

OBITUARIES

Lorna Marie Brandt

Gearhart

March 20, 1954 — Dec. 19, 2021

Our community has lost an incredible lady! Retired police officer Lorna Marie Brandt entered this world, along with her twin brother, Roger, on March 20, 1954, in Eugene. They joined their sister, Rebecca, and parents, Keith and Patricia Brandt.



Lorna Brandt

Her father, an architect, and mother, a teacher, moved to Sacramento, California, for employment in 1956. They moved into a beautiful century-old farm on 200 acres. In 1969, their home was destroyed by fire, and consequently they moved into town.

Lorna excelled at any sport she tried. Some of her track and field records stood for decades. She graduated from Chico State College with a degree in teaching. One of her first jobs was as a trainer for the Sacramento Gold pro soccer team.

In 1985, Lorna moved to Oregon, and started at the Scappoose School District as a teacher and coach. During summertime she was a park director for Portland Parks & Recreation.

In 1988, Lorna joined the Columbia County posse, and loved law enforcement. In 1990, a big career change! She was hired by the Gearhart Police Department. That started her career as an officer, which spanned 28 years, included the Cannon Beach Police Department, and finished at the Seaside Police Department.

In 1996, while working for the Gearhart Police Department, she purchased, trained and got state certification for a canine to have on patrol with her.

When not working as an officer, Lorna coached track and field, volleyball, basketball and softball. When not coaching, she umpired Little League baseball and softball.

In 1997, Lorna purchased her home in Gearhart, and immediately cleared the back half-acre for training dogs. That led to building a barn for the 4-H kids to train their dogs, which will continue in her honor. Lorna was a 4-H leader of the Paws N' Action club for over 20 years.

When Lorna saw a need, she tried to fill it. Quietly, she and her partner, Laura, sent many kids to summer camps and sport camps. If a child needed sports equipment, they would purchase it. Seeing them smile and be happy was the only payment.

Many of the local children were recipients of new bicycles, coats, shoes, backpacks and musical instruments. Lorna stated that, "a good Christian should give far more than receive." She far exceeded that! As one little boy said, "You're my hero!"

Lorna leaves behind her brother, Roger Brandt, of Scottsdale, Arizona; her sister, Rebecca Grayem and Mel, and six nieces and nephews, in Sacramento; and her family, Laura Chester, Shelby Chester, Kevin Chester, Roni Hanson and Joy Chester.

A memorial will be held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on April 16 at 2 p.m. Please bring your dog, and share a memory!

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local animal assistance groups.

Behavior: Creating a camping ordinance is a process the city expects will involve more time and public input

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At a City Council work session on Wednesday, Police Chief Geoff Spalding outlined the ordinances to handle RVs and illegal camping.

The police chief said his officers hear complaints daily about bad behavior tied to a small number of homeless people. He said the ordinances under consideration are interconnected and will give officers tools to address the problems more effectively.

"This has occupied a lot of our time," Spalding said. "We do clearly sense the same frustration that you are all feeling from the community, and frustrations that are voiced by our residents and our visitors in the community about what they call the deteriorating condition of our community."

The city already has an ordinance that prohibits abandoned vehicles and storing vehicles on streets, but plans to expand the restriction.

Spalding said other cities have expanded ordinances to include prohibiting vehicles that are unregistered, derelict or hazardous. A new ordinance would spell out ways to handle different situations, the police chief said.

The ordinance could also address people who live in RVs that periodically move the vehicles several feet or a block away to avoid being towed. Spalding said the ordinance could require people to move their RVs to a lawful area. After three violations, the vehicle could be towed.

Mayor Bruce Jones said that while the number of problem vehicles is relatively small, they have caused significant concern.

"I think it's the combination of the vehicles and the disrespect of the vehicle owners by leaving trash strewn about, and particularly in highly visible places



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The city is weighing an updated camping ordinance and other tools to respond to an increasingly visible homeless population.

like at the Sixth Street, river trail intersection ...," the mayor said. "So that the first thing that visitors to our community see on the river trail is garbage strewn about an abandoned vehicle, with people there that are perfectly capable of cleaning up and just choose not to."

"I would like the ordinance to be as strict as it can be within whatever our legal limits are."

City Councilor Joan Herman said, "I know we will be criticized most likely for being uncompassionate. But I personally believe people should be held to a basic standard of decency, which as the mayor just pointed out, includes picking up trash and not threatening others, which I've heard has happened."

City Councilor Roger Rocka expressed support for the ordinance, along with the other options the city is exploring.

"It's such a complicated problem," he said. "It's good to be able to distinguish between people, like the mayor described, who

make a mess, and then basically flip you off when you ask them to clean it up, and other people who are really just hanging on by a thread.

"And so we're looking for solutions that gives some leverage against the former without further punishing the latter."

Creating a camping ordinance is a process the city expects will involve more time and public input.

The city has limited options for enforcing camping on public property after recent federal court rulings and state legislation.

Police can only enforce illegal camping in public if there are adequate shelter spaces available for people to sleep. But if there is not adequate shelter space, cities can either choose to not enforce illegal camping or choose to adopt an ordinance that details the time, place and manner someone can sleep on public property.

Since there are few shelters on the North Coast, Spalding said the city needs to decide how to proceed with camping.

The police chief said some cities have identified areas where people can sleep between dusk and dawn. Some have allowed people to sleep on sidewalks if they leave at least 5 feet of space, while other parts of the city are off-limits. Some cities allow tents, he said, and some only allow sleeping bags.

One option is to identify a large location where the city can set up small shelters or allow tents, Spalding said. The area could include restroom and shower facilities and even security.

Another option is to identify certain places within the city people can sleep, and certain places that are off-limits.

Spalding said city staff created a list of potential locations where people can sleep, along with pros and cons for each site. Some of the common concerns involve sites being too far away from services or too close to neighborhoods and schools.

Among the places identified include the Pacific Power property near Youngs Bay, the parking lot of the Astoria Aquatic Center and the parking lot at Shively Park.

Jones said it will be important to schedule more time to present the topic to the community.

"We don't have a choice between a good solution that everyone loves and the current state," Jones said. "The community is going to need to provide input on what it considers the lesser of two evils — to have a couple of large, concentrated campsites in town or to have continued dispersed camping on various public areas that could change from day to day, depending on where people want to put their tent up."

Jami Lynn Kulbel Neace

Bellingham, Washington

May 31, 1970 — March 6, 2022

Jami Lynn Kulbel Neace, 51, passed away March 6, 2022, surrounded by her loving family in Bellingham, Washington, after losing her yearlong battle with cancer.

Jami is survived by her mother, Lynn Sornberger-Honrud; stepfather, Darrell Honrud; sister, Jenny Kulbel Navas (Joey); stepbrother, Marlin Honrud (Stephanie); stepsister, Vonda Boxx (Roger); Charlie Neace (father to Ahnna); daughter, Ahnna Neace; and fiancé, Peter Ter Har.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Edward Kulbel.

Jami was born May 31, 1970, in Bellingham. In 1988, she graduated from Bellingham High School, and the following year graduated from Bellingham Beauty School as a nail technician.

She then went on to own and operate Esteem Salon and Spa in Long Beach, Washington, and later joined Azure Salon in Ilwaco, Washington. Jami was a very successful businesswoman. She built personal

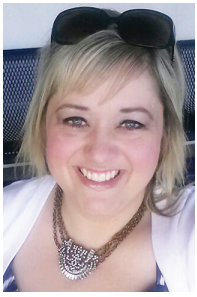
relationships and was loved by her coworkers and clients.

Jami married Charlie Neace on March 8, 1997. On Sept. 12, 1997, their daughter, Ahnna Neace, was born. Jami and Ahnna were so close, and shared a beautiful relationship. Not only was Jami the best mother, she and Ahnna were fortunate enough to be best friends. As a family, they enjoyed years full of amazing adventures.

Jami was full of love, life, joy and kindness. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Jami loved her family, her friends, and had a

genuine faith and trust in God. Jami spent the last seven years with fiancé Peter Ter Har. They shared many fun times together, and enjoyed walks and bike rides along the Prom in Seaside.

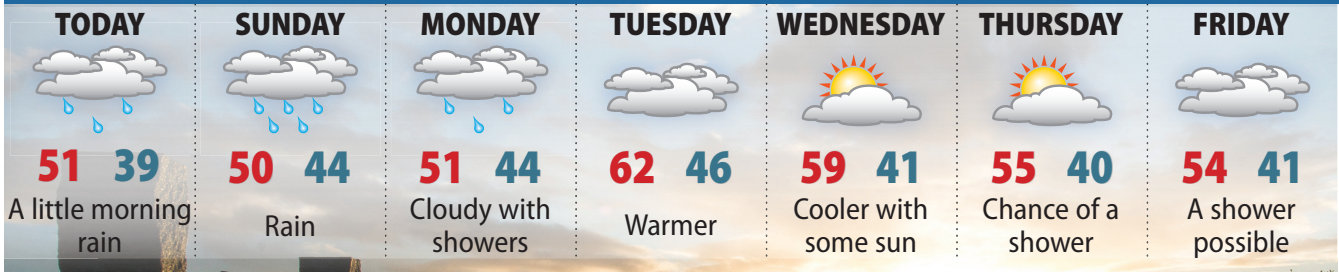
Jami will be loved and missed dearly by all. Services will be held at Green Acres Memorial Park in Ferndale, Washington, on Tuesday at 11 a.m. A memorial in Seaside will be announced at a later date.



Jami Neace

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