

MOURNING: Community also expressed support for law enforcement

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iff's Association in a statement requested all Oregon officers wear the black band until after the last funeral of the officers. The OSSA also praised the work of the Dallas Police Department even as their lives were at risk.

"In the face of an ambush and unknown assailants, police officers in Dallas continued to protect citizens at great risk to their own lives," the statement said.

In Hermiston, community members also publicly

expressed support for law enforcement officials across the nation and at home.

Patrick Temple is a fifth-grade teacher at Highland Hills Elementary in Hermiston and posted this message of support Friday on a local Facebook group: "I witnessed Hermiston police pursuing David Bjurlin down Highland Avenue (yesterday) and later saw the crash site. I drove away breathing thanks to our law enforcement officers who intervene on behalf of public safety. Given events in Dallas, I want to express

my appreciation to our Hermiston police and staff who do a great job of serving and protecting the public."

In response to this post, one commenter expressed his frustration with police, but the overwhelming majority of comments expressed support for local law enforcement.

Teresa Best, wife of a retired Hermiston police officer, said, "Thank you for showing support. They need it. Believe it or not even in Hermiston our officers put their lives on the line every day."

SOLAR: CDA agreed to water compromise

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All three solar sites would be in the section of depot land designated for wildlife refuge, and some of the lease money would go toward habitat preservation projects within the refuge.

The decision was a disappointment to Skeeter Amstad, who requested that Amstad Produce be allowed to grow crops on the land that NextEra wanted to lease. Amstad told the board it was prime, flat farmland and his company already had the water infrastructure in the area from growing crops adjacent to the depot.

"From a farming standpoint it would be sad to see that land covered up with solar panels, when you can put solar panels on roofs," he said.

Amstad said he couldn't compete with out-of-state solar corporations on lease prices, but he could offer the promise of economic activity and jobs generated by farming the land.

Smith told the board that other agricultural companies had also expressed an interest in farming the same section, which Amstad said could probably produce about 750 acres of crops once terrain and wasted space around center pivots were taken into account.

Board members discussed the importance of agricultural production in the region but in the end decided that moving forward with the solar option was in the authority's best interest.

The board also approved negotiating a price for a year-by-year sublease with Wyatt Enterprises of Hermiston to use the old air strip on the depot site to dry out materials for pet food. Smith said the company has promised there will be no odors, and other places that have leased land to the company for the same operation told him odors have not been an issue.

On Friday the board also discussed water negotiations. Smith said his goal had been for the CDA to retain 80 percent of the water on the depot, giving the remaining 20 percent to the National Guard. After months of negotiations, the CDA is being offered 70 percent of the water outright. One well would be split between the CDA and National Guard with the understanding that the CDA would be able to use any excess of the National Guard's portion, representing approximately 7 percent in additional water.

"(The first well) we could use, but they could cut us off at any time for any reason," Smith said.

He said he absolutely agreed with Gary Neal, who said if the CDA accepted the agreement they would be giving up water that should be theirs according to water needs studies done by the National Guard itself. If the CDA wanted to stick to its guns, Smith said, he was willing to not budge.

However, he said doing so would inevitably extend the transfer process, which

has been drawn out for years longer than expected, but at minimum another year. The longer the process takes, he said, the more money the region is losing through stalled economic development opportunities, some of which may not still be on the table by the time the land is transferred.

Smith also said that if the land is not transferred to the Columbia Development Authority by early 2017 they will lose out on the possibility to get millions of dollars from a transportation infrastructure funding package that the state legislature plans to put together for the 2017 session.

The CDA needs that money to redesign the interchange where vehicles will access the depot's industrial land from Interstate 82 on what is now a difficult to navigate S-curve designed with national security in mind. Smith said it would be "extraordinarily difficult, if not impossible" for the project to be included in the legislative package if the land was not turned over to the CDA before then.

After an executive session the board voted to notify the Army it would agree to the water deal on the condition that the depot land intended for the CDA be conveyed to them at the same time that the rest of the land was conveyed to the National Guard.

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HOFFMAN: Tribes want to bring youth back to rez

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hasn't thought about returning to the Pendleton area, even if it comes after an extended period of international travel.

"Honestly, I do feel pressure sometimes," she said. "I don't know about others ... but a part of me feels like I should, so I probably will."

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, only 22 percent of the country's 5.1 million American Indians and Alaska Natives live on a reservation or trust lands.

More locally, about half of the CTUIR's 3,000 enrolled members live on the reservation.

CTUIR Deputy Executive Director Deb Crosswell said the tribes are making a concerted effort to bring tribal youth like Hoffman back to the reservation.

Crosswell was a college graduate who felt the pull back to the reservation, albeit during a different time in the tribes' history.

When Crosswell left the area to attend Oregon State University in the 1980s, the tribal government was a much smaller entity and didn't offer much in the way of employment.

Crosswell returned to Pendleton in 1991 after a stint in Wenatchee, Washington, but she went to work for the U.S. Forest Service instead of the tribes.

Crosswell started working for the CTUIR in 1994, coming aboard just as the tribes got involved in gaming, an industry that would eventually lead the CTUIR to become one of the top employers in the region.

Between the Wildhorse Resort and Casino, tribal government and the CTUIR's other enterprises, Crosswell said any tribal member can now get a job

with the tribes as long as they have a will to work.

For Crosswell, the decision to return to Eastern Oregon and the reservation was about returning home. Crosswell said the tribes are trying to educate their youth that a return home also brings economic opportunities with it.

But the decision to return to the reservation is still a far off thought for Hoffman, who's still navigating a summer job with Cayuse Technologies and planning an August trip to the east coast where she's hoping to visit her future roommate in Virginia.

Pendleton High School teacher Stu Clem has known Hoffman for quite some time, having coached both her AAU and middle school basketball teams.

Clem watched as Hoffman grew from a shy preteen to a confident leader who was elected senior class president and is a member of the tribal youth council.

Clem said Hoffman has a rare gift that allows her to get along with everyone, a skill she used in a program to help freshmen get acclimated to

high school life.

Hoffman doesn't foresee too much trouble acclimating to college life when she moves to Seattle in September.

She said she's grown more culturally aware as she's grown older and she pointed toward the university's longhouse-style facility that hosts academic and social events in support of American Indian students.

Even though the university's student population is almost three times larger than Pendleton's population, an earlier trip to the campus in the heart of the Northwest's largest city assuaged any fears Hoffman had.

"I thought I would be very intimidated or afraid because of how large it was, but I wasn't," she said.

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OFFICERS: 'He gave his life in service of others'

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NEWLYWED STARTING A SECOND FAMILY

Brent Thompson, 43, worked as an officer with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit authority for the last seven years. There he found love, marrying another transit officer within the last two weeks, according to DART Chief James Spiller.

On Thursday, he became the first DART officer killed in the line of duty since the agency's police force was founded in 1989, according to spokesman Morgan Lyons.

Thompson had six grown children from a previous marriage and had recently welcomed his third grandchild, according to Tara Thornton, a close friend of Thompson's 22-year-old daughter, Lizzie. Thornton said Thompson and his close-knit family would often get together and have classic rock singalongs, with Thornton and his son, Jake, playing guitar. He lived an hour's drive south of Dallas, in Corsicana.

"He was a brave man dedicated to his family," said Thornton. "He loved being a police officer. He instantly knew that's what he wanted to do. He knew he wanted to save lives and protect people. He had a passion for it."

Before joining the DART force, Thompson worked from 2004 to 2008 for DynCorp International, a private military contractor. According to Thompson's LinkedIn page, he worked as an international police liaison officer, helping teach and mentor Iraqi police. Thompson's last position was as the company's chief of operations for southern Iraq, where he helped train teams covering Baghdad to the southern border with Kuwait. He also worked in northern Iraq and in Afghanistan, where he was a team leader and lead mentor to a southern provincial police chief.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of one of our alumni," said Mary Lawrence, a spokeswoman for Virginia-based DynCorp. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends in this most difficult time."

NAVY VETERAN WITH AN URGE TO SERVE

Patrick Zamarripa had an urge to serve — first in the Navy, where his family said he did three tours in Iraq, then back home in Texas as a Dallas police officer.

"He went over there (to Iraq) and didn't get hurt at all, and he comes back to the states and gets killed," his father, Rick Zamarripa, told The Associated Press by phone Friday.

The elder Zamarripa described his son as hugely compassionate.

"Patrick would bend over backward to help anybody. He'd give you his last dollar if he had it. He was always trying to help people, protect people," Rick Zamarripa said. "As tough as he was, he was patient, very giving."

Zamarripa, who would have turned 33 next month, was married with a toddler and school-age stepchild. He joined the Navy

shortly after high school in Fort Worth, serving eight years on active duty and then in the reserves, according to the Navy. The Navy doesn't release deployment details, but a Dallas Morning News reporter encountered Zamarripa in 2004 as he helped guard one of the offshore oil platforms that help fuel Iraq's post-war economic rebuilding.

"We're protecting the backbone of Iraq," Zamarripa, a petty officer who also used the first name Patricio, told the newspaper. "A terrorist attack here would send the country down the drain."

After doing security work in the Navy, a police career seemed a natural fit once he returned to Texas in 2009. Zamarripa joined the Dallas force about five years ago and recently was assigned to downtown bicycle patrols, his father said.

Zamarripa realized policing could be dangerous. His father recently put him in touch with an in-law who works elsewhere in government, hoping his son might leave the force.

"No, I want to stay here," was the reply, according to his father. "I like the action."

Rick Zamarripa knew his son was assigned to patrol Thursday's demonstrations, so when he saw news of the shooting on TV, he texted his son to make sure he was all right. The father did that whenever he heard officers were in danger. Typically, his son would text back quickly to say he was fine and would call back later.

This time, no reply came. Zamarripa is survived by his wife, Kristy Villasebor, whom he'd known since high school; their 2-year-old daughter, Lincoln, and a 10-year-old stepson.

'HE NEVER SHIED AWAY FROM HIS DUTY'

Michael Krol, 40, was a caring person who always had wanted to help others, his mother said Friday.

"He knew the danger of the job but he never shied away from his duty," Susan Ehke of Redford, Michigan, said in a prepared statement the day after her son was killed.

Krol's family said he moved to Dallas to become a police officer in 2007 because Detroit wasn't hiring. He had worked security at a local hospital, then been a deputy at the Wayne County jail. He graduated from the Dallas Police Academy in 2008.

Meanwhile, family members told the Detroit Free Press that Krol was single with no children, but had a girlfriend in Dallas. He had texted her the night of the protest saying everything was going peacefully. She later told Brian Schoenbaechler — Krol's brother-in-law — that she became concerned when word spread about shots being fired and Krol was no longer answering his phone.

Krol, who was athletic and had a love for basketball, was known for helping others, according to family and friends.

"He was a guy that was serving others," said Schoenbaechler. "And he gave his life in service of others."



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