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Longtime West Valley Hospital volunteer Patricia Lucanio, center, and Volunteer Services Coordinator Jennifer Best, right, talk with another volunteer last week.

WVH: Volunteers dwindle to 24

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Best said new volunteers need to be able to commit to at least six months. "We provide extensive training," Best said. "They will go to orientation over at Salem Health and then we train them here." No easy feat, Best is work-

ing toward rebuilding the volunteer ranks to 50. For those who are interested, Lucanio offers a bit of simple advice on working with patients: "I kind of act like I'm an old friend," she said. Then she added: "When you leave, it makes you feel

so good." For more information or to volunteer: contact Jennifer Best at 503-623-7311 or email jennifer.best@salemhealth.org. To find more information or applications online go to www.salemhealth.org/about/volunteers.

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 www.polkio.com for more.

Dallas

Arrests/Citations

- Angela D. May, 37, of Sweet Home in the 800 block of Southeast Jefferson Street on Oct. 12 on a failure to appear warrant out of Lebanon.
- Samuel Richardson, 28, of Dallas on Southwest Ash Street on Oct. 12 on a charge of second-degree criminal trespass.
- Georrine G. Dufour, 51, of Dallas in the 1000 block of Southeast LaCreole Drive on Saturday on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving and a failure to appear warrant.
- James J. Kannasto, 50, of Dallas in the 100 block of Northwest Howard Drive on Saturday on a violation of release agreement and restraining order violation.

Independence

Arrests/Citations

- Mark Daniel Grasso, 52, of Monmouth at Autozone, 1495 Monmouth St., on Oct. 16 for third-degree theft and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.
- Edgar Montiel, 19, of Independence in the 0-99 block of

Deann Drive on Oct. 19 for third-degree rape — younger than 16.

- Heather Tuggle, 34, of Salem in the 200 block of Deann Drive on Oct. 21 for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

- Chad Ellis Leckington, 39, of Independence on South Gun Club Road near B Street on Thursday for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Monmouth

Arrests/Citations

- Manar Ali Alhomoud, 22, of Monmouth in the 300 block of Knox Street North on Oct. 14 for failure to perform the duties of a driver when property is damaged.

- Kenneth Michael Rogers, 27, of Salem in the 1400 block of Monmouth Street on Oct. 16 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

- Eric James Thorsted, 44, of Dallas at the corner of Main Street East and Pacific Highway South on Oct. 16 for giving false information to a police officer.

- Marcus L. Skundrich, 18, of Scottsdale, Ariz., in the 300 block of Ecols Street South on Oct. 16 for minor in possession of alcohol.

- Kenneth Michael Rogers, 27, of Salem in the 1400 block of Monmouth Street on Oct. 16 for unlawful possession of cocaine.

- Jose Ramirez Rodriguez, 59, of Monmouth at the corner of Hoffman Road and South Pacific Highway North on Oct.

17 for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangering and reckless driving.

- Matthew Thomas Baurer, 24, of Monmouth in the 100 block of Main Street West on Oct. 17 for prohibited exposure.

- Dusty James Trullinger, 26, of Monmouth at the corner of Pacific Highway South and Clay Street East on Oct. 18 for third-degree theft.

- At the corner of Jackson Street West and Monmouth Avenue North on Oct. 18, Megan E. Cervantes, 20, Robert Jesus Cummings, 20, Austin Lawrence Shoopman, 19, and Michael Anthony Wilson Jr., 20, all of Salem, all for minor in possession of alcohol.

- Sandra Dehaven, 26, of Monmouth in the 500 block of Clay Street East on Friday for felony fourth-degree simple assault, physical harassment and interfering with making a report.

- Richard Dewayne Powers, 49, of Dallas in the 400 block of Clay Street East on Friday on a warrant for probation violation and third-degree escape.

- Ryan Matthew Loe Fernandez, 35, of Monmouth at the corner of Pacific Highway North and Church Street East on Sunday for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

- Caleb Chance Maxwell, 19, of Monmouth at the corner of Monmouth Avenue North and Jackson Street West on Sunday for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

OBITUARIES

Theodore David LaVoie

June 21, 1946 – Oct. 21, 2015
Theodore David LaVoie, 69, of Monmouth, died Oct. 21 in Monmouth.

He was born to David and Joyce LaVoie in Pequot, Minn.

His childhood years were spent on farms in Pine River

and Backus, Minn. In 1963, at the age of 17, his family moved to Falls City. Two years later the family moved to the Pedee area. The rest of his life was spent in the home he purchased on Kerber Road.



Ted spent most all of his working life in a log truck, which is what he thoroughly enjoyed. He began his career driving log truck for Mosier, and then in March of 1976 he joined CG Hall Trucking Inc. He worked there until June 22, 2015, when he was forced to retire because of his health. He enjoyed his work and co-workers and considered them as part of his family. Ted served his country in the Army in Korea from December 1968 to July 1970.

Ted loved his family and his work. He was a humble and very friendly man. He had a love for cats. He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen Collins.

Survivors include his wife Kathy of Monmouth; son, David LaVoie (Connie Lukawitz) of Monmouth; stepchildren, Stephen Carozza of Harlan and Nicole Ramsey of Montana; sisters,

Merrilou (Steven) Gilmore of College Place, Wash., Sharon LaVoie of Salem, and Darlene (Jeff) Strand, and Patty (Rick) Hurt all of Dallas; brothers, Joe (Diana) LaVoie of La Pine, and Donald (Brenda) LaVoie of Monmouth; one grandson; and a large extended family.

Graveside service was Saturday at Womer Cemetery in Pedee.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

Lee DeSaulnier

April 16, 1930 – Oct. 22, 2015
Pastor Lee DeSaulnier, 85, of Dallas died Thursday in Salem.

Lee served as pastor at the Pedee Evangelical Church from 1992 until he retired in 1995.

Service is Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Dallas Alliance Church. Visitation is Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Interment will be at Womer Cemetery in Pedee.

Contributions are suggested to the Dallas Alliance Church memorial fund or World Gospel Missions in care of the mortuary.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

'Critter' Charles 'Charlie' Delbert Peterson

May 18, 1959 – Oct. 15, 2015
"Critter" Charles "Charlie" Delbert Peterson, 56, of Falls City died Oct. 15 in Falls City.

He was born in Sacramento, Calif., to Denver Ray and Irene Neuhauser Peterson.

Critter worked for Whites and Rexius Trucking Companies as a mechanic and did a lot of work on the side with automobiles and motorcycles. He lived up the Santiam Pass on the McKenzie River, which he loved very much, before moving to Falls City 10 years ago.

He was past president and member of the High Waller Race Team (NASCAR). He enjoyed building, fixing and riding motorcycles and called his Harley "Ghost." He

was a character with a big personality and was friendly to many. His family was very important to him.

Survivors include his daughter, Charlie Ann Peterson; stepchildren, Harley, Angel, Joseph and DJ; sisters, Faye Okeane, Raeann McDonald, Debbie Hallett, Kathy Shawver; and brothers, Scott Hallett and Denver Ray Peterson Jr.

Private service was held. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

John Penn Letterman

Nov. 30, 1927 – Oct. 20, 2015
John Penn Letterman, 87, of Dallas, formerly of Falls City, died Oct. 20 in Dallas.

He was born in Falls City to William Penn and Marian Hope Bennett Letterman.

He lived in Falls City most of his life until moving to Dallas five years ago. He served his country in the Army from October of 1950 to August 1956 and was dis-

charged as a private first class. He married Dorothy Louise

Cuatt on July 3, 1959, in Falls City. Together, they were members of the Falls City Christian Church.

John worked on the green chain at the Ostrom Lumber Mill in Pedee and also at the Atlas Lumber Mill in Falls City and retired in 1979.

He enjoyed working puzzles and word-find puzzles. John was a hard working husband and father.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Rebecca

Lou (Steve) Porter of Montana; son, Daniel (Amy) Letterman of Dallas; brother, Steve (Peggy) Letterman of Eugene; sister, Mary Alice Tarter of Airlie; and four grandchildren.

Family graveside service was at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

Jaki Bechtold

Dec. 26, 1934 – Oct. 19, 2015
Jaki Bechtold, 80, of La Pine, formerly of Salem, died in Bend on Oct. 19.

She was born in Portland to David and Bobbie Blettel.

Jaki was raised in Monterey, Calif., and graduated from high school in Yreka, Calif. Jaki married Herold Bechtold in the Dallas Evangelical Church on July 3, 1955. They lived in Valsest for three years at Russell's Sunshine Camp. They lived in Dallas for one year before settling in Salem where they lived for more than 50 years. They retired to La Pine in 1996.

While in Salem, Jaki and Herold were active in the Brooks Assembly of God Church and also the Peoples

Church for many years. She enjoyed playing the organ. Jaki was very proud of her Christian faith

and lived for teaching children from elementary through high school about Jesus Christ.

She was instrumental in starting Good News Clubs in churches around Oregon. Jaki was a great storyteller, enjoyed artwork and was an accomplished painter.

Jaki was involved in painting snowboards for the annual Dirksen Derby at Mt Bachelor.

This has been a fundraiser for Jaki's grandson Tyler Eklund, an upstart renowned snowboarder who suffered a traumatic spinal cord injury in 2006 during a competition that left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Survivors include her husband, Herold Bechtold of La Pine; daughters, Debbie Rose of California, Sue (Mike) Eklund of Bend, and Charlotte Bechtold of Monmouth; and three grandchildren.

Celebration of Jaki's life is Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Private interment will be at Dallas Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to CEF Child Evangelism Fellowship in care of the mortuary.

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