

# OBITUARIES

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## Barbara Ann Gorman

Jan. 3, 1944 – Feb. 26, 2016  
Barbara Ann Gorman, 72, of Yuma, Ariz., died Feb. 26. She was born in Dallas to Clarence and Norma Thomas.



After graduating from Central High School, she worked as an IV therapist at Salem Hospital until her retirement in 2006.

Survivors include her daughters, Julie Buck and Joni Barnes; son, Jason Gorman; and seven grandchildren.

Service was Saturday at Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence, and interment was at Hilltop Cemetery.

To send an online tribute: [www.FarnstromMortuary.com](http://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 and provide it to the newspaper. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

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# Neighborhood Watch comes to FC

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — With its options limited by financial constraints, Falls City may turn to its citizens to help fight crime in the city.

Law enforcement was the topic of Falls City's monthly "town hall" meeting, where city leaders and citizens gather to talk about issues facing the community.

A number of creative ideas have been proposed, such as supporting legislation that would have the state pay for law enforcement in small communities or establishing an agreement with the Polk County Sheriff's Office to enforce city codes.

The main topic at the Feb. 23 meeting was more traditional.

"We had a pretty good turnout, and we discussed law enforcement issues, really focused on Neighborhood

## Learn more

**What:** Falls City town hall meeting about setting up a Neighborhood Watch program.

**When:** March 29 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Falls City Community Center, 320 N. Main St., Falls City.

**For more information:** 503-787-3631.

Watch," said Mayor Terry Ungricht at Thursday's Falls City City Council meeting. "The (Polk County) Sheriff's Office is more than willing to set up a Neighborhood Watch, (and) do training."

Neighborhood Watch is a program of the National Sheriff's Association. It began in 1972 and trains citizens to work with police officers to report and prevent crime.

Ungricht said the option is effective and wouldn't cost the city money.

"I think it's an excellent way with our limited funds to build a relationship with the law enforcement

agency," he said.

The first thing needed are "block captains," people willing to organize a watch in their area of town.

Ungricht said city employees wouldn't have the time to recruit those volunteers and was hoping councilors would take on that role.

Councilor Jenn Drill wanted to take that a step further. She said the topic of this month's town hall will be information about setting up a Neighbor Watch.

Drill asked that her fellow councilors and city staff help spread the word about the meeting.

"So we can kind of have a group discussion and maybe form something from that," she said.

Prevention of crime wouldn't be the only positive outcome of the program, Ungricht said.

"It's something to think about. I know we get a lot of law enforcement questions" he said. "This is a good way to partner up with our sheriff's department, meeting and personalizing the officers who are out here. They are here to help us find solutions. They aren't always the enemy."

In other business, the council:

- Voted 3-2 to install three pet waste stations in city parks. The cost for each station will be \$110.17.

- Voted to increase non-contracted bulk water sales rates to \$5 per unit, bulk sale hookup fees to \$80 and consolidate sewer hookup fees to one charge of \$3,250.

## Purple toilet to raise money for RFL

Itemizer-Observer staff report

MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — Courtney Williams wants to put a purple toilet in your yard, or in the yard of someone you know.

"I first saw this fundraiser on Pinterest," she said. "I think it is one of my favorites because it is interactive and gets the word out about Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society."

Homeowners may pay \$10 to have the toilet removed, \$20 to have it sent to a friend, or \$30 for toilet "insurance," to make sure it doesn't come back.

Money raised will go toward Williams' Relay for Life of Polk County's team. Relay for Life will be June 4 and 5 at Riverview Park.

For more information or to have the toilet placed in someone's yard: Courtney, 541-510-4483.

# Linn County files timber lawsuit

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

SALEM — Linn County has followed through on the promise to sue the state of Oregon and the State Forestry Department due to what it claims is mismanagement of Forest Trust Lands.

Harvests off those lands send revenue to the 15 counties that have trust lands, which were deeded to the state starting in the 1930s in exchange for a cut of the harvest money after

## State timber revenue

Polk County:	Revenue
2011	\$115,798
2012	\$66,566
2013	\$369,401
2014	\$244,365
2015	\$39,769
10-year average	\$148,251

Source: Oregon Department of Forestry.

the state takes a management fee.

The suit alleges the adoption of a new management plan that slashed harvest revenues by approximately \$35 million per year and prioritized other uses is a "breach of contract." According to the suit, the state's responsibility upon taking the land was to manage them in a way that maximizes the revenues going to counties.

Polk County, along with 14 other counties and at least 130 other government bodies, would be a beneficiary of that suit. The payout to the county would potentially be about \$160,000 per year.

According to the 13-page lawsuit in 1998, the state adopted a "greatest permanent value" or "GPV rule," which in addition to prioritizing sustainable harvest, also emphasized "properly functioning aquatic habitats;" habitats for native wildlife; productive soil and clean air and water; protection against floods and erosion; and recreation.

The suit claims trust land counties didn't agree to that rule.

In the 2015 Council of Forest Trust Land Counties Annual Report, the ODF said its management focus on the lands "is to actively

manage them in a sound environmental manner to provide sustainable time harvest and revenue to the state, counties and local taxing districts."

The report states in 2015, \$54.9 million was distributed to counties, including \$39,769 to Polk County.

The class-action lawsuit, filed Thursday, is seeking approximately \$1.435 billion. According to the suit, that amount represents the difference between what the counties received and what they believe they should have received if the lands had been managed according to the original agreement, plus interest. It also includes future damages of \$35 million in perpetuity.

Linn County sent notice on Jan. 13 that it intended to file the suit.

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# Polk No. 1 seeks to up numbers

Fire Chief looks to recruit volunteers, reopen Station 40

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

PEDEE — Polk Fire District No. 1 is looking for ways to increase volunteer firefighters at its rural stations.

"Currently, we have one station closed in Buena Vista and the others minimally staffed in Airrie and Pedee," Chief Al Alcalde said. "In 2000, we had an agreement with the Pedee Women's Club to use a dedicated spot in their facility to allow the fire department to attend drills and training sessions."

Alcalde said that never happened, but efforts are underway to make it happen now.

"We are in discussions, but I believe they will allow us to use the facility for, not only training, but possibly to house personnel," he said.

This will especially be important during the summer when there is potential for large-scale fires in the rural areas, Alcalde said.

"Having a quicker response would make sense for that scenario," he said. Personnel with Polk No. 1

also will make a bigger push in coming months to reopen Buena Vista Station 40, Alcalde said.

"We just applied for a grant to help us with improving our recruitment process," he said. "The name of the program is Volunteer of the Future Pilot Program."

Alcalde is planning open houses at Station 40 for volunteer recruitment and the fire board will hold meetings in the rural areas in the coming months.

For more information: [polkno1.org](mailto:polkno1.org).

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**Sudoku**  
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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.

By Ben Arnoldy The Christian Science Monitor