

# Sheriff's, district attorney's offices filling vacancies quickly

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POLK COUNTY — Residents of Polk County may soon see the results of the public safety levy voters approved in May as the county sheriff's and district attorney's offices work quickly to add staff.

The election was less than a month ago, and the Polk County Sheriff's Office has already picked up two certified officers, both from Monmouth Police Department, Sheriff Bob Wolfe said.

One of those officers was former sheriff's deputy Casey Gibson

Wolfe had to let go last year as part of budget reductions.

"He came back to us when we got the funding," Wolfe said.

Interviews with several more "lateral" candidates like Gibson — meaning already certified officers who won't require as much training — are scheduled over the next few weeks.

At the same time, the office has received more than 100 applications for non-certified spots.

Anyone hired out of that group would have to be sent through 16 weeks of officer training and, after that, supervised field training.

Wolfe said it will take 18 to 24

months for those deputies to be able to function on their own.

For that reason, the office has placed a priority on hiring already certified officers.

Depending on how the interviews with that group goes over the next few weeks, patrol shifts could increase to 20 hours per day by August or September.

Wolfe also is placing a priority on getting the Polk County Interagency Narcotics Team (POINT) active again.

"We are moving, but we are also being careful," Wolfe said. "I would rather be a little bit slower and make sure we get it done right."

In the meantime, the office has changed its non-patrol hours call out procedures.

With more overtime funding available, the standards on call outs have been loosened, meaning the office will be responding to more incidents during off hours.

District Attorney Aaron Felton said in his office the hiring process is "ahead of schedule."

Interviews for all five positions — three prosecutors, an office assistant and a legal assistant — were held last week.

For the prosecutor positions, there were 40 applicants.

"I'm very pleased with the pool of

applicants," he said. "There are a lot of very talented people who want to come work for Polk County."

Originally Felton believed his office could be at full staff by the end of summer, but now that may happen sooner, depending on how quickly those hired can get started.

Hiring is underway for the Polk County jail as well.

While the levy authorized hiring five jail deputies, Wolfe will be hiring up to seven because of vacancies.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, but as of last week, more than 70 applications had come in for jail deputy positions.

## OBITUARIES

### James C. Martensen

April 22, 1928 – June 7, 2015

James C. Martensen, 87, of Dallas, formerly of Florence died June 7 in Dallas. He and his wife lived in Dallas for the past two years with their daughter, Carol.

He was born to Joseph Henry Martensen and Clara Pearl Dunlap in Westfir.

In 1951, he married Hazel Elma Sisson, and they lived in Tillamook where he worked as a school bus driver. The couple later moved to Florence with their two children and they lived there for more than 60 years. He worked at the Canary sawmill for 10 years and owned his own business in the construction industry until his retirement in 2010.

James had a passion for trains, music and dancing. Survivors include his wife, Hazel; daughters, Carol Massey and Merry Berg; and four grandchildren.

Memorial service is July 4 at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1961 SE Miller Ave., Dallas.

### Hanna E. Mills

June 6, 2015

Hanna E. Mills, 84, of Dallas died June 6 in Dallas.

She was born in Germany. She met Dale E. Mills while he was in the military stationed in Germany. They

married on May 18, 1971, in Kaiser Slautrn, Germany. She became a U.S. citizen after moving here in 1972. She was very patriotic for the USA and loved animals.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Otto) Bonaf of Germany; stepdaughter, Marjorie (Howard) Malm of Dallas; and five grandchildren.

Private burial will be at Dallas Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to Willamette Valley Hospice or the Humane Society.

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

### Diane Lee Elliott

March 7, 1948 – May 26, 2015

Diane Lee Elliott, 67, of Dallas died May 26 in Dallas. She was born in Inglewood, Calif., to Benjamin and Marion Elliott.

Diane loved to take pictures, read, study the Bible and a t t e n d church with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Dwaine.

Survivors include her brothers, Dennis, Dale and

Dean; children, Rachel Wiggins and Russell Boulware; and several grandchildren.

Diane's memory will be celebrated on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ash Creek Bible Church, 1483 16th St. N., Monmouth. Lunch will be served following the celebration.

### Glen Edward Clark

May 6, 1941 – June 13, 2015

Glen Clark, 74, of Salem died June 13 in Salem.

Glen taught social studies and was the boys head basketball coach at Central High School in Independence, leading the Panthers to a state championship in 1975.

In 1986, Glen became vice principal/athletic director at Dallas High School, and in 1990, he went to Salem and was the director of counseling at Sprague High School.

After retiring in 2001, he spent the next 10 years working for the Western Oregon University Education Department, where he worked to prepare the next generation of educators.

Memorial service is Saturday at 11 a.m. at The Peoples Church in Salem with a celebration of life reception immediately following.

Contributions are suggested to World Missions in care of The Peoples Church.

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## Expect delays on Hwy. 99

ODOT begins pavement project throughout summer

Itemizer-Observer staff report

SALEM — A contractor working for the Oregon Department of Transportation began a pavement preservation project on Highway 99W between Amity (milepost 45) in Yamhill County and Hoffman Road (milepost 62) in Polk County.

The work will be completed by Oct. 31.

The project will replace the pavement that has become substandard throughout this area of Highway 99W.

In addition to the grind

out, paving and striping, the project includes new bridge rail and guardrail approaches, and improvements to the railroad crossing where the Portland & Western Railroad crosses Highway 99W at milepost 52, south of Amity.

Most of the work will be done during weekday evenings from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., but there will be some daytime work.

There will be a one week-end full closure of Highway 99W in late summer to complete the railroad improvement work.

During the full closure, a detour and flaggers will be employed.

During all other construction, two-way traffic will be controlled using flaggers and pilot cars.

Travelers can expect up to 20-minute delays.

Temporary signage will be posted at various locations warning travelers of the scheduled work and possible delays.

Motorists are urged to be alert while driving through the construction zone, to drive slowly and proceed with caution.

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### Sudoku

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### How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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