



Kathy Martin-Willis and Dori Showell drop an old, faded U.S. flag into the new drop box to be retired properly.

# What to do with an old Old Glory?

Independence Elks Lodge helps establish a drop box for faded, old flags

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

**INDEPENDENCE** — When an American flag is worn and aged, it shouldn't be tossed in the trash with the other household garbage.

"There's a proper way to retire them," said Vince Bordadora, trustee of the board of the Independence Elks Lodge. "The Boy Scout troop will do a small ceremony, and then they will be incinerated."

But how do you get your old flag to the Scouts so it may be put to rest with honor?

"Finding a place to regularly drop them (old flags) off is sometimes a challenge," said Kathy Martin-Willis, Elks Lodge member.

The Independence Elks, with help from other local businesses, have changed that.

A new flag drop off box was dedicated on Veteran's Day.

## Retiring a flag

When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with dignity and respect ... The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag, but ... one should not simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire.

The Scouts maintain a vigil over the fire until all traces of the flag remnants are destroyed. Then, ... the ashes are buried.

**Of note:** Before accepting a flag for retirement, the recipient should obtain information about its history. Where has it flown? How long? Any memorable events happen at that site? This information should be used in the ceremony.

— Source: Boy Scout Handbook

It will be in front of the Elks so people may leave their flags in a safe place until the Scouts perform the flag retirement ceremony, which is typically on Flag Day, June 14, Martin-Willis said.

"Unless of course we have 150 (flags) in December," she said. "The Scouts can do it any time."

The box will be locked so that old flags will remain secure until the ceremony, Martin-Willis said.

"The last Flag Day we had a dozen that we disposed of," Martin-Willis said. "We're hoping by having something out there, instead of inappropriately disposing of those (flags), people will do what they need to do and

get them to us so we can dispose of them properly."

The Monmouth Post Office donated the old mailbox for the project, Bordadora said. White's Collision painted it and cleaned it up. Robert Lloyd's Sheet Metal put on a new hood and feet, and Mungo Signs decorated it.

"It looks really good," he said.

Providing the service is in line with the Elks' virtues, Bordadora said.

"The Elks have a real sense of patriotism and naturalism," he said.

The box will be installed in front of the Elks Lodge on Main Street in Independence.

For more information about the Independence Elks Lodge: [www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1950](http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1950).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Dallas approves change on 4-acre parcel

DALLAS — The Dallas City Council approved a zoning change on a 4.5-acre property in Southwest Dallas from industrial to residential.

The council held a public hearing on the change on Oct. 5, after which it approved having staff draft an ordinance to make the change official.

The owner, listed as Oakdale Heights Phase 1, sought the change to prepare the property for development under low-density residential. The property is located in southwest Dallas at the end of Southwest Hayter Street. Council members voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at a Nov. 2 meeting.

### Corps of Engineers to host workshop

MONMOUTH — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public workshop on Wednesday (today) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. about the upcoming and ongoing remedial investigation and feasibility study at the former Camp Adair.

The workshop will be held at Western Oregon University in the Willamette Room, located in the Werner University Center. The public will be able to view displays related to the investigations and Corps representatives will be in attendance to answer questions.

Information for community members interested in participating in a Restoration Advisory Board will also be available.

Documents related to the site history are available at [www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalProjects/CampAdair.aspx](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalProjects/CampAdair.aspx).

For more information: Scott Lawrence, 206-764-6896.

### Nonprofit Share Tank hits Salem Friday

SALEM — The Salem Convention Center will host the first-ever Nonprofit Share Tank Friday at 7 p.m.

The Share Tank will feature philanthropists who will hear five nonprofits each present a project that requires funding if it is to become a reality and benefit the community.

The event, originated by the Center for Community Innovation, will kick off the "Giving Season" with a goal of increasing public participation in philanthropy as a way to assist all area nonprofits. Tickets cost \$18 for CCI members and \$25 for non-members and can be purchased online at [www.ccioregon.org/share-tank/nonprofit-share-tank-tickets/](http://www.ccioregon.org/share-tank/nonprofit-share-tank-tickets/).

Audience members will also be able to contribute to any project that is presented. Nonprofit projects must be for amounts between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

For more information: Phil McCorkle, 503-581-9922, ext. 314.

**West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.**

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

### Solution on Page 14A

4	6	9				3
5			1			7
	2		3	8	6	
8	6	3	5			9
4			9			2
2			8	3	5	4
	3	1	8		7	
7			6			3
6			9	2	1	

### Sudoku

Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆

4	3	2	8	1	6	7	5	9
5	6	9	3	7	4	2	1	8
1	7	8	9	5	2	4	6	3
3	4	7	2	8	5	6	9	1
2	1	6	7	4	9	3	8	5
9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
8	5	3	6	2	1	7	4	9
6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

### 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.

The Christian Science Monitor

**McMinnville RV Sales & Consignment**  
A Pleasant Place to Buy or Sell Your RV **503-435-1115**

**Now Accepting Consignments!**  
CALL TODAY FOR A NO-CHARGE EVALUATION.

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!**  
Mon-Fri 9-6 • Sat 9-5  
Sun 10-4

Rick 503-437-5398 Ruben 503-915-2080

4075 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR  
[www.macrvsales.com](http://www.macrvsales.com) Next to the Spruce Goose Aviation Museum [macrvsales@gmail.com](mailto:macrvsales@gmail.com)

# Look what's coming up!



- Holiday Services
- Gifts A-Z
- Last Minute Gifts
- Who's Who in Polk County

Interested in Advertising call 503-623-2373  
**Itemizer-Observer** 147 SE Court St, Dallas