

# USACE seeks unexploded ordnances, munitions

**By Emily Mentzer**  
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MONMOUTH — Property owners in Monmouth have been getting requests from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to access their property in search of unexploded ordnances and munitions.

The site is part of a formerly used defense site for Camp Adair, near Corvallis.

"It's kind of an interesting story," said Scott McClure, Monmouth city manager. "When they had

Camp Adair (during World War II), they'd drop bombs. Apparently people have just found ordnances, so they said let's go ahead and do a complete survey and try and find everything that's out there."

Kurt Baer, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City, Mo., said money for this project and others like it was authorized by Congress in 2002.

A 2007 investigation of the Monmouth area found that the property had his-

toric munitions finds.

"The munitions we're looking for now have a higher risk to cause human health and environmental concerns, so this project got a priority and funding," Baer said.

He added that he isn't aware of imminent danger to property owners.

"We have a history that high explosives were used at this site," he said. "We have some history documentations that munitions have been found in the past."

Out of 338 requests for access, 108 landowners have responded with permission so far, Baer said.

The procedure for searching for munitions can be complex, as Baer said the USACE doesn't want to be a burden on property owners.

"We'll contact the property owner and ask them when's a good time to come out," he said. "There's a lot of farming there. When's the dormant season? When (are we) not going to bother them too much?"

The USACE personnel will then take an all-terrain vehicle on the property with a ground-penetrating radar looking for metal debris.

"We'll look at it and see if it's munitions debris or not," Baer said. "We'll take the data, go back and analyze it. We're looking for clusters of subsurface anomalies."

Once the data has been analyzed, Baer said personnel will dig up a few items in the fields of metal debris.

"Sometimes it's an old farmstead; sometimes it's an old tractor," Baer said.

"We're just trying to determine there's no munitions."

The search hasn't officially started while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking permission from landowners, but Baer said he has already gotten reports of munitions in the area.

"Some people have called me and sent me pictures of things they have, usually on their fireplace mantel," he said.

For more information, property owners should contact: kurt.h.baer@usace.army.mil.

# District uses feedback from community in CTE extension plan

**By Jolene Guzman**  
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DALLAS — More than 1,500 parents, students and community members took Dallas School District's sur-

vey on goals for "career technical education" (CTE).

That feedback is being reflected in the district's plans for CTE expansion at the high school and increasing the focus on "science, tech-

nology, engineering and math" (STEM) at all grade levels.

Dallas High School Principal Steve Spencer said planning for adding programs began last week.

When asked what programs would be of interest, health services was the top suggestion on the survey.

Spencer said working with Salem Health West Valley in Dallas and staff already at

the high school, DHS could have a program within the next school year.

Superintendent Michelle Johnstone said the 2016-17 budget includes two full-time positions for CTE in-

struction and online program Odysseyware, which offers a number of CTE courses.

For the full version of this story, visit online at [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com).

## Douglas Wiley 'Jiggs' Freeman

**Aug. 7, 1922 – June 15, 2016**  
Douglas Freeman, 93, of Salem, died June 15.

Douglas was born in Yoncalla to Paul Gerald and Maud Jane Freeman. Douglas was given the moniker "Jiggs" at birth by his father after the main character in the beloved comic strip, "Bringing Up Father." The nickname lasted a lifetime.

Jiggs moved with his family to Portland at a very young age, before coming to Oak Grove, west of Salem, in 1929.

He attended Eliat Elementary in Portland, a one-room school in Oak Grove and graduated from Independence High School in 1939.

Jiggs lived most of his life in the family home in Oak Grove, nearly 77 years.

Jiggs married Thelma Mae Barker on Oct. 28, 1945. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary together before her death in 2013.

They lived in Willamina before moving to the Freeman family farm, where they were a part of the small farming community of Oak Grove. Jiggs and his brother, Gerald, carried on the family farm, Freeman Land and Livestock, for many years, growing grains, hay and cherries.

Jiggs and Thelma raised a family of five children, Jency, Dwight, Lynn, Harold and Willetta (Willie).

Jiggs was a member of the Oak Grove Grange for 51 years. He served as Grange Master for 12 years and represented the Oak Grove Grange at statewide conventions.

The Grange Hall is the setting for many Freeman Family celebrations, including Thanksgiving dinners for the last 75 years, continuing to this date.

Following their retirement from farming in 1984, Jiggs and Thelma moved to their retirement home overlooking the Willamette Valley.

Before his death, Jiggs lived with Thelma in the Gibson Creek Retirement community and at a group

home in West Salem following her death.

Jiggs worked at Western Oregon University (then Western Oregon State College) for several years maintaining the campus landscape and sports fields.

Jiggs and Thelma were avid square dancers, belonging to the Wagon Wheelers, Braids and Braves, and Salem Square Dance Association for many years.

Survived by children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, as well as extended family and friends.

Sons, Dwight and Harold; and siblings, Gerald and Harold Freeman, Mary Davis, Grace Herzberg, Willetta Bannister and Barbara (Bobbie) Spencer, died before he did.

Memorial service will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Restlawn Funeral Home. Celebration following at the Oak Grove Community Grange, 5670 Oak Grove Road, Rickreall.

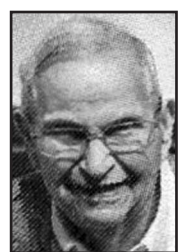
Donations may be made to the Oak Grove Community Grange in care of 22705 Business 18, Willamina, OR 97396. Condolences may also be directed to 22705 Business 18, Willamina, OR 97396.

## Paul David Reimer

**April 3, 1926 – June 17, 2016**  
Paul David Reimer, 89, of Dallas, died on Friday.

Paul was born to David and Sarah Reimer and raised in the Salt Creek area around Dallas.

He married Mary Penner in January 1949. They lived on the family farm raising cattle and hay. He also worked for Willamette Industries in Dallas until he retired.



Paul and Mary moved to Keizer to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law, and to help them with their farm until, due to health issues, he could no longer help.

Survived by wife, Mary; daughter, Alice; one granddaughter, and sister, Florence Bowman.

Celebration of life will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St. in Dallas. Contributions may

be made to EBC missions. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To leave an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Ovid (Doc) Long

**May 27, 1924 – May 6, 2016**  
Ovid (Doc) Long, 91, of Independence, died on May 6.

Ovid was born in Fort Scott, Kan., to Ethel and Charles Long, of Blue Mound, Kan. The Long family moved to Independence in 1934.

Ovid graduated from Independence High School in 1942.

He attended Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth a year prior to America's declaration of war and entry into World War II. Ovid joined the Navy in 1943.

He was trained as a medical corpsman and spent three years in the South Pacific War Theater. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He married Virginia Link on July 8, 1947. Together they had three sons, Carl, Steve and Paul. Ovid earned his bachelor's degree from

### Sudoku solution

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

Oregon State College.

He spent his working career of more than 35 years as a local farmer and agri-business man in the Independence area. He was an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life. He was a member of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1950, a founding member of the Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association, and a member of the Hop Growers Association.

Ovid and Virginia enjoyed traveling. His favorite destination was Kona, Hawaii, where he traveled every winter. Virginia died on April 5, 2010.

Survived by three sons, four grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Coffee and cake celebration of life will be at Green Villa Barn, 321 Independence Highway, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

## Mary Louise Alison

**July 26, 1961 – June 8, 2016**  
Mary Louise Alison, 54, of Rickreall, died on June 8.

She was born to Robert and Marie Smith in Forest Grove. She graduated from Central High School in 1980.

Mary went on to work for the federal highway depart-

ment. She married the love of her life, David J. Alison, on April 5, 1997, in Rickreall. They loved to travel and spend time with their family.

She enjoyed caring for others, inspiring them to strive for their dreams, and not letting difficulties or disabilities stand in the way of enjoying life.

Her mother, Marie Lebeck (Smith), and brother, Duane Smith, died before she did.

Survived by husband, David Alison; sister, Laura Verdegan; and extended family.

To leave an online tribute: [FarnstromMortuary.com](http://FarnstromMortuary.com).

## Donald Earl Bernard

**May 25, 1936 – June 10, 2016**  
Donald Earl Bernard, 80, of Falls City, died on June 10.

He was born to Clair Bernard and Luella Gresset in Portland. He joined the Army and served in the Korean War.

He was married to Terry Bernard for 43 years.

Don enjoyed fishing, picnics, reading, jigsaw puzzles and flowers.

Survivors include wife, Terry; children, Beth Cross, Russ Bernard and Donna

Burggraf; nine grandchildren; sister, Merceda Haskins; and extended family.

Sister, Lenore, and his parents died before he did.

Memorial services will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Upper Park in Falls City. It will be a potluck.

## William 'Patrick' O'Malley

**Aug. 22, 1949 – June 16, 2016**  
Memorial service for William "Patrick" O'Malley is at 7 p.m. on July 1 at Bridgeport Chapel in Dallas.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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