

Ballot measure sought for guns storage

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SALEM (AP) — Two people whose loved ones were shot dead at an Oregon shopping mall by a man with a stolen assault rifle are among chief petitioners of a proposed ballot measure that calls for firearms to be safely stored.

The initiative, filed Monday with the secretary of state’s office, would also require law enforcement to be quickly contacted when a firearm is lost or stolen, its backers said.

“Establishing clear standards for responsible firearm storage will save lives,” said Jenna Yuille, a chief petitioner whose mother, Cindy Yuille, was killed at the Clackamas Town Center in 2012. Another chief petitioner, Paul Kemp, lost his brother-in-law Steve Forsyth in the random attack at the mall near Portland by a gunman who then committed suicide.

If enough signatures are gathered for the measure to go on the November

ballot, and if it passes, guns must be stored with a trigger or cable lock, or be in a locked container. If a person doesn’t secure the firearm as required and it results in injury or property damage, that person is strictly liable for the injury or damage, the initiative says.

It also stipulates that anyone who loans a gun to a minor must directly supervise the minor’s use of the firearm.

It is at least the second gun-control measure that might go before Oregon voters. Another one would seek to ban assault rifles in the state.

To begin the ballot title drafting process, chief petitioners must submit 1,000 sponsorship signatures, the secretary of state’s office says.

Campaigners for ballot initiatives must gather over 88,000 signatures by July 6 to get them on the November ballot.

The “safe gun storage” initiative is the 44th and latest to be filed for the November election.

Court overturns time limit to replace farmland buildings

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Court of Appeals has ruled that dwellings can be rebuilt on farmlands regardless of when the original buildings were removed.

The court overturned a decision by Oregon’s Land Use Board of Appeals that ruled dwellings could only be rebuilt if property taxes were imposed on the structures within the past five years, the *Capital Press* reported Wednesday.

The case stems from a dispute that occurred after a landowner sought to rebuild three houses that were demolished decades ago on farmland near Florence.

Lane County officials allowed the construction based on a 2013 state bill that eased the replacement process for farmland buildings under the land-use statute.

“The whole purpose of the bill was to allow property owners to replace dwellings that had been removed, in some cases, decades earlier,” Dave Hunnicutt said, the executive director of Oregonians In Action, a property rights group.

Landwatch Lane County, a farmland preservation group, challenged the action, leading the land board to reverse the county’s decision.

Following the appeals court decision, the group said the court has misconstrued the land-use statute, which could circumvent the state planning goal of preserving farmland.

“I would call it devastating for Oregon farmland,” Lauri Segel-Vaccher, the group’s legal analyst, said.

Counties may require very little evidence that a building was at a certain location, Segel-Vaccher said. The group has not yet decided whether to challenge the decision before the Oregon Supreme Court, she said.

Hunnicutt said it’s unlikely that a significant number of buildings will be constructed under the ruling because landowners must still demonstrate the existence of the dwellings.

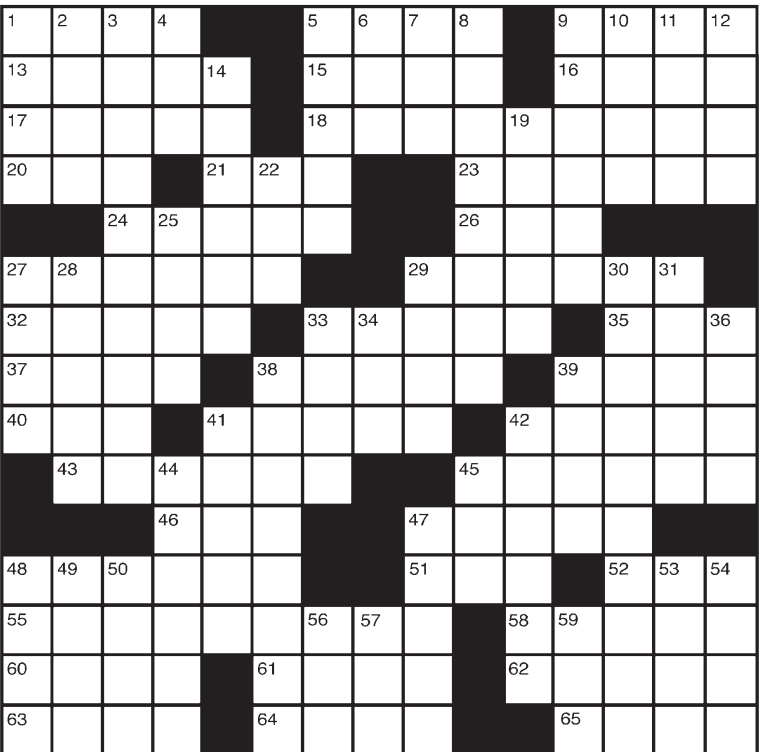
“Most rural land is on parcels that have never had farm dwellings,” said Hunnicutt.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cowboy’s shoe
 - 5 Lunch orders, for short
 - 9 ___ with; begged
 - 13 Rowed
 - 15 TV’s “Make ___ for Daddy”
 - 16 Out of ___; improper
 - 17 Gather wool
 - 18 Lack of knowledge
 - 20 Embrace
 - 21 “I ___ Rock”; 1960s song
 - 23 Dillydally
 - 24 Keyboard instrument
 - 26 VP ___ Quayle
 - 27 Toe woe
 - 29 Human being
 - 32 French ___ soup
 - 33 Those listed in a will
 - 35 Deadly critter
 - 37 Word to a pest
 - 38 Daring deeds
 - 39 Radar screen image
 - 40 ___ Antonio, TX
 - 41 Filthy
 - 42 Ascend
 - 43 Artificial
 - 45 Diminishes
 - 46 Seventh letter
 - 47 T-shirt size
 - 48 Rolled-up piece of parchment
 - 51 ___ de cologne
 - 52 Border
 - 55 “The Pelican State”
 - 58 Location
 - 60 Doesn’t just sit there
 - 61 ___ on; trampled
 - 62 Carried
 - 63 Ship’s pole
 - 64 Strong desires
 - 65 Koppel & Cruz

- 4 British custom
 - 5 Actor Keith
 - 6 Piece of wood
 - 7 Heavy weight
 - 8 Burns without a flame
 - 9 Prairies
 - 10 Dryer residue
 - 11 Suffix for prefer or confer
 - 12 Forest animal
 - 14 “Puff, the Magic ___”
 - 19 Lion’s cries
 - 22 “Nowhere ___”; Beatles song
 - 25 Funny person
 - 27 Supervisor
 - 28 Remove the lid from
 - 29 Compassion
 - 30 Wipe out
 - 31 Racket
 - 33 Long sandwich
 - 34 Dine
 - 36 Makes fun of
 - 38 Faithfulness
 - 39 Boast
 - 41 Sword fights
 - 42 Sudden
- DOWN**
- 1 “Nonsense!”
 - 2 Hawaiian island
 - 3 “Beaver State” residents



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— Last Week’s Puzzle Solved —



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- 44 Self-centered person
- 45 Battery size
- 47 ___ the way; pioneers
- 48 Grand ___; four-run homer
- 49 ___-Cola
- 50 Grooves
- 53 Frosted
- 54 Prescriptions, for short
- 56 “Roses ___ red, violets...”
- 57 Prefix for fat or sense
- 59 Building site

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