



## Corrections posts 'most wanted'

DALLAS — Polk County Community Corrections lists these individuals as "most wanted" for November. Citizens with information on the whereabouts of any of them can call Community Corrections at 503-623-5226.

- Christopher Thomas Slyh, born May 19, 1988, 5-8, 180 pounds, blonde hair, hazel eyes. Charges: First-

degree theft, driving under the influence of intoxicants, possession of heroin, possession of methamphetamine, driving reckless.

- Ronald Len Selby, born Oct. 12, 1969, 6-1, 290 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charges: Possession of methamphetamine.
- Kimberlin Suzanne Vaughn, born April 19, 1993, 5-3, 130 pounds; brown hair,

brown eyes. Charges: Possession of heroin.

- John Leland Berry Jr., born July 12, 1978, 5-11, 175 pounds, brown hair, green eyes. Charges: Possession of methamphetamine.
- Benjamin James Reaper, born Jan. 15, 1984, 6-1, 180 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes. Charges: Failure to perform the duties of a driver.

## Esther Ruth Diener-Kroeker

April 15, 1922 – Nov. 3, 2015  
Esther Ruth Diener-Kroeker, 93, of Dallas, died on Nov. 3.

Esther was born at home near the town of Larned, Kan. She was one of 10 children.



She was the daughter of a Mennonite minister and farmer. She happily learned to live life by the German definition of her last name, Diener, which means servant. She lived her life serving others.

She was always engaged with church and family.

In her early years, she enjoyed teaching at a children's home in Kansas. She graduated from Upland College, Upland California, with a bachelor's degree.

While in college, Esther was the secretary to the admittance director. Through

her job, she met and married the love of her life, Bernhard Kroeker.

Married more than 63 years, they raised a family of four children. Esther did not like idle hands and so busied herself with a host of many passions. Her love for music was evidenced by her role as women's choir director at a church in California.

Her devotion to her Lord and passion for music led her to singing in the Evangelical Bible Church, in Dallas, for a number of years.

She loved literature and always had a stack of books close by that she was reading. She memorized entire passages and could recite them with expert drama and passion.

She further served her church by her involvement as one of the church librarians. Every one of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren has at least one blanket or crocheted article from her loving hands.

She continued crocheting caps for children in need

and donated them to a worldwide organization until her final weeks.

Esther's strength of character, her commitment to service both to God and others has proved to be a shining example.

She is survived by Bernhard, her four children, nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Service was Nov. 6 at Evangelical Bible Church, Dallas. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online tribute, go to: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Paula J. Harris

Aug. 14, 1937 – Nov. 2, 2015  
Paula J. Harris, 78, of Monmouth, died on Nov. 2. Her life will be celebrated at a private family gathering at a later date at Fir Crest Cemetery. Farnstrom Mortuary is handling arrangements. Condolences at [FarnstromMortuary.com](http://FarnstromMortuary.com).

## George E. Faul

June 7, 1927 – Nov. 3, 2015  
George Eugene Faul, 88, of Dallas, formerly of Independence, died Nov. 3, in Dallas.

He was born in Velva, N.D., to Gust Faul and Helen Hiebert Faul.

George's father was a farmer and a Mennonite lay-preacher. His mother was a

## Boyce, Lee trials set for December

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
DALLAS — Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton announced that the grand jury has issued indictments in the cases of Ronnie Lee Jr. and Irish Boyce.

Lee, 46, of West Salem, was indicted on 28 felony and six misdemeanor charges, including one count of kidnapping in the first degree, six counts of rape in the first degree, 12 counts of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree, six counts of sodomy in the first degree, one count of assault in the second degree, six counts of assault in the fourth degree, and two methamphetamine related

charges. Boyce, 44, of West Salem, was indicted on 18 felony and six misdemeanor charges, including one count of kidnapping in the first degree, three counts of assault in the third degree, 12 counts of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree, six counts of assault in the fourth degree, and two methamphetamine related charges.

Felton would not release any information about the victim in the case to protect his or her privacy.

Trials have been set for both Lee and Boyce after they both pleaded not guilty at an arraignment on Thurs-

day. Lee's trial is set for Dec. 17. Boyce is set for trial on Dec. 16.

"That date may change given the serious, complex nature of the charges," Felton said.

Trial dates typically are set when suspects are arraigned on charges, Felton said, but those dates can change depending on how the case goes.

Bail is set for Lee at \$1.4 million, while Boyce is on \$600,000 bail.

Both have been appointed attorneys, Felton said.

"The state looks forward to making a presentation of our proof at the appropriate time," he said.

# OBITUARIES

school teacher.

As a young man, George received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

His mother's desire for him was that he would be a preacher, but God's plan was for him to be a teacher.

George served in the Army from 1946-1947, and was stationed in the Philippines.

After returning from the Army, he married Gretchen

Wiens in June of 1949 in Oak Park, Ill. They were blessed with four children. Gretchen died in December of 1991 in Chicago.

George attended Tabor Academy and Tabor College, Prairie Bible Institute, the University of South Dakota, Oklahoma State University, Kansas State Teacher's College, Ball State University, and the Colonial School in Belgium.

He served with Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services International (MBMSI) for 18 years in the Congo as a teacher.

After returning from the Congo, he taught at Taylor University in Indiana, served as principal of Freeman Jun-

ior College in South Dakota, and was the Superintendent of Corn Bible Academy in Oklahoma.

George married Bettalu Proctor Burch on July 26, 1992, in Dallas. They made their home in Independence until 2010, when they moved to Dallas.

George loved to work in his garden and yard, but his greatest joy was traveling to see all of his children, grandchildren and extended family. He celebrated with nearly all of them at graduations, birthdays and weddings.

George was preceded in death by his first wife, Gretchen; grandson, Samuel Smith; brother, Allen; and sister, Esther.

He is survived by his wife, Bettalu; daughters, Elizabeth (Mike) Naegele of Zion, Ill., and Ruth (Jay) Smith of Lima, Ohio; sons, David Paul of Schaumburg, Ill., and Nathan (Carla) Faul of Tyler, Texas; brothers, Don Paul of Fresno, Calif., Curtis Paul of Abbotsford, British Columbia; sister, Josephine Griswold of Haysville, Kan.; stepchildren, Rebekah (Randall) Basinger, Rachel (Doug) Brown, Esther (Larry) Rumsey, Daniel (Elizabeth) Burch, John (Karen) Burch, Mark (Karolyn) Burch, and Leah (Doug) Johnson; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 19 step-grandchildren, and 11 step-great-grandchildren. Service was held Monday at Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online condolence, go to: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Maureen Joyce (Taylor) Hedeon

Feb. 28, 1931 – Nov. 3, 2015

Maureen Joyce Hedeon, 84, died Nov. 3 in Monmouth, in her home surrounded by family.

Joyce was born in Coquille to George Washington Taylor and Esther Miriam (Roeder) Taylor.

Her early years were spent tagging along and creating a ruckus with her older brother Bob Taylor and loving on her younger sister Helen (Taylor) Howe.

They spent time at

George's service station, which later became Taylor's Sport Shop, and the family cabin at Croft Lake.

Joyce graduated from Coquille High School in 1949 and went on to two years at Willamette University, followed by two years at San Jose State, graduating in elementary education.

It was at Willamette University that Joyce met her husband, Wesley Richard Hedeon.

They were married July 26, 1953, at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Coquille. The two loved to travel and spent time touring in Europe, RV-ing with friends, and taking many family trips. They also hosted many exchange students.

The two started their life together in Glide, where Joyce was an elementary school teacher, and Wes was a band and choir teacher.

She taught in Glide for four years before moving back to Coquille, where she worked another 25 years teaching elementary students and Title 1 reading programs.

Joyce was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, PEO, and Pioneer United Methodist Church in Coquille. She was a 4-H leader and a volunteer for the Start Making a Reader Today Program in Coquille and in Independence.

Joyce loved gardening, tote painting, scrapbooking, traveling and watching her grandkids' sporting and musical events. She was an avid sports fan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wesley.

Joyce is survived by daughters Karen (Tim) Pflaum; Jan (Jeff) Pratt; and Diane (Bill) Riddell, all of Monmouth; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; brother Bob and sister Helen.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W, Monmouth.

There will be a remembrance for Joyce at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Coquille on Nov. 22 from noon to 2 p.m.

Farnstrom Mortuary in charge of arrangements. To leave a condolence: [FarnstromMortuary.com](http://FarnstromMortuary.com).

## Terri Waller

Aug. 10, 1968 – Nov. 2, 2015

Terri Waller, 47, of Dallas died Nov. 2. Service will be Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas.

## Rita Pauline (Coulon) Turner

Feb. 5, 1923 – Oct. 27, 2015

Rita Pauline (Coulon) Turner, 92, of Dallas died Oct. 27 at the home of her daughter, Melissa Turner in West Salem.

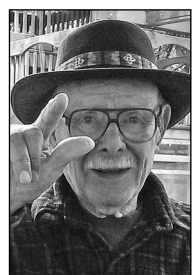
Funeral Mass is Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Catholic Church in Dallas, followed by a luncheon.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## MONCERRAT LUCIO VASQUEZ

Nov. 18, 1920 - Oct. 31, 2015



Moncerrat Lucio Vasquez, 94, of Independence died Oct. 31 in Independence. He was born in San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Moncerrat married Antonia Ortiz on May 5, 1938 in Raymondville, Texas. At a very young age he worked farming and raising cattle and horses. He worked a couple of seasons in a fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico. Moncerrat migrated to the United States and worked in Washington, Nevada, and Idaho. He settled in Independence in 1964 and worked as a migrant farmworker until 1969. In 1970, he was hired by the U.S. Forest Service, Siuslaw Ranger District. He was a forest fire fighter and worked on wildfires and control burns. He worked maintaining forest service roads until he retired in the late 1980s. He continued to work in his retirement years picking strawberries and at the local canneries until 2010.

He was not an idle man and volunteered in community events and participated in the annual 4th of July parades. He was featured on the posters for the Celebrating Our Heritage event which were displayed in the area schools, libraries and museums. Moncerrat kept busy by raising chickens, fixing up things around the house, hunting, fishing and hiking.

Moncerrat was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Independence. He belonged to the Cursillo and attended Easter Vigils with the Neocatechumeni Way Oregon Communities.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Antonia O. Vasquez; two sisters; and three brothers. Survivors include his brother, Isidro Vasquez of Brownsville, Texas; sister, Maria Vasquez of Matamoros, Mexico; son, Arturo Hiracheta Vasquez of Independence; daughters, Elena Pena (Raul J. Sr.) and Margarita Rivera (Ricardo), all of Independence; son, Adolfo Vasquez of Salem; daughter, Rosa Vejil of Oklahoma; son, Moncerrat Jr. (Marilyn) of Independence; son, Raul Vasquez (Kathryn) of Tacoma, Wash.; son, Ricky Vasquez of Salem; daughters, Audelia Vasquez and Sofia Humphrey (Steve), all of Independence; 40 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Service was Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church and interment was at Hilltop Cemetery in Independence. Contributions are suggested to the Evangelization Catechumenium, 1143 W Hill Ave, Fullerton, CA 92833. Crown Memorial Center in Salem handled arrangements.

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