

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.

DALLAS Arrests/Citations
 • Shane S. Green, 43, of

Salem on Southeast Uglow Avenue on Feb. 4 on a failure to appear warrant on a driving under the influence charge.

• Kayla B. Wilson, 19, of Falls City on Southwest Robb Street on Feb. 7 on charges of providing false information to a police officer, failure to carry or present a driver's license and misuse of an identification card.

INDEPENDENCE Arrests/Citations
 • Alec William Blanchard, 22,

of Independence, in the 1400 block of F Street on Feb. 9 for having open containers of alcohol in public places prohibited. At the same time and place, Kathryn Perry, 18, of Monmouth, was cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

• Mark Lewis Holtrop, 22, of Independence, and Michael Matthew Jones, 21, of Monmouth, in the 1500 block of Monmouth Street on Feb. 9 both for second-degree disorderly conduct.

• Mario Ray Villa, 40, of Independence, at Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main St., on Friday for first-degree sex abuse.

• Kasey Lynn Johnson, 30, of Independence, in the 500 block of Main Street North on Saturday for unlawful delivery of oxycodone.

• Charley Leroy Cavilee, 41, of Salem, in the 800 block of North Main Street on Saturday

for second-degree forgery, criminal possession of a forgery device, and first-degree theft.

• Bryndle Mackenzie Ruek, 29, of Portland, at the intersection of Monmouth and South Eighth streets on Sunday for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

MONMOUTH Arrests/Citations
 • Jesus Bucio Gomez, 29, of Monmouth, in the 100 block of

Edwards Road South on Feb. 6 for failure to carry or present a driver's license.

• Chelsea Rae Carr, 25, of Dallas, in the 100 block of Pacific Highway South on Feb. 8 for failure to return a suspended, revoked or canceled driver's license.

• Richard Salvador Quinanilla, 37, of Salem, in the 300 block of Ecols Street North on Feb. 10 for failure to carry or present a driver's license.

OBITUARIES

Buck Buchanan

March 8, 1923 – Feb. 12, 2016
 Buck Buchanan, 92, of Dallas died Friday in Salem. He was born in Burns.

Service is pending and arrangements are being handled by Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, 503-623-2325.

He was born in Salem to Loy Earl and Shirley Modesta Mode Weigel.

Gary graduated from Central High School in 1961, and served in the Army reserves for several years right out of high school.

He was employed with Towmotor and Boise Cascade before retiring from MacLaren School for Boys in July of 2005, as a mainte-

Gary Bob Weigel

July 23, 1943 – Feb. 9, 2016
 Gary Bob Weigel, 72, of Dallas died Feb. 9 in Dallas.



nance man.

Gary was an avid collector and trader of firearms, enjoyed quad riding with friends and rat hunting in Eastern Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his father Loy.

Survivors include his companion of 35 years, Candice "Candy" Benjamin Jones, of Dallas; mother, Shirley Modesta Mode, of Independence; daughters, Kimberly (Rob) Harrison, Kristi (Tom) Lizotte, Keri (Rick), and Jennifer (Ahmad) AbuDayah, all of Washington and Jessica (Wayne) Ackroyd, of California; brothers, Steve Weigel, of Dallas and Les Weigel, of Falls City; six grandchildren; and extended family.

Private arrangements were handled by Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

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

Rod Shepard

Aug. 14, 1947 – Feb. 8, 2016
 Rod Shepard, 68, of Dallas died Feb. 8 in Dallas.

He was born in Prineville to Thomas and Eunice Shepard.

Rod graduated from Mapleton High School in 1965. He attended Oregon State University, Oregon Technical Institute and Oregon College of Education. He received a degree in surveying.

He served in the Army in

the 46th Engineering Division from 1967-1969, in Vietnam.

He built and maintained roads and bridges and served as a surveyor while in the military.

Rod married Ruth Ann Beberger on Jan. 10, 1970, in Florence. They lived in Knappa before settling in Dallas in 1981.

Rod worked for Boise Cascade as a road engineer for many years.

When Boise was purchased by Forest Capital Partners, Rod continued to work as road engineer until he transferred to their real estate division, Westslope Properties, where he served as Land Sales Manager until retiring in 2011.

Rod served as a past officer of the Dallas Booster Club and on the Citizens Advisory Committee which oversees the bond projects for the Dallas School District.

He helped construct the outdoor sand volleyball court at Dallas High School and was actively involved with Kids Inc. athletics. Rod was also a member of the American Legion.

He was an avid outdoorsman and was happiest when he was out in the woods.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family.

Rod was a true craftsman who enjoyed woodworking and helping family and friends with any type of construction or project. Some of his most cherished moments were times spent with his grandchildren; either during trips to the lake or cheering them on from the bleachers.

He was preceded in death

by his brother, Jarl Shepard.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann; daughters, Trina (Jay) Moskal, and Melissa (Steve) Dankenbring; brother, Mick Shepard; sister, Cindy Walp; and four grandchildren.

Celebration of Rod's life is Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Nesmith Readiness Center, 12830 Westview Dr., in Dallas.

Contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Foundation in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center which handled arrangements.

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

Alan Ralph King

Nov. 5, 1960 – Feb. 11, 2016
 Alan Ralph King, 55, of Dallas died Feb. 11 in Salem. He had been fighting pancreatic cancer since October.

He had been employed at River Bend Sand and Gravel in Salem for close to 15 years.

He took a lot of joy and pride in his work and he loved his coworkers like family.

He had always been known for his big bear hugs and his coworkers would attest to this fact.

Alan was known by all as someone with a "larger than life" personality and a loving heart that reached out to everyone he met.

He loved the Lord with all his heart and shared his testimony with everyone he met, and everywhere he went.

Known as "the big guy" or

the gentle giant among friends, he had many hobbies such as gardening, painting, rock hounding, fishing, and target practice.

Survivors include his parents, Don and Burla King, of Dallas; brother, Adam, of Dallas; sister, Donita, of Dallas; wife, Donna; daughters, Amanda and Bethany; and extended family.

Service was Monday at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

Contributions are suggested to the Union Gospel Mission in care of the mortuary.

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

Floreine Phillips

Oct. 27, 1924 – Feb. 7, 2016
 Floreine Merced Phillips, 91, of Independence died Feb. 7 in Independence.

She was born to David and Clara Howard in Tacoma, Wash.

Floreine's life will be celebrated privately at a later date.

Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence handled arrangements.

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

Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information. However, information can also be submitted directly by family members.

Photos will be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of those who served in the U.S. armed forces.

Obituaries — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or e-mailed to nadams@polkio.com.

For more information: Nancy Adams, 503-623-2373.

KENNETH EUGENE MOLES

August 15, 1917 - Feb. 11, 2016



No Mere Flight of Fancy.

From the age of 12 (when he got to ride in a Ford tri-motor plane at an air show near his home town of Shenandoah, IA) until his recent death at the age of 98, Kenneth Moles pursued his passion for aviation with a sense of wonder and devotion equaled only by his love of family and tradition.

Kenneth grew up on a farm and lived most of his adult life in Shenandoah where, as a high school student, he helped dig and level the playing surface that became Mustang Field, home of the Shenandoah Mustangs football team. Kenneth scored the first touchdown on that very field in front of a roaring hometown crowd.

Never one to regularly seek that kind of attention, Kenneth quietly but persistently went on to achieve high levels of accomplishment as a professional aviator. From earning an opportunity to take the Civil Pilot Training Course through Tarkio College in 1940 to training pilots for the Army Air Corps during WWII to flying corporate planes for Shenandoah-based businesses, Ken competently and skillfully navigated a steady course through life.

Kenneth was a pacifist by nature, but when he was called to serve, he committed his skills as a budding aviator and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He began his service with basic training and aircraft mechanic's school at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. Even as a student of aviation mechanics, Kenneth was pining for an opportunity to attend cadet school and become a pilot. Because he didn't have the two years of college required to apply for cadet school, Kenneth spent endless hours studying for a special entrance exam that would allow for a waiver of the college requirement. In 1942, he passed the test with flying colors and was admitted to cadet flight school eventually earning his commission as a lieutenant. Before the war Kenneth had met Wilma Crawford, and shortly after he earned his commission they were married. Over the next year, Kenneth's aptitude for both flying and teaching became clear to himself and to his superiors, and he was chosen to be a flight instructor at Randolph Field—the West Point of the air! He was subsequently transferred to Enid Air Force Base in Oklahoma where he taught instrument flying, night flying, cross-country formation flying, and aerobatics.

In 1944 Kenneth was ordered into the B-29 training program as a flight engineer. He remained in the B-29 program until the war ended. In fact, even after VJ Day in August of 1945, 1000 B-29 crews (including Kenneth's) remained on stand-by at Kirtland Field in Albuquerque, New Mexico in case the final peace treaty process didn't go smoothly. After three-months on standby, Kenneth Moles had earned his points and was happily discharged from the service.

Committed to improving his credentials as a pilot and an instructor, Kenneth used the GI Bill to earn his civilian aircraft mechanics certificate and his commercial flight instructor rating. He graduated in 1947 and embarked on another 40 years of professional aviation including manager of the Shenandoah, Iowa airport, manager of Shenandoah Airways, flight instructor, pilot of a surplus T-6 airplane (seeding clouds), and pilot for private companies (Tidy House Products Company and Earl May Seed and Nursery Company).

Kenneth was a devoted husband to his wife, Wilma, and a caring father to his sons Richard and Roger (now David). He was the backbone of the family—always dependable, keeping them safe and secure. He was well known and admired in his community and church and participated in myriad outdoor activities, not the least of which was riding the full distance in the first ever RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa). And a few years later—on a bet and a lark—he and a friend rode from the southern border of Iowa to the northern border of Iowa in one day!

Kenneth officially retired from professional aviation in 1982, but that was far from the end of his passion for planes, flying, and even a few more down-to-earth adventures.

With such a rich and accomplished early life, it might seem impossible to believe that some of his biggest and most fulfilling adventures happened after Kenneth was well into his 80s. In fact, the last ten years of Kenneth's life were highlighted by plane building projects, flying adventures, travel, and a deeply rich and loving marriage to Gloria Moles.

In 2006 at the age of 88, Kenneth completed construction of his first home-built airplane (Rans S-7S Courier) which he and Gloria (then 82) flew from Shenandoah, Iowa to Salem, Oregon in 2007. Shortly after this big adventure, Kenneth and Gloria purchased a hanger for the plane in Independence, Oregon and a home for themselves in neighboring Monmouth. Over the next nine years, the couple engaged in the building of yet another airplane (Rans S-19—now owned by Richard Moles), traveled extensively in the Pacific Northwest (including a small boat cruise to Alaska), and flew their plane at every opportunity.

On February 11, 2016, Kenneth Moles died at his Monmouth, Oregon home in the company of his beloved wife Gloria and his sons Richard Moles and David Gentry. Kenneth was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma Moles of Shenandoah, Iowa.

Kenneth's death leaves a hole in our hearts and a legacy of passion, dignity, and inspiration beyond words.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Willamette Valley Hospice.

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