

OBITUARIES

Georgina ‘Georgie’ Faye Donahue-Bernard

**Vancouver, Washington
May 23, 1946 — Jan. 21, 2022**

Our gorgeous beloved “Georgie” went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 21, 2022.

Georgina was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on May 23, 1946, the daughter of Blanche Defay Hoover and George Arthur Cummings, and later adopted by George Clifford Nichols Jr.



Donahue-Bernard

She attended Seaside High School in Seaside, and continued her education at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.

She was retired from, and loved being, a registered nurse for 21 years. Also, she was a masterful seamstress, and loved getting her hands dirty working in the yard. Her greatest joys were being a mother, grandmother and an aunt to her niece.

She was passionate about everything she did, including her relationship with the Lord, having a heart of service and giving, along with being a loyal, strong, hard-working, independent, kind

woman with a heart of gold. Her husband, Donald Wayne Bernard, and her parents, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Tonni (husband Ryan) Cone; her brother, Wayne Cummings, and his daughter, Brandy; her sister, Mary Cummings; her sister, Barbara Cummings Finucane; her brother, Neil Cummings; her grandchildren, Alexis and Royce; as well as her loyal companion, Samantha, an 11-year-old Miniature Schnauzer; and numerous other relatives in her close, extended family.

A celebration of life memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m., at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 S.E. Mount Scott Blvd. in Portland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Georgie’s name to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, or 800-708-7644 or michaeljfox.org.

Marcella Chamberlin

**Seaside
April 3, 1941 — Jan. 27, 2022**

Marcella passed after a 2½ year battle due to complications of pancreatic cancer on Jan. 27, 2022.

She was born April 3, 1941 in Glasgow, Montana, to Clarence and Engred Marie Eleanora Kulland. The family settled in Gearhart, where Marcella was raised with her siblings on McCormick Garden Road.



Chamberlin

She married Robert Rider, and they had two children, Eleanora Marie and Robert Rav. After she and Robert divorced, Marcella and the kids moved back to Seaside, and she went to work at Columbia Memorial Hospital, where she met and married Robert Steward, who preceded her in death.

When she was married to Robert, she went to work at the Holladay Drug Store until their closing. For many years she and her brothers played Mr. and Mrs. Claus at many holiday events in Seaside. While working at Holladay Drug she met and married her current husband, Robert “Bob” Chamberlin.

After her retirement, they traveled around the world, and when at home, volunteered in Astoria when the cruise ships were docked at the Port.

In addition to her husband, Bob, she is survived by her daughter, Eleanora (Bob) Capaul; a son, Robert Ray Rider; daughter-in-law Verletta (Rodney) Steward; stepson Tom (Emmie) Chamberlin; stepdaugh-

ter Carol (Bryan) Schnetter; grandchildren Justin (Jessica) Capaul, RaeAne Capaul and Jeremy, Josh, Johnathan, Robbie and Elizabeth Rider; along with step-grandchildren Megan Steward, Rob Johnson, Brian (Jennifer) Chamberlin, Andrew (Allison) Johnson and Breanne (Ryan) Duffy; great-grandchildren Kyler Brabeck, Landon, Logan and Lucas Capaul and Savannah Rider; step-great-grandchildren Ellis and Jovi Johnson; along with her sister-in-law, Claudia Kulland Halliburton. Marcella is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Marcella is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Engred Kulland; siblings Crystal (Walter) Melhoff, Ervie (Sue) Kulland, Dutch Kulland and Carol (Jake) Webb; her husband, Robert Steward; and stepson Rodney Steward.

A celebration of life will be held for mom’s birthday April 2 at the American Legion in Seaside at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Gearhart Fire Department in memory of the Kulland family.

Marcella’s family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses, and staff of Providence and St. Vincent hospitals in Seaside and Portland, along with the staff from the Infusion Center, Home Health and Hospice, along with many friends and family who helped to care for our mother.

Billie Rae Graber

**Seaside
July 9, 1945 —
Jan. 16, 2022**

Billie Rae Graber, 76, of Seaside, died on Jan. 16, 2022, in Seaside.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Graber; sister, Linda Clemens; brothers, John Barberio and Leonard Clemens; and her goddaughter, Rachel.

A graveside service was held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland on Feb. 2 at 10 a.m.

A celebration of life will be held July 9 for friends and family in Seaside.

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Campground: Lack of alternatives limits options

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mandate that you do. It’s not an impossible task. It’s not being heartless — it just isn’t physically possible.”

City Councilor Tita Montero asked that the city reconsider how the property is managed.

“Right now, one of my big concerns is that without any rules for density,” she said, “It is getting more and more jammed out there, with 17 RVs and 12 cars. I know from having interactions with people there that some of those cars are only there for storage because some people have figured out they can just store the car there. I have a big concern that there’s a trailer right in the very middle and at night there is not adequate lighting in that area. And



R.J. Marx

Vehicles parked in a city-owned lot on Necanicum between 10th and 11th avenues.

somebody could very easily plow into that trailer.”

The land is city property, Montero said. “There’s an encampment on it. We’re obviously not going to kick them off because we can’t. So how are we going to manage

it? Anything we do will be interpreted as us putting a stamp of approval on it. It’s not a stamp of approval. It’s the stamp of necessity, and making sure that it’s safe and putting the rules as to what is and is not allowed there.”

The city is not sanctioning that area as a place to go, Winstanley said. “But then again, we’re not saying you can’t be there. So we’re kind of in a very gray area because at this point we wouldn’t know where to send people.”

Ordinance: City considers overnight camping zones

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ordinance. ‘Well, here it is. You can’t go into these areas.’ I’m not sure there would be many of them asking for the ordinance because I don’t think they understand it.”

The state may not criminalize being homeless in public places or criminalize conduct that is an unavoidable consequence of being homeless, such as sitting, lying or sleeping on the streets, Van Thiel said.

After a series of workshops and forums, Seaside hoped to adopt a camping ordinance similar to that in place in Coos Bay since October, designed to protect the safety of citizens and regulate use of publicly owned property by establishing time, manner and place guidelines for trailers, tents, campers and RVs.

The Coos Bay ordinance provides RV camping on city streets for up to 72 hours and allows camp-

ing along U.S. Highway 101. Camping in all parks is illegal — campers may be in the parks during the day, but cannot stay overnight.

“I think a city has to take a proactive approach and the question is, ‘What does that mean?’” Van Thiel said. “Because there’s a whole lot of things that come along with that concerning objections: What areas can they use that are characterized as public property, and how are the people in the community going to react to the councilor selection of that particular place? I think there has to be a rational basis for and reasonable basis for whatever is done on public property.”

City Councilor Randy Frank said he was frustrated with the conflicting guidelines.

“It seems like there are just a lot of ‘nos,’ and nothing defined with how to address this,” he said. “I don’t know how to approach it then and still

have an ordinance.”

City Councilor Tom Horning proposed considering portions of land owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation on North Roosevelt Drive.

“I have talked to representatives and they have suggested that if we came up with a plan, they might be able to talk about doing something,” he said. “It’s big enough — it’s 800 feet by 400 feet approximately. We might be able to swing a deal.”

“There’s an idea that the city has places and we are not a city that is land rich,” City Manager Mark Winstanley said. “Some cities own lots of property. This city doesn’t own a great deal of property. Most of the property that the city owns is in its parks, and those parks have conditions and easements and different requirements as far as

that land is concerned. So it’s not as easy as just simply saying, ‘Well, we’re going to take this park and we’re going to use it in this manner.’”

While Seaside need not select specific locations for an encampment, it must make clear that people can understand where they are allowed to be, which would be a decision for the City Council to make, Van Thiel said. “I want the council to understand this is an evolving area of the law,” he said.

A new look at the Coos Bay ordinance by city staff will follow, as well as a look for potential partnerships for the homeless.

City Councilor David Posalski proposed zones for overnight camping. “I think if we look at the map, and say ‘these are the zones where it’s allowed,’ it can be as simple as that,” he said.

A pitch to City Council for more field access

**By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal**

With the closing and sale of former Seaside School District facilities, Chris Corder and Jessica Garrigues turned to the City Council to discuss options for baseball and softball activities.

“Specifically, we’ve lost several of those opportunities in the sale of some schools with the Gearhart school, and potential loss of the so-called North 40 area,” Corder said.

Corder, a member of the Seaside School District board of directors, said he was speaking as a private citizen.

The North 40, land north of the former high

school, belonged to Clatsop County and was deeded to the city after the closing of the school. Teams used the area for soccer, baseball and other activities.

“I don’t know much about what’s in the works,” Corder said. “But I do know that our city is in dire need of this type of amenity. And we really need to encourage this development and investment in our youth.”

With the closing of Gearhart Elementary, teams lost areas for softball, baseball, soccer and pee-pee football, Garrigues said. “We lost three fields and even more space that was used for practices. And so we really have a big need for that outdoor space.”

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