

# PERS: A lot can happen before effects are known

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Tami Montague, Dallas school's business manager, cautioned that figure is just an estimate and likely high because not all reforms were overturned.

Other factors, including stock market performance, additional legislative changes, and actions of the PERS board, could change the scenario.

"All of this depends on what happens between now and July 2017," Montague said.

Falls City School District was prepared for the decision, taking a pessimistic view on the reforms passing court muster, and set aside the estimated savings, about \$30,000, just in case.

"I would have loved to spend that money, because we needed it," Falls City Superintendent Jack Thompson said. "But I tried to have a little foresight."

Perrydale and Central school districts were in the process of reviewing what the ruling would mean.

"Obviously it is an issue that we need to begin to address

now so we minimize the impact on our district and our community in the future," said Central Superintendent Buzz Brazeau.

For Polk County, the ruling means an increase of \$400,000 to \$600,000 per year, according to County Administrator Greg Hansen.

He said that is an estimate until PERS releases from details about the adjustments that will have to be made, which he anticipates in the coming weeks.

Hansen wasn't surprised by the judgement either.

"When you try to do things retroactively, the courts have ruled pretty strongly that is a contractual obligation," he said. "The best you can hope for is going from this point forward."

Foggin said there's still time for the legislature to try to make changes in light of the ruling.

Following the announcement of the decision, the League of Oregon Cities put together a wish list of issues for the legislature to tackle to ease the burden. Those include examining other

possible PERS reforms and rejecting proposals that would cut property taxes and increase public contracting requirements on local government.

Whether that is possible — especially addressing other PERS reforms — is yet to be seen.

Democratic leaders House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney have signaled that the 2013 legislation was the legislature's best shot at PERS reform and nothing more would be done this session.

Gov. Kate Brown, in contrast, issued a statement saying she will be looking into the ruling and working with the PERS board to determine "next steps."

If the legislature doesn't take up PERS again this session, Foggin hopes lawmakers will look harder at tax reform.

"There still could be a fix," he said. "They are wrestling with property tax corrections, maybe this will help them decide to do something with them. We don't know right now. There is always hope that something will be done."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### WIMPEG sees changes

MONMOUTH — Rod Killen has resigned as the director of WIMPEG, Western Oregon University, Independence, Monmouth public-education-government public access television, Monmouth Mayor John Oberst said.

Efforts to make the TV station a 501 c3 nonprofit have stalled, meaning the board of directors has gone back to the original intergovernmental agreement to determine how to run the program, Oberst said.

The board will search for a high-definition server and will work on adding equipment to help increase programming, Oberst added. One thing the WIMPEG board will consider is one TV channel to serve both Independence and Monmouth.

The WIMPEG board consists of a city councilor from each city, a representative from WOU, and a citizen from each city. Right now, Oberst fills the spot of a "citizen representative" from Monmouth.

### Dallas weed abatement program kicks off

DALLAS — It's that time again — time to make sure your yard isn't taken over by tall grass and weeds.

The city of Dallas is beginning its annual weed, grass and debris abatement program and will work with residents to eliminate nuisances.

According to city code the following are prohibited: any vegetation that is a fire hazard; weeds or grass that are more than 10 inches tall; weeds or grass going to seed; and the accumulation of debris, or other refuse that is not removed within a reasonable time.

It is the responsibility of each property owner to cut down or destroy noxious veg-

etation. The code will be enforced throughout the growing season from spring through early fall.

For more information, call the city's weed abatement hotline at 503-831-3510.

### BLM management plan ready for comment

POLK COUNTY — The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released its new draft resource management plan for Western Oregon for public comment.

The plan outlines how the BLM will manage its lands for the recovery of threatened and endangered species, providing for clean water, and producing a "sustained yield" of timber products, among other objectives.

There are 2.5 million acres in Oregon, including nearly 42,000 acres in Polk County. The draft plan will be available for review and comment until July 23 and can be found at: [www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmp-swasternoregon](http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmp-swasternoregon).

### Ugo's Pizza fundraiser helps support nonprofit

DALLAS — Ugo's Pizza Parlor in Dallas is hosting a fundraiser for nonprofit A Gift of Time Oregon Tuesday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds of dine-in and carry-out orders will benefit the statewide organizations that provides a weekend break for non-professional family caregivers and relatives. Also, the program offers relevant education, resource awareness, and a brief respite from the selfless task of taking care of their loved ones.

For more information, Rich Wolcott 503-559-2741.

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Jeanette Villwock

June 1, 1926 - April 28, 2015  
Ruth Jeanette Villwock, 88, of Dallas died April 28.

She was born to George and Frieda Dezler in Portland.

Ruth graduated from Jefferson High School in 1943, and then attended Linfield

College for two years.

She married Ernest on Nov. 1, 1946, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland.

Ruth and Ernest made their home on the farm north of Dallas. Ruth spent the early years of marriage raising their family, caring for the household and helping Ernest on the farm. As her children reached high

school age, Ruth worked as the guidance center secretary at Dallas High School, retiring after 21 years.

Ruth and Ernest were members of Salt Creek Baptist Church for more than 50 years. Ruth was active in many church activities including the ladies' group and choir. She had a wonderful voice and often sang in trios and ensembles as special music for the church service. Ruth also served as church clerk and Sunday school secretary. Ruth's faith remained a focal point of

her life and she shared it with her family. She liked to knit, sew, read, beach walk, go on family fishing trips and car trips. She and Ernest enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico and Europe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest on Aug. 16, 2001, and brothers, Delbert and Robert Dezler.

Survivors include her son, Paul (Sandi) of Dallas; daughters, Jeannette (Nathan) Gardner of Olympia, Wash., and Judi (Jim) Peters of Monmouth; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was Saturday at Salt Creek Cemetery followed by her memorial service at Salt Creek Baptist Church.

Contributions are suggested to the Salt Creek Baptist Church Missions Fund in care of Bollman Funeral Home in Dallas, which handled arrangements.

To send an online condolence: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

Mildred had a few jobs including a position with Avon as a dealer and later as a secretary for C Cable Realty in Independence, where she retired from in 1994.

When she wasn't working she enjoyed cooking and baking and even won first prize at the Polk County Fair with one of her delicious cakes. Mildred also enjoyed traveling with her husband Milo and spent a lot of that time on various cruises.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy; sister, Joanne Anglund; and brother, Ray Domschofsky.

Survivors include her husband, Milo; children, Keith and Murphy (Diane) and Jeannine Murphy Mackey (Clifford); stepchildren, Connie Arnold (Roger), Cathy Mclean (Craig), Van Schoenborn (Deb), Candy Bottenberg (Barry), and Randy Schoenborn (Jill); brother, Rex Domschofsky; sister, Jean Cutler; four grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is May 16 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Monmouth. A potluck gathering will follow at the church.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

Memorial service is May 16 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Monmouth. A potluck gathering will follow at the church.

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### C. Howard Wilson

Sept. 29, 1925 - April 28, 2015

Memorial service for C. Howard Wilson, 89, of Monmouth will be June 1 at 11 a.m. at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St W.

Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: [www.FarnstromMortuary.com](http://www.FarnstromMortuary.com).

### Arletia Ruth James

July 31, 1929 - May 2, 2015

Memorial service for Arletia Ruth James, 85, of Dallas is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Dallas Seventh-day Adventist Church, 589 SW Birch St.

Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: [www.FarnstromMortuary.com](http://www.FarnstromMortuary.com).

### Sudoku solution

5	4	3	8	2	6	7	9	1
6	8	9	5	1	7	2	4	3
2	7	1	9	3	4	5	8	6
3	2	5	7	8	1	9	6	4
4	6	8	2	9	5	3	1	7
9	1	7	6	4	3	8	5	2
1	5	2	3	6	9	4	7	8
7	3	4	1	5	8	6	2	9
8	9	6	4	7	2	1	3	5

### RUTH EVELYN NELSON

April 16, 1931 - April 21, 2015



Ruth Evelyn Nelson, 84, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Portland, Oregon. Ruth was born April 16, 1931 in Chehalis, Washington to Earl Leigh "Pat" Middaugh and Cora (McClintok).



Ruth attended college at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She then went on to acquire a Master of Science in Special Education at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon State University) in Monmouth, OR. Beginning her professional career as an elementary teacher, Ruth had teaching experience in public schools in the states of Washington, Oregon and North Carolina. After a sudden hearing loss at the age of 30, she became involved in activities pertaining to the deaf, returned to college to complete certification requirements for becoming a teacher of the deaf and taught deaf students at both the elementary and secondary level. She has been an instructor on the staff at Oregon State University and a teacher of hearing impaired in the Physically Handicapped Program of the Corvallis public schools. Ruth was also an instructor in both the Education of the Deaf and Counseling of the Deaf programs at WOSC.

Ruth was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed many sports including golf and tennis. Ruth was a loyal member of the Eastern Star and American Association of University Women. She loved cats and had one always in her life. Ruth suffered a stroke at age 47 which cut her career short. Despite her disability, she lived independently for over 30 years. She had many friends and was known for her smile, her laughter and positive outlook.

She is survived by her three children Nannette Nelson of Vancouver, WA, Eric Nelson (Debra) of Kent, WA and Elda Orr (Doug) of Hood River, OR. She has five grandchildren - Tyler, Ian, Amelie, Carson and Lauren.

Her four brothers, Wyman, Don, Merritt and Darwin and one sister, Elda, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Claquato Cemetery, 142 Stearns Road, Chehalis, WA 98532.

Donations can be made in Ruth's name to the Oregon Humane Society (1067 NE Columbia Blvd., 97211).

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, Oregon 97031. Please visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family.



### AMY STALNAKER

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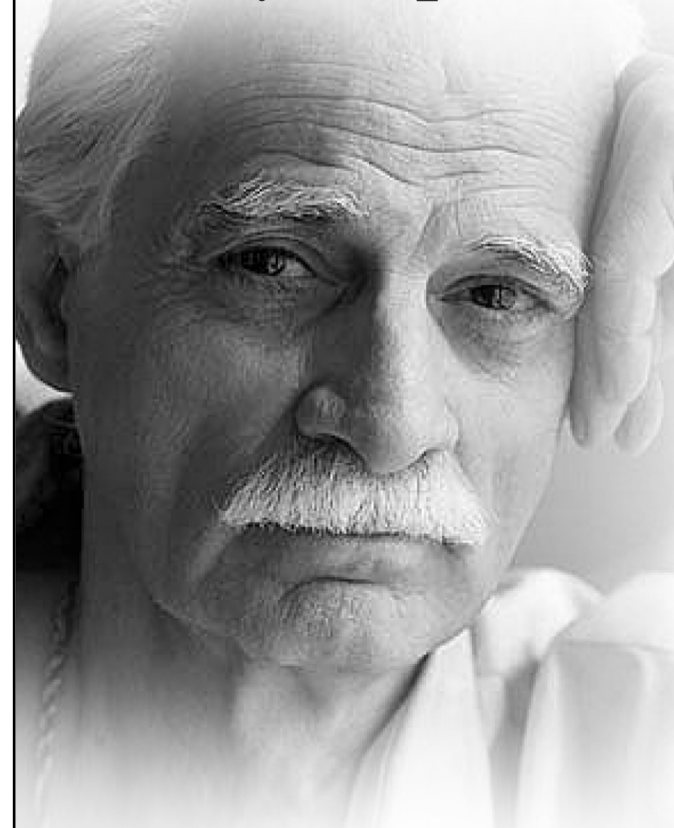
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