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## Man held after crashing into house

### Arrest made after short standoff with police

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A Silverton man was arrested Jan. 21 after he drove his SUV 40 feet into a Silverton home and refused to get out of his car, leading to a short standoff with law enforcement, officials said.

Roger Jensen, 35, allegedly ran over

mailboxes with his 2003 black Ford Explorer on Grant Street in Silverton before driving into a farm field and crashing into a house around 11:30 a.m.

According to a statement from Silverton police Chief Jeff Fossholm, Jensen's SUV plowed through the north wall of the home into the living room, ran through the kitchen and came to rest in

another room.

Silverton police officers responding to reports of the vehicle knocking over mailboxes found the SUV smashed into the home of Bud and Bonnie Logan on the 500 block of N. James Street. The Logans were home at the time of the crash but were uninjured.

Jensen at first refused to comply with

officers' orders to get out of the car, Fossholm said. Multiple units from the Mt. Angel Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office responded for backup, and after a short standoff, Jensen got out of his SUV and was taken into custody. He was taken to Silverton Hospital for evaluation.

He was arrested on accusations of criminal mischief and reckless driving.

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## Area man receives Farm Bureau honor



Bob Dettwyler (middle) of the Marion County Farm Bureau was honored with an Oregon Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award during the 84th OFB Annual Meeting in Salem. He is pictured with OFB 1st Vice President Peggy Browne and OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon.

### Bob Dettwyler praised for distinguished service

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The Oregon Farm Bureau has announced that Silverton-area farmer Bob Dettwyler was recognized with the bureau's Distinguished Service Award.

Dettwyler, a second-generation farmer, grows hazelnuts, blueberries, grass seed, wheat and green beans at Blue Line Farms. He is a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau.

The award was presented to Dett-

wyler during the 84th Oregon Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Salem.

"The Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding service to Farm Bureau and to Oregon agriculture," said OFB President Barry Bushue. "I can think of few more deserving of this award than Bob Dettwyler, an active, dedicated Farm Bureau member for 26 years."

OFB officials said that Dettwyler became concerned about water issues and wildlife damage to crops, both of which were having a major impact on his family farm. He subse-

quently volunteered to serve on the Farm Bureau Goose Depredation and Water Committees at both the county and state level so he could make a true difference for all of Oregon agriculture.

Dettwyler, who serves on Marion County's Farm Bureau Board of Directors and Membership Committee, met with legislators, wrote letters, and testified at the state capitol on issues involving agricultural production, labor, water use, and wildlife,

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Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron has apologized for repeating a joke that some found to be in questionable taste while emceeding the SAIF Agri-Business Banquet.

## County official apologizes for banquet remarks

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Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron publicly apologized Jan. 25 for remarks he made at a downtown Salem banquet.

At the Marion County commissioners meeting, Cameron said he "made some poor choices of some words."

"I sincerely apologize for making... for not considering the impact of the words that I used," he said. "I really do apologize for that and for offending those that I may have offended."

He highlighted the work of the Center for Hope and Safety in Salem, which helps victims of domestic abuse, and the District Attorney office's work on preventing domestic violence.

"It's a reminder for all of us during these... times to really consider and choose the words that we use wisely when we're interfacing with each other individually as well as in the public," he said.

While emceeding the SAIF Agri-Business Banquet last Friday, Cameron repeated a joke whose punch line has a farmer threatening his wife.

SAIF Corp., which sponsors the banquet, said the comments ran "counter to the inclusive and supportive culture we cultivate at SAIF."

"The Chamber of Commerce recognizes Commissioner Cameron's contributions to the greater Salem community. We agree that Commissioner Cameron made an unfortunate choice in his attempt to find humor," Dan Clem, Chief Executive of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement to the Statesman Journal. "It is our understanding that he issued a formal apology for this choice Wednesday morning. We agree that the subject matter was inappropriate."

## Oregon high school grad rate rises

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Oregon continues to improve the graduation rate for high school students, although it remains near the bottom of national rankings.

According to data released Thursday by the Oregon Department of Education, the four-year graduation rate for all students in 2015-16 was 74.8 percent, up from 73.8 percent in 2014-15 and 72.0 per-

cent in 2013-14.

Oregon regularly has one of the nation's lowest graduation rates — it was 48th in 2015 — and the uptick still leaves it well below the 2015 national average of 83 percent.

"These rate increases are encouraging signs of the impact that can occur when communities, educators, and schools work together," said Colt Gill, Oregon's Education Innovation Officer, in a statement.

The data showed gains for stu-

dents of color, but still highlighted a noticeable difference in races and economic status.

Oregon graduated 1,300 more students in 2016 than in the previous year; its drop-out rate stayed steady at 3.93 percent.

This was the first year Oregon released data on Career Technical Education, showing students who completed at least one CTE course

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