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Diane Wymore, Shirley Spadorcio, Gwen Steele, Loretta Rogers and Janet Herbst dress in period attire from the 1930s.

Altar society celebrates rich history

Members helped establish St. Phillip's Catholic Church in Dallas

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — In 1935, St. Philip's parish in Dallas didn't have a church.

Services were held in parishioners' homes in those days. Behind those weekly worship and fellowship services was a determined group of women.

St. Anne's Altar Society formed in 1935, before St. Philip's first church was built on Washington Street. Originally just 17 women, the group would raise money to bring a traveling priest to town for Sunday services.

The priest served McMinville and Sheridan as well, and would make the circuit by train.

The altar society would not only raise money for his

travel expenses, but also feed him while he was here.

Current altar society member Shirley Spadorcio said she is in awe of what the group's originators were able to accomplish.

"I think when I started reading the minutes (from the beginning,) I was overwhelmed," Spadorcio said. "Boy, these ladies did a lot in the 1930s."

Saturday, St. Anne's Altar Society celebrated its 80th anniversary with an afternoon tea and fashion show. Spadorcio, chairwoman of the anniversary celebration, said 112 women, parishioners and their guests attended Saturday.

"I had been wanting to do a tea for a long time," Spadorcio said. "I think our ancestors would have approved. I think all mothers

and daughters like to have tea. It's a girly thing."

Guests were asked to dress up in their best 1930s retro wear and hats, though the latter was optional.

Parlour Pastimes put on the vintage fashion show.

Friday, altar society members were busy setting up for the tea at St. Philip.

Tables were covered in brightly colored tablecloths and fresh flowers with teapots for vases.

Altar society vice president Stella Barreto watchfully observed the set up.

"She's our inspector general," Spadorcio said, jokingly.

"Not today," Barreto said in response. "It's just beautiful."

Today, the altar society has 30 to 35 active members. Its tasks no longer include

raising money for the priest's train fare, vestments, firewood for the original church once it was built, and decorations for weekly Mass or special services, but its mission has expanded over the years.

"I think we have branched out even further into the community," Spadorcio said.

She said the altar society is now in charge of funeral lunches and wedding receptions at the church, offering scholarships to college-bound high school seniors, and helping pay for the education of female students in Uganda and Liberia.

Some traditions carry on, though.

"There are altar society members who furnish flowers weekly for church services," Spadorcio said. "We take a lot of pride in the church."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dallas, Independence receive grants

POLK COUNTY — Dallas and Independence were two of five cities in Oregon to receive HEAL City grant funds.

The HEAL City Campaign began in Oregon in 2012 and is a joint initiative between the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Public Health Institute to help civic leaders create healthy communities. Kaiser Permanente funds the program.

In total, there are 27 HEAL cities in Oregon.

The small grant competition is open for cities to seek money to implement healthy eating and active living policies. A total of \$35,000 was awarded to the five cities.

For more information: www.HEALCitiesNW.org.

Filing begins for May primary election

POLK COUNTY — The first day to file for election in the May 2016 primary was Thursday, and a number of local candidates already have thrown their hats into the ring.

In Polk County, Mark Garton, a sergeant with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, has filed to replace retiring Sheriff Bob Wolfe. Garton, of Dallas, has worked in the department for 18 years. Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton has filed for re-election. Felton, 48, of West Salem, will be seeking a second term in office.

Polk County Commissioner Jennifer Wheeler also has filed to retain her seat. She is seeking her second term.

In statewide elections, so far incumbent State Rep. Paul Evans (D-Monmouth), now serving his first term, has filed for re-election in House District 20. Incumbent State Rep. Mike Nearman (R-Independence), also a freshman representative, and a Republican challenger, Beth Jones of Dallas, will vie for the nomination in House District 23.

Incumbent State Sen. Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay) has filed for re-election in Senate District 5.

The deadline to file for the primary election is March 8, 2016.

Wagner adds hours for school year

FALLS CITY — Wagner Community Library, 111 N. Main St., Falls City, will be open more hours during the 2015-16 school year.

The new hours are: 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The library will be closed Sunday, Monday and Friday.

Also, a children's activity has been added to the schedule on the last Saturday of the month. This month it will be "Mind Games" on Sept. 26 from noon to 2 p.m.

Wagner is seeking donations of rated PG DVDs and books on CD to expand its collection.

For more information: 503-787-3521, ext. 319.

Man sentenced to nine years in prison

DALLAS — Thomas Wayne Chase, 42, of Willamina, was sentenced to nine years in prison for violating the terms of his probation.

Chase was convicted in May of 2015 of five counts of burglary involving several incidents of metal and other property theft. The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by the Polk County District Attorney's Office.

Chase violated the terms of his probation by failing to report to his probation officer and using controlled substances.

Presiding was Polk County Circuit Judge Monte Campbell.

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www.IndependenceCinema8.com

Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$7.25 Children \$6.75 • Senior \$7.00
Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

Friday & Saturday September 18 - 19		
A WALK IN THE WOODS (R)	(12:00 2:20 4:45)	7:15 9:30
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROGUE NATION (Digital) (PG13)	(1:05 4:00)	6:50 9:35
THE VISIT (Digital) (PG13)	(12:20 2:40 5:00)	7:20 9:30
BLACK MASS (Digital) (R)	(1:40 4:25)	7:10 9:50
INSIDE OUT (Digital 2D) (PG)	(1:30)	6:45 9:40
STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON (Digital) (R)	(3:50)	6:45 9:40
TRANSPORTER REVEALED (Digital) (PG13)	(12:20 5:15)	7:25 9:35
RICKI AND THE FLASH (PG13)	(2:45)	7:30 9:35
NO ESCAPE (Digital) (R)	(2:00 4:50)	7:30 10:10
MAZE RUNNER SCORCH TRIALS (Digital) (PG13)	(2:00 4:50)	7:30 10:10
MAN FROM UNCLE (Digital) (PG13)	(2:00 4:50)	7:30 10:10
Sunday September 20		
A WALK IN THE WOODS (R)	(12:00 2:20 4:45)	7:15 9:30
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROGUE NATION (Digital) (PG13)	(1:05 4:00)	6:50 9:35
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Monday - Thursday September 21 - 24		
A WALK IN THE WOODS (R)	(2:20 4:45)	7:15 9:30
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROGUE NATION (Digital) (PG13)	(4:00)	6:50 9:35
THE VISIT (Digital) (PG13)	(2:40 5:00)	7:20 9:30
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