

Suspect sought after gun seizure, meth bust

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Marion County Sheriff's deputies seized methamphetamine, firearms and cash following a yearlong investigation of a Gates resident Oct. 31.

Deputies served a search warrant in the 100 block of Oak Street around 7:45 a.m. after investigating Timothy Grover Points, 58.

Members of the sheriff's office SWAT team found more than 40 grams of methamphetamine, more than \$4,000 in cash and four firearms in the home.

Deputies arrested Shannon Jennings, 37, and Debbie Cassidy, 37, for possession of methamphetamine. The pair was taken to Marion County Jail.

Points wasn't at the residence at the time of the search. His whereabouts are unknown.

He is wanted on charges of methamphetamine pos-

session, delivery of methamphetamine, being a felon in possession of a firearm and being a felon in possession of a restricted weapon.

Anyone with information regarding Points' whereabouts should call 503-588-5032 or submit an anonymous tip via Facebook at www.facebook.com/MCSOInTheKnow. He is described as being a white male adult who is roughly 5' 9" tall, 235 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

Points was convicted of possessing methamphetamine in 2012. In 2006, he was convicted of delivery of methamphetamine, possessing a prohibited firearm or silencer and manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance.

He was living at the same Gates residence at the time of his prior convictions.

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Deputies with the Marion County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team seized more than 40 grams of meth, \$4000 in cash and firearms at a residence in the 100 block of Oak Street in Gates on Oct. 31. COURTESY OF MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bobbie

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and possibly actors for minor roles – is slated for spring. The movie's release is tentatively planned for the holiday season of 2018.

"I think it's a great story," said Chris Schwab, museum volunteer. "Anything that puts the spotlight on Silverton and gives it the favorable light it deserves is just great."

"Steve wants to film downtown and use period pieces and old farmhouses ... it's a really great idea," said museum curator Judy Lowery.

Bobbie's story is amazing in itself, but Lundquist's screenplay pans out to explore a broader view of the Roaring 1920s, the challenges facing local farmers, the relationship between Bobbie's owners, and the concept of unconditional love.

Lundquist said he plans to take some creative license to explain events but to stick to all the facts he can gather. Like the blockbuster "Homeward Bound," based on

the novel "The Incredible Journey," the movie's audience will hear Bobbie's and other animals' voices throughout.

The movie introduces Frank and Elizabeth Brazier, wealthy transplants from Indiana who buy a Silverton farm along Abiqua Creek, and their working dog, Bobbie, so named because of his "bobbed" tail.

The Braziers sell Bobbie – for the reported sum of \$5, a high price in the 1920s – to the buyers of their farm when they leave to start a café in town. Clearly still attached, Bobbie does his job on the farm but regularly walks to town to visit his original masters.

"Frank Brazier had a good reputation in town," Lundquist said. "He would give you the shirt off his back ... everybody liked him."

The Braziers end up taking Bobbie on a 1923 road trip to visit their hometown in Indiana. The dog rides atop the luggage and on the running board of their Overland Red Bird touring car, often jumping off to explore as they slowly drive east.

When three dogs at an Indiana gas station chase Bobbie off, the Braziers aren't worried at first. They figure he'll take care of himself and find his way back to them as usual. He doesn't, though, and when they come back

through town a month later, no one's seen him still.

What they don't know is that Bobbie is already headed to Oregon. The film follows him through the vast American West until, six months later, much to the family's surprise, he appears in downtown Silverton. He's scrawny, his coat is matted, and his nails are worn, but it's him, and everyone is overjoyed.

One happy detail is the fact that Bobbie "took a wife" and sired sixteen puppies after his return, Lundquist said. Only 2 1/2 years old, Bobbie lived to be just six. He died in 1927, crowds turned out for his funeral, and the famous Hollywood canine Rin Tin Tin even laid a wreath at his grave.

"By the time Bobbie died, his story was all over the world," Lundquist said.

A decade later, another collie, the fictional Lassie, met the world in 1938 in a short story in "The Saturday Evening Post," then in a 1940 novel and finally on the big screen in the 1943 MGM film, "Lassie Come Home." It was followed by a TV show so popular and long-running as to become a true American icon.

For Silverton residents, there's something satisfying about Bobbie's original, true story getting its chance – too – to be shared with a big audience.

Traeger

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priorities and develop maturity and character growth among young athletes and students.

He believed the greatest impact coaches had on athletes throughout the decades was on character-building, so why not make that the focus?

"Somewhere along the line, we stopped telling the kids stories. That was a main way we passed along these virtues. I found once they are familiarized, they find they are using virtues," Traeger said during an interview with the Statesman Journal in 2014. "It's about making good choices. It really boils down to our humanity. Kids need this."

Even when he was done with coaching, Traeger, a devout Catholic who graduated from Kennedy in 1975 and Willamette University in 1979, continued his work with the Virtue First Foundation and spreading his message of developing all-around growth.

He gave speeches and had "virtue of the week" internet broadcasts and mass emails that would circulate with personal stories or messages, as well as quotes from historical figures, such as Nelson Mandela and Abraham Lincoln.

His messages had themes, such as integrity, humility, and generosity.

In addition to heading up the Virtue First Foundation and coaching football, Traeger had many other jobs throughout his life, including working in the family business — Traeger Grills — and serving as Mount Angel's mayor.

Traeger also was an author. His books included "Fruit for the Spirit, Meat for the Grill," "Voices of Virtue: Inspiring Stories of Character," and "Character: One Virtue at a Time."

The Virtue First Foundation "really became the mission of his life," said St. Paul principal, athletic director and football coach Tony Smith, who coached with Traeger at Silverton High School and was a longtime friend.

"I think the No. 1 thing that sticks out to me about him is the unbelievable unselfishness. Bar none, the most unselfish person I've ever met, or been around, or worked with in my life. Just so giving."

After years of coaching together at Silverton, Smith moved on to St. Paul, and Traeger moved on to Kennedy, in 2006. But the two coaches remained close friends.

"He'd been sick for the past five years, but anytime I talked to him, he was always just very positive," Smith said. "He was a religious man, but it wasn't just that. He was always in a positive state of mind through that whole deal."

Although Traeger always kept his primary focus on the big picture as a coach, that doesn't mean he wasn't good at X's and O's.

Traeger was a defensive-minded coach, and one season that stands out during his time leading the Kennedy football program was 2009.

That season, the Trojans started 0-3, including losses to Heppner and Knappa. But Traeger and his staff made adjustments throughout the season, and in the state playoffs, Kennedy beat Heppner and Knappa on its way to the Class 2A state championship game.

The Trojans faced unbeaten Scio for the state title that year, and although they lost, they held Scio to 14 points in a 14-7 loss. In fact, Kennedy held Scio to 28 total points in two games that season, and even though they were both losses, it showed how good Traeger and his staff were as defensive strategists — Scio averaged 43 points per game.

Even in defeat, Traeger was proud of his team that season. For Traeger, it was never about the destination, always the journey.

"I think it's awesome for the players to have this joy. It's not just the game, but everything that goes along with it. Those are the extras that they get to put into the memory basket," Traeger said in a 2009 interview with the Statesman Journal. "Great journey, and that's all it was this year, a great journey."

Dollar General

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Additionally, the first 100 adult shoppers at the store received a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers received a Dollar General tote bag with complimentary product samples.

"It's a big deal," Jefferson's Interim City Administrator Greg Ellis said, referring to the store as 'Jefferson's Target.'

"Dollar General is a very positive thing for the community. I can see the concern about (the impact on) locally-owned businesses but I believe that competition is a good thing for both merchants and the public. It keeps prices down and affords shoppers more options, drawing them into the area.

"There was a soft opening a couple of weeks ago and a lot of people are excited. They like the prices and they like the variety."

Regarding the newest store, Dan Nieser, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development, said, "Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant shopping experience that includes a convenient location, a wide assortment of merchandise and great prices on quality products. We hope our area customers will enjoy shopping at Dollar General's new location."

As of August this year, Dollar General had 14,000 stores in 44 states.

That number will increase incrementally in Oregon as locations are projected to open in Aumsville by the end of this year, Gervais and Dayton early next year and in Independence and Silverton in the spring of 2018.

A self-described "small-box discount retailer," the stores are uniform in design and operation, offering a variety of national name brands and private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health/beauty products. While not strictly a one-dollar outlet, the majority of products sold are priced above \$1 with approximately 25% of products priced at \$1 or less.

The company is focusing on smaller Mid-Valley towns with 2016 populations ranging from 1,899 in Mill City to 10,002 in Silverton [Sources include U.S. Census Bureau].

"When choosing store locations, meeting customers' needs is Dollar General's top priority, company spokesperson Angela Petkovic said. "The company looks for places where we can offer customers an easy and convenient shopping choice. We know convenience is a major factor in our customers' shopping decisions as we generally serve customers within a three- to five-mile radius or 10-minute drive. We also take demographic trends, competitive factors, traffic patterns and community concerns into consideration."

Silverton Mayor Kyle Palmer is enthusiastic about the new addition at 1095 N. 2nd St. but also notes some differing opinions within the community.

"(The company) bought the property quite a while ago and it took some time to go through all the processes and get the necessary approvals," he said. "In the meantime, Dollar Tree came in. People seem confused between the two stores because of the similarity in name."

"The community is split right now. Some think we are growing too fast and others are excited to see more options. There is also an aversion among many to chain or corporate-owned businesses. I think over time, people will look at it as a viable commercial entity and see it as a nice addition to our town."

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Shooting

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mously found the fatal shooting was justified.

Lorence was also one of the deputies on the scene when Bolster was shot. He and Gibson pulled over Bolster and drew their side arms. According to court records, Bolster refused to leave his car. He told the deputies he would not go to jail and began rummaging through his vehicle. Gibson fired two shots, striking Bolster in the head.

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