

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fort Yamhill holding history demo

GRAND RONDE — This weekend, Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area will portray life at the fort more than 150 years ago when soldiers watched over the Willamette Valley during the Civil War.

The event is free and will be held Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

Costumed interpreters will share stories of the soldiers who served their country in an isolated, yet important military installation. Park visitors can walk through the tent camp and watch the soldiers drilling on the historic parade ground and standing sentry.

Park staff will also lead guided tours of the fort grounds. Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area is located on Highway 22, just north of the Highway 18/22 junction.

For more information: 503-879-5814.

Dallas considers change to code

DALLAS — The Dallas City Council is considering a change to its dangerous building ordinance to allow for a quicker response to hazardous situations.

The current ordinance allows the city to depart from standard procedures in instances that are "unmistakably dangerous and imminently endanger human life or property." But the ordinance did not stipulate a timeline for owners to address those situations.

The proposed amendment would give the owner or owners three days to address the issue before the city would take action to abate the problem.

The council reviewed and discussed the amendment on July 6 and is scheduled to vote on the amendment on Monday.

For more information: 503-831-3502.

OBO names Grand Ronde director

GRAND RONDE — Shelly Sneed, a Grand Ronde Tribal member, has been hired by the Oregon Board of Optometry as its new executive director.

Sneed was employed by the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board and worked as director of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty. See online for more.

DALLAS

Arrests/Citations

- Wayne E. Cooley, 47, of Dallas in the 1100 block of Southwest Hayter Street on Thursday on a charge of first-degree criminal trespass.

- James E. Bemrose, 18, of Dallas in the 500 block of East Ellendale Avenue on Thursday on a charge of physical harassment.

- Cody L. Moschetti, 19, of Monmouth in the 800 block of Southeast LaCreole Drive on Saturday on charges of fleeing to attempt to elude a police officer and reckless driving.

INDEPENDENCE Arrests/Citations

- Antonio Monroe Mirez, 25, of Independence in the 1300 block of Picture Street on July 1 for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

- Dana Irene Kimball, 50, of Keizer in the 1100 block of South Second Street on July 2 for physical harassment.

- Josiah Christian, 23, of Independence in the 200 block of North Gun Club Road on July 4 for interfering with making a police report, felony fourth-degree simple assault and felony strangulation.

- Aaron Judson Beardsley, 21, of Albany at the corner of Atwater Street North and Main Street East on July 5 for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations

- Bryan Gilbert Ogden, 54, of Independence at the corner of Catron Street South and Main Street East on July 3 for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Testing: Debate over methods

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Rep. Paul Evans (District 20) said the U.S. Congress passed an updated version of No Child Left Behind that has greater latitude for states without financial penalty to pull out completely from standardized tests.

"The way we wrote the bill, if Congress takes any money away, it requires us to rethink that policy," Evans said. "But yes, we're very concerned about long-term consequences."

That said, Evans was critical of standardized tests.

"They changed how you succeed," he said of Congress. "We can't afford to give special education kids what they need to succeed; we can't afford to give ELL (Eng-

lish Language Learners) what they need to succeed, but we're going to say there's one standard, and just have wishful thinking that everyone will get there, without giving them the funding to get them there. Yeah, standards are great, but you don't chop off four legs of a frog and tell it to jump, and then wonder why it can't jump."

Brazeau said he hopes to see universities use results from Smarter Balanced to replace placement tests to determine what level of math and English a freshman would be in.

"That's the part that sometimes gets lost," he said. "We talk about having to take the state tests. We al-

ways had to take tests to get into school. Students have to take the ACT or SAT to get into college. I would hope someday to see the Smarter Balanced, SAT and ACT folks kind of get together so we aren't doing the same thing over and over."

Townsend said she knows a lot of parents who didn't get their letters to opt out students turned in on time because they weren't notified in a timely manner.

"There was quite a handful in my circle that either didn't get their letter in on time, or for whatever reason, got denials," Townsend said. "I can guarantee they'll be opting out, and a large percentage of students whose parents are from higher edu-

cation fields, parents who are educators themselves who (will be) opting out."

Gorman noted that the new law will help school districts be more consistent when it comes to approving or denying requests to opt out.

Brazeau said he hopes the community sticks with the district as the state figure out where it will head with testing.

"I hope we can get our community to hang with us while we hang with the state and find out which tests are valuable and which ones aren't," he said. "The more opportunities they have to gather information, the better decisions they make."

Session: Wins for vets, schools

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"We're certainly working on the bureaucracy (veterans face), but the outreach piece is important," Evans added.

House Bill 2838 establishes a task force to identify incarcerated veterans to help get their families benefits promised to them. When a veteran is in jail, he or she is not eligible to receive benefits, but his or her family is, Evans said. Additionally, the task force would be used to help veterans with housing and transitioning out of jail.

Also, a women's veterans coordinator has been established, as well as a LGBT coordinator.

"A lot of folks had their honor stolen by a very different view of conduct and behavior," he said. "At the end of the day, if you wore the uniform and you served this country, you should be judged on what you did, not who you were or who you are."

Evans helped pass some bills regarding safety, including one that would help keep guardians of endangered children safer. When a child is in protective custody because of a bad family situation, including abuse, sometimes the adults who



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Oregon's 2015 Legislative Session adjourned July 6. The session will be remembered for historical events, including the appointment of Gov. Kate Brown.

take care of those children are stalked and threatened, Evans said. House Bill 3391 will allow the Department of Justice to intervene and make it more difficult for stalkers.

"The bill I'm most excited about and surprised by is HB 2459," Evans said. The bill is not huge, and won't go down as a landmark bill, but it will increase the number

of free fishing days offered to Oregonians by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"Our society's changed a lot. If you're not raised in the fishing culture, you're not just going to go and buy a fishing license if you haven't had the experience," Evans said.

The bill increased the number of free fishing days from two to four, which

means more opportunities for families to get out there and try it.

"We might just get 'em hooked," Evans said.

He voted yes on Senate Bill 941, a move Evans said wasn't "politically smart," but was the right thing to do. The bill was regarding additional background checks for firearms.

"In the last five years, Oregon became one of the fastest growing Internet based sales of firearms, meaning other states were putting these (checks) in place, and people were doing Craigslist and other types of advertisements, meeting in parking lots and selling guns to people they didn't know," Evans said.

Partly because of his choice to vote yes on SB 941, and partly because District 20 is a swing seat, Evans expects a tough campaign for 2016, but he's ready to keep fighting for his seat.

"Overall, it has been an unforgettable experience," he said.

For more on this story and a link to Nearman's record, go online to www.polkio.com.

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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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.

By Ben Arnoldy
The Christian Science Monitor