

See Inside for This Week's
Grocery Ads Plus Other Inserts

Published Wednesdays by the Peninsula Clarion
283-7551 • PO Box 3009, Kenai, AK 99611

Cancer treatment now available locally at Katmai Oncology Group

Elias
palate
of the
Page 2

Since June of 2012 patients
needing medical oncology
(chemo therapy) cancer treat-
ment have not had to add the trip
to Anchorage to their discom-
fort. That was when Katmai On-
cology Group opened their new
satellite location in Soldotna on
Fireweed St. behind Central Pen-
insula Hospital. "Prior to opening
the clinic here patients receiving
a cancer diagnosis on the Kenai
Peninsula would see an internal
medicine doctor or surgeon here
on the Peninsula, then that phy-
sician would refer the patient to
Anchorage for a recommenda-
tion for which chemotherapy to
use then return to the Kenai for
their infusion so our being here
now skips a trip to Anchorage,"
explained Teri Tope, ANP nurse
practitioner with the Katmai On-
cology Group.

to de-
y Gala
Bank
Page 4

Katmai specializes in Hema-
tology and Medical Oncology
with physicians that provide
care at both their locations in
Soldotna and Anchorage, "The
primary facility in Anchorage

has a fully certified laboratory
and chemotherapy infusion
suite. The Soldotna satellite
clinic has its own outpatient
chemotherapy infusion suite
as well. We continually strive
to achieve the very best treat-
ment for our patients' indi-
vidual needs while providing
compassionate care in the most
comfortable environment pos-
sible," said Tope. According to
Tope there is a new generation
of chemotherapy that does not
have the side effects that the
treatment once had and she says
the environment at the Soldotna
Clinic is really nice. "In fact I
think it's nicer than the Anchor-
age clinic and it's a hardship
for patients to travel long dis-
tances and in the past we have
had some patients who would
travel on a weekly basis back
and forth to Anchorage. Having



Terri Tope, ANP with Katmai Oncology Group checks Ashli Meek's pulse at Soldotna satellite clinic.

chemotherapy on the Peninsula
reduces the hardship and the
stress. Not having to be away
from your family, home and
support group is a great advan-
tage while completing therapy,"
she said.
Tope has been a nurse prac-
titioner with Katmai since 1998
See **CANCER**, page A-4

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Teen dating violence and abuse is a pattern of destructive behaviors used to exert power and control.
Warning Signs of Abuse:

- ◆ Constantly putting you down
- ◆ Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- ◆ Explosive temper

The deadline to apply for the enrollment lottery is Friday, March 1, 2013 at 3 PM. Applications for the lottery and a copy of lottery procedures are available at the Soldotna Montessori Charter School from 8:30 - 4:00 Monday through Friday. The Soldotna Montessori Charter School is located in the 400 wing of Soldotna Elementary School at 162 Park Ave., Soldotna.

Orientation for anyone interested in learning more about Montessori Education will be held from 5:30 - 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 27 at the Soldotna Montessori Charter School. Please call

th courage is a majority."