

In Memory of...

Karen Lee Brewer Davis



Karen "Missy" Lee Brewer Davis, 55, of Vernonia, Oregon peacefully passed away in her home on December 24, 2018.

Karen was born in Los Angeles, California on October 8, 1963. Karen was raised by Kathy Denckla and Frazier Rohm since the age of seven. The family resided in Scholls, Oregon until moving to Vernonia in 1977. Karen attended school in Vernonia graduating from Vernonia High School in 1982.

It was the summer of 1984, Karen was scouting out the butts of local baseball players in John Day, Oregon. She picked out the cutest butt, Earl Davis. That is how their love story began! They married on February 22, 1986. They moved to Vernonia in 1988.

Karen and Earl have three boys Eric, Cody, and Nathan.

Over the years Karen wore many hats. She started her working years in food service. She also was a secretary, flagged traffic, and she ran a construction roller. One of her favorite jobs was being a school bus driver.

Karen loved to roller skate and she was pretty good back in the day. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. Karen was quite the cook; she could make something out of nothing and it would be an amazing dish. One of her favorite pastimes was lounging in a lawn chair soaking up the

sun while wearing her favorite pair of flip-flops. Karen loved spending time with family and friends; she especially loved hanging out with her only granddaughter Piper. Anyone who knew Karen "Missy" knew she was the life of the party. She loved to laugh and she was quite the jokester. Her laugh was infectious. She didn't care if you were laughing at her or with her; although many times it was at her, because she was hilarious. Many remember Karen from a hand gesture or being flashed. These were a couple of her signature moves. She will be missed by many!

Karen and Earl would

have celebrated 32 years of marriage in February. Karen is remembered through her husband Earl Davis; three sons, Eric Davis, Cody Davis, and Nathan Davis; granddaughter Piper Davis; several brothers, Joe Brewer, Angelo Brewer, Tiger Rohm, William Rohm; several sisters, Lisa Rohm, Mary Denckla, and Jennifer Denckla. She was preceded in death by her fathers, Frazier Rohm and Joseph Brewer. A Celebration of Life is planned for July 6, 2019 at 2:00 pm.



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Council Receives Update on Land Use Case Against City – Judge Ted Grove,

Columbia County Circuit Judge, has notified the City that he is dismissing the case against the City brought by Robert Smejkal and Terry Goodrich concerning the City's denial of a building permit at Nickerson Ridge Estates. Grove said the case is a land use decision. The case will now go to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). (See full story on page 5.)

Council Approves Fees at Spencer Park

– Council approved a request from the Parks Committee to add and enforce camping and parking fees at Spencer Park during Jamboree weekend. Council agreed with the Parks Committee that softball players using Spencer Park should pay to camp and park while using the facility. The fees will be brought forward at a future meeting when the City updates their Master Fee Schedule.

Council Approves Parks Grant Proposal

– Council approved a request from the Parks Committee to apply for a grant from Oregon State Parks to build a skate park at Spencer Park.

Council Stays With Legal Counsel

– Council reviewed a letter from their legal counsel Ruben Cleaveland, informing them he is forming a new law firm. Cleaveland said one of the partners at his old firm has recently passed away so he is forming VanKoten & Cleaveland. He said he is retaining his legal assistant and asked the City to transition with him and continue working together. City Administra-

tor Josette Mitchell said Cleaveland has historical knowledge of the City's legal issues and recommended they transition with Cleaveland and Council agreed.

Mayor Makes Numerous Appointments to Committees

– Based on recommendations from several committees and with the approval of the rest of the Council, Mayor Rick Hobart made the following appointments to City Citizen Advisory Committees: Mario Leonetti to the Parks Committee, Noni Anderson and Sam Potter to the Budget Committee, Donald Normand to the Public Works Committee.

Council Removes Check Signers

– In a housekeeping move, Council approved the removal of Mario Leonetti and Bruce McNair as checking account signers. Council had previously assigned these duties to Mayor Rick Hobart and Councilor Dale Webb.

Police Report

– Police Chief Mike Conner thanked Gretchen Lindauer and the Terence Lindauer Memorial Fund for their donation of 11 AED units to the Police and Fire Departments. (See story on page 7.)

Council Tables Parks Workshop

– Council tabled a request from the Parks Committee for a joint workshop to discuss priorities. Council is planning a visioning workshop and said they will schedule a meeting with Parks after that workshop is scheduled.

Council Reviews Flood Property Lease Agreement

– Council began review-

ing a draft lease agreement for property owners who live adjacent to flood buy-out properties. The City is proposing to lease the properties which must conform to FEMA standards of limited development in the flood zone. Tenants would be responsible to pay property taxes, have insurance, and maintain the properties. John Brewer, a member of the audience interested in participating in the program, told the Council the costs associated will be too high. Council tabled a decision in order to gather more information.

Topics From the Floor

– John Brewer asked the Council to consider repairs to Grant Avenue in front of his house where a crown on the roadway causes water to run into his basement.

Wendy Sears provided a detailed update on the VernoniaSK8 project. Sears told the Council the group has raised \$57,669 – \$37,169 in cash and \$21,500 of in kind donations. She said they are planning to build a 6,000 square foot park with a cost of \$220,000, and provided two concept drawings of what the park might look like. She said they are applying for a \$25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation and are working with the City on an application for a grant from Oregon State Parks.

Richard Stein thanked City Administrator Josette Mitchell for her professionalism and service to the community.

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