

Bomb squad disposes of mortar

By Emily Mentzer
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INDEPENDENCE — An Independence family called police Sunday when they found what appeared to be an explosive in a family member's residence, Sgt. Tino Banuelos said.

"They had no idea exactly what it was," Banuelos said. "They were concerned enough to give us a call just to be sure. It started to look like a grenade to them."

Banuelos said he took many photos of the device and sent them to the Salem Bomb Squad, who responded.

The Oregon National Guard Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit also responded out of Portland.

What looked like a pineapple-style grenade turned out to be a World War II Japanese type 89 high explosive mortar, Banuelos said.

"It's 2-and-a-half inches in diameter, and about five-and-a-half inches tall, nothing extraordinary about it," Banuelos said. "The concern was if it was a live mortar, the acid inside could, over time, eat through, and the chemicals, rather than becoming less explosive, crystallize and become more explosive."

Initial scans showed the main charge had been removed from the mortar, but it was uncertain whether or not the fuse was intact, Banuelos said.

The mortar was taken by the explosive ordnance disposal unit to be disposed of, Banuelos said.

"We would much rather spend the hours investigating the device than an injury or death call because of something like this," he said. "We appreciate how quickly the EOD unit responded to make sure it was done in the safest manner possible."



Baldwin Wright Talbott Jackson-Crain Breese

Corrections posts 'most wanted'

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

- Michael Ryan Baldwin, born Oct. 26, 1989, 6-0, 165 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Charge: Fourth-degree assault.

- Jeremy Wright, born April 24, 1986, 5-7, 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Charge: Third-degree theft.

- Erick Gene Talbott, born March 27, 1994, 5-10, 180 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charge: Sexual assault — rape.

- Talon Jackson-Crain, born March 2, 1992, 6-0, 175 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charge: First-degree theft — larceny.

- Andrew Nicholas Breese, born Feb. 24, 1986, 5-8, 160 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Charge: First-degree burglary.

Jacob Donovan Sperry

June 29, 1995 – May 7, 2016
Memorial services for Jacob Donovan Sperry were held.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

Linda Mae Grizzle

Aug. 6, 1953 – May 6, 2016
Linda Mae Grizzle, 62, died on May 6.

There are no services at this time.

Farnstrom Mortuary handled arrangements.

Isabel (Becky) Borja Hudson

Oct. 16, 1945 – May 5, 2016
Isabel (Becky) Borja Hudson, 70, of Keizer, died on May 5.

Becky was born in Guam to Andres and Rufina Borja. She graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. She met and married Donald Hudson while living in Guam. They moved to North Carolina before moving to Oregon in 1966.

Becky graduated from beauty school and began

her 45-year career as a hair dresser in Keizer. She owned her own shop for years, and later rented space at the Wild Hair Salon in Keizer.

She loved her time spent at the coast.



Son Dewayne (Blue) was born in 1967. He tragically lost his life in May of 1986.

Survived by brother, Paul Borja; sister, Marcie Llagas; and extended family.

Services were held. Donations may be made to St. Edwards Catholic Church in Keizer to feed the homeless. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To leave an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com

Roger Hall

Jan. 21, 1952 – May 3, 2016
Roger Hall, 64, died of cancer on May 3 in Vancouver, Wash.

Roger was born in Klamath Falls to mother Nancy Hall.

At age of 10, he moved to

Ashland where he was well known for his athletic achievements. He was given a scholarship to attend Oregon State University to play football, and graduated in 1975. He married his wife, Cindy, in 1973.

Roger had a love for music and the outdoors. He enjoyed keeping up with his favorite sports teams, fishing with his friends, and taking trips to Lakeview to visit his mom.

Survived by wife, Cindy Hall; daughter Anji Duke (Dennis); son, Ryan Hall (Brittney); two grandchildren; siblings, Mark Hall (Sue) and Melinda Slatt (Dave); and mother, Nancy Hall.

The family will host a private celebration of life for close friends and family.

Alan Lyle McKee

1957 – May 12, 2016
Alan Lyle McKee, 59, died Thursday at home after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born in McMinnville to Alton Lyle and Ardith (Burbach) McKee. He was raised in Amity.

Alan was an officer in FFA, student government, and on staff for the year book. He loved sports and played football and basketball. He was the team captain many

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times. He served more than two decades on the Orchardgrass Commission and as the board president of the Rickreall Water District.

Alan was a farmer his entire life. He purchased the original family farm from his great uncle John's estate when he was 21.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Sharon (Carder) McKee; stepson, Scott (Christie) Miley; stepdaughter, Kelly Miley; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; mother, Ardith (Dean) Heinrichs; sister, Patricia (Marvin) Parks; brother, Robert (Leanne) McKee; and extended family.

Memorial service will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Perrydale High School gymnasium.

The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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Frank Albert Arturi

1931 – May 12, 2016
Frank Albert Arturi, 84, formally of Dallas, died Thursday in Salem.

Frank was born in 1931 to Albert and Carmela Bernardo Arturi in Yonkers, N.Y.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for three years and participated in the Korean conflict. He remained in the Pennsylvania Air National

Guard in Pittsburgh until his retirement, retiring as a technical sergeant.

He worked at LTV Steel in Pittsburgh from 1956 until his retirement in 1984 as an industrial bricklayer.

In 1956, he married Bessie Anne Franz in Glenfield, Penn. They had met at a USO dance. They lived in Cranberry Twp, Penn., until moving to Dallas in 1995. They had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Brothers, Joseph and Anthony; and sisters, Mary and Teresa died before he did.

Survived by wife, Bessie; sister, Nancy Arturi; daughter, Diane (Bill) McCammon, of Dallas; son, Frank (Sandy) Arturi, of Havelock, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

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Lucille Archer

Nov. 23, 1923 – May 13, 2016
Lucille Archer, 92, of Dallas, died Friday.

She was born in Shattick, Okla. She grew up in Vancouver, Wash. She married James Archer in 1941, and moved to Carson, Wash., and then Stevenson, Wash.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and loved working in her yard. She moved to Dallas in 2002, after her husband died in 2000.

Son Jim (Guy) Archer died in 2011. Daughter Julie Archer died in 1995; son Chuck Archer died in 1981.

Survived by daughter Jane (Larry) Archer Sundberg, of

Dallas; sister Mary (Brian) Barrett, of Vancouver; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

No services will be held. Internment will be in Stevenson with other family members.

Crown Memorial in Salem handled arrangements.

Janet Darrene (Comstock) Leibrant

Feb. 3, 1935 – May 4, 2016

Janet (Comstock) Leibrant, 81, formerly of Monmouth, died May 4 at her home in Kingman, Ariz.

She was born in Salem to Harold and Katrina (Staats) Comstock, of Monmouth, and graduated from Central High School in 1953.

Janet served as a nurse in Houston, and in Phoenix, Ariz., and in Kingman.

Husband, Patrick Arnold Leibrant, son, Fredrick Lewis Leibrant, and brother, Ronald Day Comstock all died before she did.

Survivors include daughter Mary Kay (Philip) Kiriakidis; sons, James Arnold (Cory) and William James Leibrant, all of Kingman; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and twin sister Janice Marrene (Comstock) Chitwood Newton.

Celebration will be held at a later date in the Kingman area. Letters of condolence may be mailed to Leibrant Family, 3709 John L., Kingman, AZ 86409.

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Carson "Kit" Newton Culbertson

Sept. 11, 1931 - May 1, 2016

Carson "Kit" Newton Culbertson 84, of Corvallis, passed away at home on May 1, 2016.

He was born September 11, 1931 at home in Hale, Missouri to parents Olen Ray Culbertson and Ina Lodge (Newton) Culbertson. On May 1, 2016, as he crossed the trestle, spanning Jordan's swelling tide, he beheld the Union Depot, into which his train would glide: there he met the superintend, God the Father, and God the Son, and with a hearty, joyous welcome, weary pilgrim welcome home.

He joined two older brothers, and two more followed. Robert LeRoy Culbertson, James Edwin Culbertson, Ted Hubert Culbertson, and Ross Granville Culbertson. He lived with the family in Carroll County, Missouri until they moved to Oregon in 1943, in the middle of World War II. They settled in the small town of Buena Vista and lived there until adulthood. He attended Pennsion Elementary, Grace Elementary, and Blew Elementary, all one room schools in Missouri. He also attended Buena Vista Elementary School and the Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem. He graduated from the eighth grade in Buena Vista and attended Independence and Central High Schools.

Carson married Mary Jane Linville on June 28, 1956 in the Independence United Methodist Church. To this union two daughters were born; Anna Nadine Culbertson in 1958 and Patti Rae Culbertson in 1960.

He was employed and retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad working in the "Maintenance of the Ways Department." He was a member of The New Hope Center Pentecostal Church of God in Corvallis. Carson and Mary had made their home in Corvallis for more than 40 years.

Carson lived for his family, they were the center of his life. He loved woodworking and gardening; raising some of the most beautiful flowers around. His yard was always a masterpiece. He was a friend to everyone, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. He was a great father, brother, and friend. He was the gentlest man to all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Mary in 2009; granddaughters Jessica Jane and Anna Christine Volkner in 2015; sister Trula Faye Culbertson in 1939; and brothers Trenath Culbertson in 1939 and Robert LeRoy Culbertson in 2003.

Carson is survived by daughters Anna Nadine Abraham of Halsey and Patti Rae Thompson of Corvallis; brothers James Edwin Culbertson of Fontana, California, Ted H. Culbertson of Pendleton, and Ross Granville Culbertson of Saucier, Mississippi; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, May 21st at New Hope Center, 6225 SW Philomath Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97333.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carson's memory may be made to New Hope Center sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

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