Graduation day



Polk County Circuit Court Judge Sally Avera (left) congratulates Suzan Vanhoute on her graduation from the Polk County Drug Court program on Sept. 28. There were five graduates honored: Shane Morgan, Dominique Breese, Francisco Pedraza-Hernandez and Deborah Kennedy.

Brown marmorated stink bugs invading homes

Itemizer-Observer staff report POLK COUNTY — The Oregon Department of Agriculture is receiving a number of calls from residents concerned

about brown marmorated

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stink bug populations in and urban areas. It is spreading the bug is to be sure points around their homes.

The invasive insect species was first detected in Oregon in 2004 and has established itself in several

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to suburban and rural com-

It is not a structural pest, according to a release from the ODA, and does not pose any risk to human health. However, it releases an unpleasant odor when disturbed and can cause damage to agricultural crops and home gardens.

The best advice to reduce

of access to buildings are sealed.

The bugs are seeking a place to overwinter, and keeping them out of the house in the first place is the easiest way to stop

Spraying poison is unlikely to rid a home of these bugs, said Jim LaBonte, ODA entomologist.

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Prescribed burns in Polk County

POLK COUNTY — The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, plans to perform several prescribed burns on three easement sites in Polk County.

The sites are enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program. The locations are Quad Farms WRP, 24.5 acres, about four miles north of Dallas and Rickreall; Loop WRP, 10 acres, about five miles north of West Salem; Lippsmeyer WRP, 41 acres, about 1.75 miles south of Independence.

The exact date and time of the burns will vary based on weather conditions, but the anticipated time window is between Sept. 30 and Nov. 1.

Technical staff will monitor conditions to perform the burn when the weather and wind conditions are in line with the specifications in the prescribed burn plan.

Sun causes outages for MINET

MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — Subscribers to Monmouth Independence Networks cable television services will experience interference from the sun's orbit, said Jerry Fouse, MINET's central office engineer.

Outages began Tuesday and will last through Oct. 14, he

"The outage is caused when the sun aligns with our receiving dish and the geostationary satellite in orbit," he said. "The

outages should last for approximately 10 minutes." If channel outages lasts longer than 10 minutes, contact

MINET at 503-837-0700. **Marion-Polk Food Share gets grant**

PORTLAND — The Portland General Electric Foundation awarded \$10,000 to Marion-Polk Food Share to support the

Youth Farm program on Sept. 30. The program focuses on training youth and young adults in community service leadership, horticulture skills and workplace readiness while increasing community access to locally

The PGE Foundation awarded 23 grants totalling \$305,000 in the third quarter of 2015 to nonprofits across Oregon focused on science, technology, engineering, math and career training education.

Grants also were awarded to nonprofits focused on the arts, bolstering cultural diversity and addressing food insecurity. For more information: pgefoundation.org.

Grand Ronde woman killed in crash

YAMHILL COUNTY — A Grand Ronde woman was killed in a vehicle crash on Sept. 30 at the intersection of Highway 18 and Red Prairie Road in Yamhill County.

At 10 a.m., Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident.

Police said a 1994 Ford Escort was traveling northbound on Red Prairie Road when it pulled out in front of a 2004 Peterbilt garbage truck traveling eastbound on Highway 18.

The Peterbilt collided with the Ford and both came to rest on Highway 18. The operator of the Ford, Mary E. Rickard, 55, was transport-

ed by air ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center where she later died from her injuries. The driver of the Peterbilt, Antonio Chavez, 23, of McMin-

nville, was not injured and has cooperated with the investiga-

Initial investigation indicated Rickard failed to yield the right of way to the truck, police said.



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