#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Donald Howell**

Nov. 22, 1928 — Sept. 29, 2016

Donald "Don" Howell, longtime Cannon Beach resident, passed away on Sept. 29, in Portland, at the age of

Don was born in Gladstone, Oregon, on Nov. 22, 1928, to Richard and Alice Howell. He had two brothers, Richard and Jim. He attended Oregon City High School and graduated in 1946.

In 1948, Don moved permanently to Cannon Beach and joined the Astoria Reserve Fleet of the U.S. Maritime Administration, doing maintenance and radio repair for local ships stationed in Astoria, Oregon.

Don was drafted into the Army in 1950 at the start of the Korean War, and was stationed in Japan and Korea until returning home in 1953, where he remained in the Army Reserves until his honorable discharge in 1956. After returning home, Don returned to his work for the Maritime until the Astoria Maritime base closed in 1968.



**Donald Howell** 



In 1969, Don went to work for the Cannon Beach Water Company, and later became the Public Works director for the city of Cannon Beach until his retirement in 1991. While working for the city, Don also co-owned a local grocery store in the late 1960s and early 1970s, as well as an antique store in the

Don had a special bond with Cannon Beach, and was loved by the community. In the last few years, he developed a following on social media for his nightly sunset photos, and could be seen regularly standing at the end of his street at sunset, talking with locals and tourists alike, sharing the history and beauty of this little beach town he loved so much.

Don is survived by his two daughters, Linda (Eric) Rebitzer of Tumwater and Debbie (Ken) Dimeo of Central Oregon, granddaughter Amanda (Chuck) Walker of Bend, Oregon; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, 1121 S.W. Salmon St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205-2021. Don held a special place in his heart for these kids.

Don will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community.

### **Connie Kay (Staley) Henry**

July 12, 1957 — Sept. 30, 2016

Connie Kay (Staley) Henry was born July 12, 1957, in Bend, Oregon, to Robert and Marilyn Staley, and was brought home by her Lord on Sept. 30, 2016.

Her childhood was spent in Seaside, Oregon, attending school and participating in sports, notably track and field and basketball.

Later in life, she settled in Minnesota, working and raising her children. The past few years have seen her return to her beloved Oregon, working and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her mother, Marilyn Staley; her sister, Judy Staley of Seaside; her daughter, Tessie (David) Rodkevich, and son, Travis Henry, both of Minnesota; five grandchildren; her nephew, Dylan Rabell; her companions, Bella and Ken; and numerous friends.

Her optimistic nature endeared her to many along her life journey, and she will be dearly missed by all.

A celebration of life was held at the Hamlet Historical Schoolhouse on Saturday, Oct. 8.



**Connie Henry** 

#### MEMORIAL

#### Saturday, Oct. 15

LAWS, William "Bill" — Celebration of life at 1:30 p.m., Lighthouse Christian Church, 88786 Dellmoor Loop in Warrenton.



# Conflicting claims in toddler murder trial

#### **Opening statements** made in 'gruesome' case

By Kyle Spurr EO Media Group

described Prosecutors Randy Lee Roden as someone with a violent history who grew frustrated watching after his girlfriend's toddler daughter and her two sons.

The state is accusing Roden of murdering 2-year-old Evangelina Wing and abusing her brothers in the Seaside apartment he shared with their mother, Dorothy Ann

Roden's defense lawyers, however, say the focus on Roden is a rush to judgment. The defense claims the toddler

was killed by the abusive actions of her mother combined with a dangerous flesh-eating virus found on the girl.

Opening arguments began Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Clatsop County Circuit Court in the death penalty trial of Roden. The crimes are considered among the worst child-abuse cases in the county.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown gave a detailed description of the gruesome evidence. The three children were tortured, burned, bitten and caged in the apartment. All three children were the victims of child abuse. The older brother, now 7, is one of the most traumatized children his pediatric doctor has seen. The boy will not testify at trial due to the

trauma, Brown said.

The younger brother, now 3, had a broken bone in his pelvic region and extensive bruising.

"All of these injuries were not accidental," Brown said. The state's theory is that Dorothy Wing aided and abetted Roden by allowing him to live with her children and take care of them while she worked. She was responsible for Roden's actions, the state claims, but was not the one who murdered the toddler.

Wing, 26, pleaded guilty in January to first-degree manslaughter and two counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment. She was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison, contingent on her truthfully testifying at Roden's trial.

# Court to decide immunity issue

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Marquis had absolute immunity because he was acting in his role as prosecutor in the judicial phase of the criminal process.

Barnett appealed to the 9th Circuit. The federal appeals court, like Judge Hernandez, will focus on the question of absolute immunity, not Barnett's underlying claims that his civil rights were violated.

"The only issue on appeal is the question of immunity, not the merits of the underlying claim, which will be for the trial court to resolve if and only if the 9th Circuit concludes that immunity is not available in this case," state Senior Assistant Attorney General Peenesh Shah, who is representing Marquis, said in an email.

#### **Absolute immunity**

Courts have long recognized absolute immunity for government officials performing their duties, a cover meant to protect the decision-making process from constant legal second-guessing. For prosecutors, courts have distinguished actions that are judicial in nature from administrative functions.

In Barnett's case, Marquis informed the Seaside Police that the District Attorney's Office would not use the detective as a witness in prosecutions or work with him in ongoing prosecutions because of doubts about his credibility.

In Shah's brief with the appeals court, he noted that the 9th Circuit has upheld absolute immunity for prosecutors whose professional evaluation of a potential witness was "harsh, unfair or clouded by personal animus."

Absolute immunity, Shah argues, applies to civil rights claims and "protects defendants regardless of any improper motive or result."

Sean Riddell, a Portland attorney representing Barnett, said in his brief that Marquis retaliated against Barnett for his free speech and led Seaside Police to curtail his work assignments and future economic potential, essentially attempting to end his career.

"Defendants should not be permitted to hide behind absolute immunity for unethical conduct," Riddell wrote.

#### Retired

Barnett, a veteran Seaside Police officer, was a longtime detective before becoming a patrol sergeant. He was promoted to lieutenant last year.

Barnett received a \$20,000 cash payment from the city when he retired in March. The agreement included a nondisparagement clause that applied to both Barnett and city leaders and precluded the city from speaking about the former officer's character or reputation.

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