

Providence sets up vehicle screening

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Seaside Signal

Prepare to be screened. Every vehicle entering the Providence Seaside Hospital campus will be monitored, the hospital announced in a report from Providence Seaside CEO Don Lemmon to stakeholders.

Clinical and nonclinical staff stop all vehicles at checkpoints, monitoring and directing patients where to go.

“At the main entrance we screen everyone entering the facility, including employees for elevated temperatures and questioned about other symptoms,” Lemmon said.

The next stop is a triage tent where patients are evaluated and masked if symptomatic.

Those who have a high temperature or meet other criteria of COVID-19 will be seen by a provider in the tent.

The hospital follows the direction from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oregon Health Authority for testing protocols, hospital spokesman Mike Antrim said Friday.

If no symptoms are discovered, patients and visi-

tors are given a color-coded sticker to wear and can enter the hospital through the main or pharmacy entrance.

Every inpatient may designate one visitor for their stay. Visitors must be 16 or older, and healthy, and will be screened in an intake tent by the main entrance before entering.

Only visitors whose name is on the list will be permitted to enter.

Employees and contractors enter through the pharmacy entrance after the same screening process administered to patients and visitors.

Patients diagnosed with COVID-19 will be treated in separate care areas, Antrim said. “The plan is to have separate care areas and we are working on that plan as a top priority.”

“In the event we are treating a patient with an infectious disease, we take appropriate precautions, such as placing the patient in isolation, including a negative pressure room, and work with public health authorities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,” he added. “Safety is our top priority. We are monitoring this issue closely and taking precautions to ensure the safety of our patients, caregivers, visitors and community.”

Seaside issues burn ban

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Seaside Fire Chief Joey Daniels issued a temporary burn ban April 10 on most outdoor burning due to potential health issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ban prohibits outdoor yard debris burning of piles or barrels in the city limits of Seaside. Outdoor recreational fires for s’mores and backyard barbecues are still allowed, but Daniels asked residents to be respectful of neighbors who may be affected by the smoke.

Betty May (Porter) Kelly

Seaside
Nov. 13, 1929 — April 1, 2020

On the evening of April 1, 2020, the world lost a loving wife, mother, friend and Mammam. She passed peacefully at Kaiser Westside hospital in Hillsboro, Oregon, after a brief stay and having Facetimed with her three children.



Betty Kelly

Betty was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, to Willis (Bill) and Florence (McCarraher) Porter. She was the oldest of 10 children, and spent many of her early years helping to raise and take care of her siblings.

After high school she went into nurses training, and after graduating was an emergency room nurse at Philadelphia General. In the early 1960s she moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, to be a nurse at Queen’s Hospital.

It was in Hawaii that she met the love of her life, Kenneth Kelly. It took a few years of dating, but she broke him down and they were married in September 1963. Ken had a son, Ken Jr., from a previous marriage and she took on the role of stepmom.

In 1965, Lorraine (Lori) was born, followed by the birth of Dennis in 1968. After Dennis was born, she retired from nursing to be a full-time mom. They enjoyed annual vacations and road trips to visit family in Pennsylvania and Oregon.

They loved Oregon so much that they bought a condo on the beach in Seaside, Oregon. They would spend a half year in Hawaii, and when it got too hot in the summer, would spend the remainder of the year at the coast in Oregon.

She and Ken kept their residence in Hawaii until

the late 2000s, when they moved to Seaside permanently. They were never apart, and loved attending the Warrenton Community Center lunches every week, and made many dear and lifelong friends. They were always the first ones there so they could greet everyone arriving.

Ken passed away in January 2017, and she had the love of family and friends to keep her going. Betty was loved by all, and will always be remembered for her love of family, deep faith and care of others.

Betty is survived by her children, Kenneth Jr. (Linda), Lorraine Harmon (Travis) and Dennis (Philippa); grandchildren Steven Brooks and Ariana Brooks; siblings Raymond (Marlene), Elsie Moyer (Mike), Ronald (Karen) and Richard “Buzz” (Brenda); niece Deborah Zabel (Lyle); and so many others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Kelly Sr.; siblings Marie Hilton, Willis “Willie,” Barbara Wallace, Doris Fisher and Joan Porter.

Two days after her passing, her daughter Lori, looking out at the ocean and watching the waves from Betty’s condo, experienced a whale, just offshore, raise its tail, slap the water and disappear into the depths. She was saying goodbye and letting us know she was in a good place, and happy to be reunited with Ken. A wonderful ending to an extraordinary life. A hui hou!

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to: Warrenton Senior Citizens Inc., 15 N.W. 17th Place, Warrenton, OR 97146.

Carol Seppa

Astoria
Feb. 23, 1937 — April 7, 2020

Carol Seppa died on April 7, 2020, in Astoria after a long battle with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Carol Jane Holmes was born on Feb. 23, 1937, to parents Ada “Mid” and Jim Holmes. She graduated from Astoria High School in 1955 and attended Oregon State University, where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

During her childhood, she developed a lifelong love of the outdoors. She had very fond memories of spending time with her brother, Jimmy, and with her grandparents in Jewell.

In 1956 she married Hugh Seppa. After living in Oklahoma during Hugh’s military training, Carol especially appreciated the beauty of Oregon. She and Hugh made their home in Lewis and Clark near the family farm, known as Seppa Dairy. She worked tirelessly during these years raising their five children.

Carol was involved in several organizations throughout her life, including Astoria High School Scholarships Inc., Assistance League, PEO, Investment Club and she was a social member of the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

She had a keen business sense, and spent many years managing the family property, leading to a special interest in land use planning.

She enjoyed entertaining, always welcoming her many friends and family into her home. She had a great sense of humor, and a love of fun and adventure. She loved many diverse activities: clam digging, the Pendleton Round-Up, playing cards and sledding and ice skating when weather permitted.

She loved going on summer hikes. Neah-Kah-Nie

Mountain, Tillamook Head and Saddle Mountain were a few of her favorites. She enjoyed white water rafting, culminating in a raft trip in the Grand Canyon when she was 60.

She and Hugh moved to their home in Sunset Lake in the late 1980s. After his retirement, they were able to travel and took many memorable trips with friends. She took great pride and joy in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Despite having COPD, she continued to live life to her fullest, enjoying time spent with family and friends. As Carol attributed her condition to smoking in her younger years, she was an advocate for educating youth on the harmful effects of smoking.

Carol was loved and admired by her many friends and family. They will miss her dearly.

She is survived by her five children, Brent Seppa (Julie), Bob Seppa (Renee), Scott Seppa (Heather), Kathy Kaiser (Scott) and Sue Jensen (Eric); 10 grandchildren, Kirk Seppa (Vanessa), Mallory Seppa (Mike Young), Kelsey Seppa, Zach Seppa, Elise Seppa, Adam Wink (Alyssa), Davis Kaiser, Hayden Kaiser, Clairisa Jensen and Brett Jensen; and three great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Astor Place, Lower Columbia Hospice and Dr. Paul Voeller for their compassionate care.

If you would like to make a donation in Carol’s memory, suggestions include Astoria High School Scholarships Inc., the smoking prevention charity of your choice or one of the many organizations Carol was involved with during her lifetime.

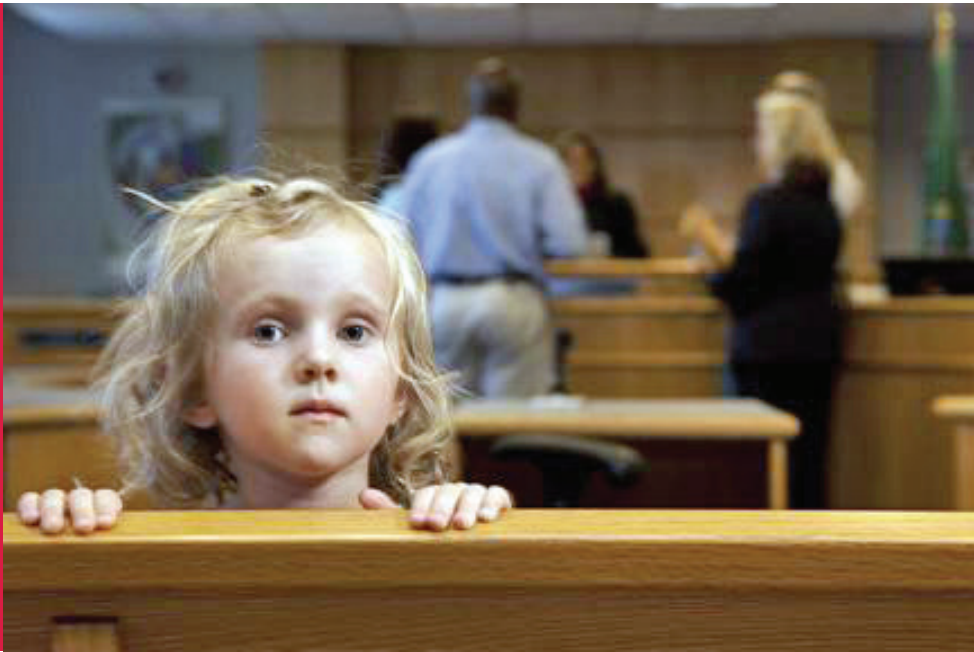
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Carol Seppa

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, APRIL 2020 CLATSOP CASA PROGRAM

Community members can make life better for vulnerable children



APRIL is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and our attention rightly turns to ways we can support children who have experienced abuse or neglect. According to the US Children’s Bureau, in 2018 there were 687,000 children in foster care in the United States due to abuse or neglect.

In Clatsop County, CASA Volunteers serve 120 – 130 children annually. For children to thrive despite abuse or neglect, resilience is key. The most common factor in developing resilience, according to the Harvard Center on the Developing Child, is having a stable relationship with a supportive adult.

That’s where Clatsop CASA Program comes in. We recruit, train and support volunteers who get to know children and the adults around them, and who advocate for those children’s needs in court and in the community. Our volunteers are simply everyday people who care deeply about children and are ready to make a child’s life better.

Many of the children we serve are not used to having adults in their lives who they can trust. Most children who experience abuse or neglect are victimized by their own parents.

Children who have been living in these situations can become accustomed to being overlooked. In fact, most children removed from their families for maltreatment have suffered from neglect as opposed to active abuse.

Researchers at the Harvard Center on the Developing Child have pointed out that despite this, child neglect receives far less attention than abuse. Compared to active abuse, chronic neglect has been found to be associated with a larger range of damage to children.

For a great number of these youth, CASA volunteers are that one supportive adult. Our volunteers are trained to understand the impact of trauma on children. They advocate for services that promote healing and help children build resilience. The work CASA volunteers do is life-changing, and sometimes life-saving.

Removing children from an environment in which they experienced abuse or neglect does not guarantee positive outcomes for those children. They need quality, therapeutic care and support to move beyond those experiences and thrive.

To get that care and support, children need an adult who can advocate for them and who they can lean on over time. Now is the time for each of us to become that adult, by becoming a CASA volunteer or supporting our programs so others can. Please consider making a one-time tax deductible donation to help us to continue this important work in Clatsop County.

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