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The following books are all on the library's new bookshelf right now and have been read and reviewed by library staff Esther Moberg, Connie Word, Jon Burke and Dan Cawley.

On the nonfiction new books shelf:

• **"Open Heart: A Cardiac Surgeon's Stories of Life and Death on the Operating Table,"** by Stephen Westaby. In this book you can learn about an insider's view of all things medical. Westaby recounts his long career with compassion and British humor, as well as frustration over who gets treatment and who doesn't.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

ESTHER MOBERG



On the fiction new books shelf:

• **"Camino Island"** by John Grisham. A daring heist, a gang of ruthless thieves, priceless manuscripts and a ransom of \$25 million. Welcome to "Camino Island" John Grisham's new literary thriller featuring young novelist and heroine Mercer Mann.

• Behind every great writer is a great editor. Terry O'Donnell was at the forefront of "new journalism" working for Esquire and Rolling Stone. His recent memoir, **"Accidental Life,"** is a delightful romp through the trials and tribulations of the magazine industry. O'Donnell helped launch the careers of Jim Harrison, Edward Abbey, Tom

McGuane and several others. His anecdotes are unforgettable, such as golfing on LSD with Hunter S. Thompson. Buy the ticket, take the ride and relive the swinging '70s.

• **"Girl in Disguise,"** by Greer Macallister, is a fictionalized account of the first woman Pinkerton. A widow with nothing to lose, Kate Warne had to be tough to survive being the first woman detective in Chicago. Expect some rough situations that don't gloss over what is was like to be a Pinkerton. While most of the book is purely fiction, the real Kate Warne did help Abraham Lincoln escape an assassination attempt before he became president.

• If you grew up with the tale of Jane Eyre and loved it, you will also enjoy **"Mr. Rochester,"** by Sarah Shoemaker. Finally giving us the story of Edward Rochester from childhood to adulthood, it fleshes out his character and explains some of his behaviors from his point of view

throughout the Jane Eyre story. The majority of this book focuses on the Rochester's background, his lonely childhood and adulthood, although it does go briefly through the story of Jane Eyre as well, rounding out the same story from a different perspective. An enjoyable read for fans of Charlotte Bronte, albeit written from a more modern point of view.

• **"Stillhouse Lake,"** by Rachel Caine: Gina had the perfect life, until the accidental discovery of her husband's secret life as a serial killer. Now she is always on the run, looking over her shoulder for her former husband and other people, some even worse, who want to harm or destroy her and her family. Finally, moving to Stillhouse Lake, there seems to be some breathing room. But it only seems safe until a woman turns up in the lake with all the trademarks of her husband's kills. Copycat or something more? Gina, now Gwen has to decide

whether or not to run again before time runs out.

• In the latest psychological thriller by Paula Hawkins, author of "The Girl on the Train," comes the book **"Into the Water,"** where an entire town is on edge and a majority of the population seems to be morally and mentally unhinged. The small sleepy town is located near a deep, dark, and quiet spot in the river where witches were drowned centuries before. The water continues to be a place of darkness and tragedy. Suicide or murder? That is the question when a single mother is found in the pool. She was always drawn to the pool with its dark murders and suicides and now it seems to have claimed her as well. However, her daughter has doubts and so does her estranged sister as they wrestle with the past and the present and what is really going on behind the dark secrets that the town and the river both hide.

OBITUARIES

Gary LeRoy Laws

June 30, 1939 — Aug. 25, 2017

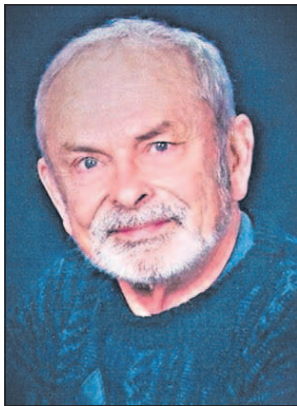
Gary LeRoy Laws was born in Portland, Oregon, to Burrage and Doris Laws on July 30, 1939. He moved to Seaside at the age of 6, where he attended school and went on to be a student at the University of Oregon. He married his high school sweetheart, Marlene Ordway, in 1958.

Gary began his lifelong meat cutting career at Safeway in Tillamook, then moved to Seaside where he purchased the Ocean Vista Meat Market and set meat cases in small grocery stores throughout town. His meat cutting vocation continued at Reed and Hertig, and concluded at Safeway in Seaside in 1988.

Gary honorably served in the Oregon National Guard, Seaside Fire Department, Seaside Kids, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and was an avid sports fan.

Gary loved supporting his four children in their school and after school athletics and activities. He rooted for his mighty Oregon Ducks, the Trailblazers, Seahawks, Mariners, and was even known to lend the Oregon State Beavers his occasional support. Gary was an accomplished woodworker who constructed a few local houses for resale.

In 1987 Gary and Marlene moved to Tolovana Park, where Gary assembled an elaborate workshop for building custom furniture, toys and supplying crafts for their in-home gift shop "Country Giving," which they operated until full retirement in 2005. They then moved to Cannon Beach.



Gary Laws

He loved the outdoors, was an active hunter, liked to travel, and was known as a very kind and compassionate person who loved his family, friends and pets. He was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and an active member of the Cannon Beach Community Church, where a celebration of life service is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017, at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow.

Gary is survived by his wife, Marlene; daughters Suzy Rotunna and Pam Forster; twin sons Troy Laws (wife Debbie) and Todd Laws (wife Cheryl); grandchildren Sean Forster, Kiley Laws, Nick Forster, Kathryn Laws, Caleb Laws, Connor Laws and Mia Rotunna; nephews Randy and Mike Laws; and nieces Neisa Stahly and Trina Sleeman.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Burrage, Doris and stepmother Margaret Laws; brothers Bill, Darrel and Ron; sister Shirley; and his nephew Scotty.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Cannon Beach Community Church. A guest book is available online at www.hughes-ransom.com.

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Lillian McLean

Oct. 20, 1958 — Aug. 24, 2017

It is with great sadness that the family of Lillian McLean (LeeAnn) announce her death on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017. She was 58. LeeAnn put up a hard fight dealing with breast cancer for over four years.

She is survived by her husband, Ted; daughter, Asia; mother, Virginia LeVang; sister, Ann Randolph; brother, Ron LeVang; sister, Jeanette Scibelli; and many nieces and nephews.

LeeAnn was known for her love for her family and friends, and her ministry as one of Jehovah's witnesses, helping people find comfort and hope for the future from the scriptures. She had a great love for God that gave her a



Lillian McLean

spirit to help others. She will be so missed, it's beyond words.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m., at the Loft at the Red Building.

Edith Leroy Teixeira

June 28, 1933 — July 24, 2017

Edith Leroy Teixeira was born in Spokane, Washington, on June 28, 1933, to Claude and Liberty Frances Patten. Edith grew up in Montana and went on to marry Ed Teixeira in Portland, Oregon. The couple moved to Hawaii to live and raise their children.

Edith worked for many years as a waitress and regularly attended the local Catholic Church. She loved her family very much and it's said that she always had a smile for everyone. Edith will be fondly remembered for her love of music, singing and dancing.

Edith Teixeira passed from this life on July 24, 2017, in Seaside, Oregon. Edith was preceded in death by her mother, Liberty Parish; a sister, Cecilia (Kelly); and a daughter, Nicole Teixeira.

She is survived by her sons living in Hawaii, Scott Kranson (Deborah) and Casey Teixeira, and Bryon Kranson of Oregon; and her brothers and sisters, Fred Weiler (Linda) of Idaho, James Weiler (Sharon) of Oregon, Mike Weiler of Washington, Skip Slayton (Connie) of Wash-



Edith Teixeira

ington, Roni Slayton (K.C.) of Washington, Kelsi Yorke of Wisconsin and Robin Parish of Washington. She also had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

No formal funeral services are planned at this time.

In accordance with her wishes, Edith's family plans to take her cremated remains to Hawaii to be scattered. Funeral arrangements are by Hughes-Ransom Mortuary and Crematory of Astoria/Seaside. Visit the online tribute to Edith's memory at www.hughes-ransom.com and leave a message and/or sign the guest book.

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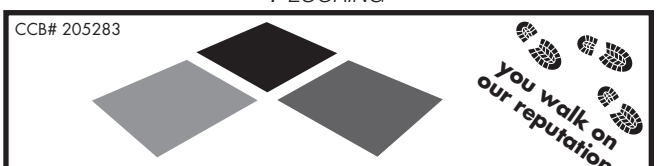
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Many businesses have deserted this area. Motels have become low-income housing. Houses have become rundown and neglected or even left in ruin. Roads are not in good repair and sidewalks, if present, date back to the 1950s.

So, Seaside City Council members, we urge and encourage you to support urban renewal and make our city safer, more livable and an impetus for change. This improvement will help us all in ways we cannot yet determine. We can see where no action on improving the highway 10 years ago has left us with a decaying road system, decaying businesses, and decaying style of life. Don't let this continue.

Carol and Don Brenneman
Seaside

Gearhart needs rules

Since September 2013 we've been part-timers in Gearhart. We'd like to share our perspective on what we love about Gearhart, why we bought here, and why we are so worried about the ballot initiative that would allow unlimited short-term rentals in Gearhart.

We chose to buy a house in Gearhart exactly because it is a low-key residential town where we are part of a quiet, friendly neighborhood. That Gearhart, through its plan of development, has long expressed a goal of keeping its residential character was very important to us. That's what we wanted and valued.

We are very concerned about the ballot initiative because we've personally experienced the effects of unlimited growth of short-term rentals. During the winter,

we live in the San Diego beach neighborhood of La Jolla Shores, where we've been for 20 years. When we settled in, our neighborhood was very congenial, and we got to know most of the people living nearby. In the blocks around us there were some houses being rented long-term, i.e., yearly; there were a few that would be rented for the whole summer; and there were a few that were second homes used by their owners for only a few months of the year. These tenants and part-time residents were familiar and were part of our sociable neighborhood milieu.

The advent of internet-enabled short-term rentals changed this dynamic and our neighborhood dramatically. These short-term rentals are very different from the traditional summer rentals that we were quite used to

over the years. Traditionally a family often rented the same property from year to year or returned to the same neighborhood. Now many of the houses around us are used as short-term vacation rentals via VRBO.com, Airbnb, and other internet sites.

Gearhart was able to work through the short-term rental issues in an admirable way. We are a small, involved town, willing to stick with the process and persevere though to a solution. The town held an extended series of workshops and council meetings over two years, where all residents were welcome to participate in the give-and-take. The existing ordinance was crafted with input from all viewpoints. It was voted into law. It deserves to stay in place.
Janet Elliott & Duncan Brown
Gearhart