

It's all in the details



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Steve Milligan, owner of Steve's Abalone Jewels, shows his handcrafted jewelry at the Home-Based Business Fair on Friday at the Independence Elks Lodge. About 20 small and home-based businesses attended the event, filled with informational speakers throughout the afternoon.

Explore: Take a peek at offerings

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The county's rich history in agriculture brings local food straight to your table at restaurants and farmers markets. In Polk County, we still believe in making food from scratch with fresh ingredients.

Whether you're looking to stretch your legs, canoe or

raft, or just lounge around and relax, you'll find it here in Polk County. Enjoy the journey.

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"It's just frustrating for the other people that don't think things are happening fast enough," Snair said. "Not all

the time does everything go like everyone thinks it should."

Snair said Alcalde will likely stay another two or three weeks to wrap up projects.

Assistant Chief Neal Olson will serve as interim until the board can begin the process of looking for a new full-time chief.



Alcalde

OBITUARIES

Patricia Avis Benjamin

Aug. 9, 1927 – May 7, 2016
Patricia Avis Benjamin, 88, of Dallas, died May 7. She was born in Sunderland, Vt., to Irving and Marjorie (Pike) Thompson. She married Howard Benjamin on Nov. 1, 1945. They moved to Torrance, Calif., with the Thompson family, and then moved to Eugene

in 1962.

Survived by son Rick (Shirley) Benjamin; daughter Candice Benjamin Jones; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard and sister Nova Carr (Thompson).

A private family gather was held. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To leave an

online tribute: www.dallas-tribute.com.

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, 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 Marla Kay (Philip) Kirakidois; 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.

of St. George, Utah, John, of Dallas, Jack, of Clatskanie, Jerry, of Vancouver, Wash., Paulette Sides, of Algeria, and Paul, of Ketchikan; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Services were held. Burial was in the Willamette Memorial Park in Albany.

To leave an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

Ralph Paul Wetter

Aug. 26, 1939 – May 18, 2016
Ralph Paul Wetter, 76, formerly of Falls City, died on May 18 at Brookdale Senior Living/Alzheimer's and Dementia, formerly known as Clare Bridge in Salem. He fought a brave, arduous battle against Alzheimer's disease.

He was born to Cora M. and Paul H. Wetter in Buffalo, N.Y. The family moved to Corvallis in 1949, settling first in Falls City, and then

moving to Corvallis, where Ralph graduated from Corvallis High School. Ralph joined the Naval Reserves and was convinced to attend Submarine School and Training in New London, Conn. He trained, worked, and learned his skill as a diesel mechanic, which became his livelihood.

Ralph was a handyman, carpenter, fisherman, "Mr. Fix-It," and became a heavy farm equipment mechanic for Polk County. He began his work at Polk County Farmers Co-op, which became Ag-West Supply, as it is known today. Ralph was a member of the Elks Lodge in

Independence, and very active in the Dallas Wingdingers Remote Control airplane group in Dallas. He built and flew many airplanes as his hobby and weekend entertainment. These planes are now on display at the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville.

Survived by wife, Donna Wetter, of Dallas; son Brian (Allison) Wetter, of Bend; daughter, Dawne Wetter, of Keizer; one grandchild; and sister Helen (Richard) Hart, of Cheyenne, Wy.

At his request, no formal services will be held. Private interment will be in the Dallas Cemetery.

The family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Network in Oregon, Serenity Hospice, or Willamette Valley Humane Society.

The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To leave an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

Merle William Hague

June 16, 1941 – May 21, 2016
Memorial service for Merle William Hague will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at the Valley Life Center, Dallas. Visitation will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Interment will be at Restlawn Memory Gardens in Salem. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To leave an online tribute: www.dallastribute.com.

Carl A. Koenig

May 28, 1925 – May 21, 2016
Carl A. Koenig, 90, of Dallas, died on Saturday in Dallas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at First Christian Church, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas.

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Sudoku solution

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

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