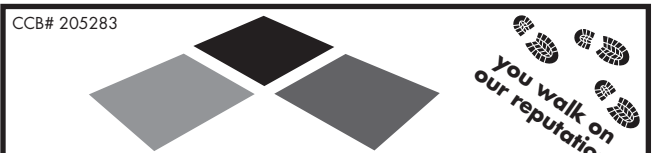
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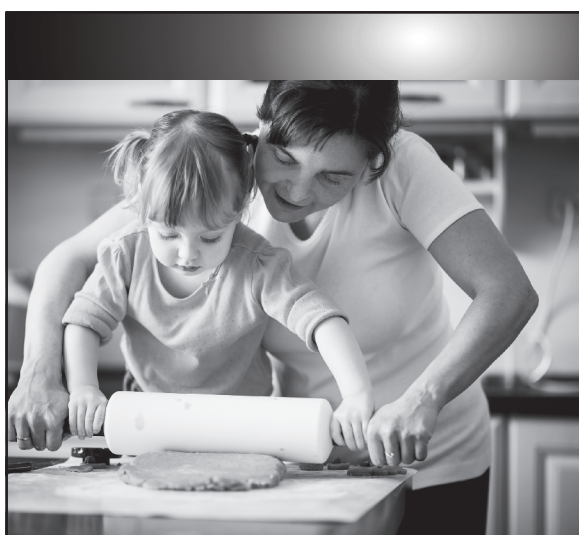
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