

Lillegard: Providing the best defense possible for everyone

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Baker speaks of Lillegard in similar terms.

"I spent as much time with Chris some days as I have with my own husband," Baker said.

She noted, in spite of some long days, Lillegard was more than generous with time off for family events.

"Twenty-nine years is a long time. You would be amazed how fast it went by," she said. "It's a great place to work ... it allowed you to have a family and work."

Unlike Lillegard, Baker will have no trouble adjusting to a retired life schedule.

"I don't care if I ever set my alarm again," Baker said. "That's the first thing I'm going to stop doing."

During his career, Lillegard has worked with recently retired attorney Doug Berg; Monte Campbell, the presiding judge in Polk County; and retired judge Charles Luukinen.

His colleagues or their titles may have changed in the 40 years he's practiced law, but one thing hasn't: the oddity of human behavior.

"Every time you think we've seen it all, we get surprised," he said. "What people do to themselves or each other is pretty amazing."

Lillegard's firm was the first to establish an indigent defense contract in Polk

A good send off

What: Open house retirement gathering for Dallas attorney Chris Lillegard.

When: Sept. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: 236 SW Mill St., Dallas.

For more information: 503-623-6676.

County in 1984, a role the firm still helps fill.

He's been part of the defense of nine people charged with murder, including most recently a co-defender for Cindy Beck, who was convicted for her involvement in a double homicide in Dallas in 2011.

In his philosophy, the job of the defense attorney isn't taking every case to trial, but fulfilling each client's right to a full defense and making sure they aren't convicted of more than what they actually did.

"Most of what you end up doing is managing the result for the person," he said. "What we are taught to do is give everybody the best defense, and the best defense isn't always getting them completely off of everything." He's also been counsel on a few intense domestic relations cases.

"I can tell you I was never frightened during any of these nasty criminal cases, but I've been frightened a few times



LINDA BAKER for the Itemizer-Observer
Chris Lillegard at his 40th.

in the divorce cases," he said. "People get pretty crazy."

He noted those tend to be the exception and not the rule, and many times he and his staff have the privilege of seeing a client's life change for the better.

"You also become a counselor and a shoulder, especially when people are going through hard times," Baker said. "Some of our clients go back years and years."

Occasionally, some of those clients come back to thank Lillegard and his team.

"We've helped a lot of people work their way through the system, so to speak, and come out on the other side as good healthy, productive human beings," he said.

Charges result from FC crash

By Jolene Guzman

The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — A Falls City woman was arrested on multiple charges following a Saturday afternoon accident on Teal Creek Road near Falls City.

Brenda Jones, 53, was charged with four counts each of fourth-degree assault and reckless endangering and one count of reckless driving in the accident that injured four people, said Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton.

Garton said Jones and her passengers

loaded into a pickup to drive to a nearby creek where they said they were going to spend time mourning Fisher Mattix-Hatch, 17, of Falls City, who died that day of an apparent medical issue. Garton said some of the passengers — three of them minors — were riding in the bed of the truck when the accident happened.

"She lost control and hit a ditch and the truck rolled," Garton said.

He said the worst injury appeared to be a broken arm.

"The rest were just cuts and scratches," he said.

Jones was taken to Polk County Jail where she was being held on \$60,000 bail as of Tuesday morning.



Side

Burrow

Hill

Lee

Brooks

Corrections posts 'most wanted'

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Polk County Community Corrections lists these individuals as "most wanted" for September.

Citizens with information on the whereabouts of any of them can call Community Corrections at 503-623-5226.

• Christopher Side, born March 16, 1981, 6-2, 200 pounds, brown hair, green

eyes. Charge: First-degree burglary.

• Dasha Jacquelyn Burrow, born Sept. 1, 1989, 5-4, 115 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charge: Possession of heroin and supplying contraband.

• Jenny Ann Hill, born May 18, 1986, 5-7, 132 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Charge: Possession of methamphetamine and endangering a minor.

• Christopher Shawn Lee, born July 6, 1984, 5-11, 195 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Charge: Delivery and/or manufacturing a controlled substance, schedule 2.

• Rayquan Carnale Brooks, born March 25, 1994, 5-10, 165 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Charge: Second-degree burglary and third-degree assault.

OBITUARIES

Ferne Luella Ehrlich

Feb. 24, 1937 – Aug. 24, 2016

Ferne Luella Ehrlich, 79, of Independence, died on Aug. 24 in Salem.

She was born in Portland.

Ferne's family attended church regularly. Ferne played piano in church for more than 55 years. She also

played guitar for the church orchestra briefly as a young teen.

Ferne taught piano lessons during the school year and hosted private piano recitals for her students. She also enjoyed writing poetry and songs about her faith.

She used her piano skills at church camp meetings during big tent revivals. It

was at one of these tent revivals that she met her future husband, Melvin, who was tipped off by his older

brother Jack about this "pretty young lady who was playing the piano there." Melvin

died in 2012.

Ferne started playing the accordion for VBS clubs, nursing homes and at the women's prison in California. While playing accordion at the prison, she met Pastor Tomos "Tex" McKean. She helped him start a new church at a decommissioned Army base.

Ferne was an avid student. Ferne attended Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in gerontology. She also attended Simpson Bible College for two years and studied the Epistles of Paul.

Ferne enjoyed music, gardening, and reading, writing, and her family.

Ferne was preceded in death by sister, Sylvia Adolphson; brother, Arnold Bush; and husband, Melvin Ehrlich.

Survived by sister, Virginia Ray; brothers, David Bush and Harold Bush; son, Bruce Ehrlich; daughter, Valerie Hunt; one grandson; two granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

A graveside service was held at Hilltop Cemetery in Independence.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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

Dorothy Mae Lucas

June 22, 1927 – Aug. 18, 2016

Dorothy Mae Lucas, 89, of Dallas, died of cancer Aug. 18 at her home in Dallas.

Dorothy was born in Pittsburg, Calif., to Harry Franklin Forlefter and Hazelle Smith Forlefter. She was the older of two girls.

Dorothy grew up and attended school in California. She married Gordon "Luke"

Lucas in Antioch, Calif., in 1955. Dorothy and Luke moved to Oregon and settled on Mill Creek Road in rural Polk County, where they lived for many years. After Luke died, Dorothy moved to Dallas. Dorothy had no children.

Dorothy worked in customer service for Moore Business Forms or for the Moore's successor company from 1962 to 1991, when she retired. She and Luke were active in the Grange, and Dorothy served as Master (President) of Buell Grange for several years, up until her death. Dorothy was a life-long learner who studied painting, took exercise classes, and read widely.

Despite the fast-moving cancer, she stayed bright, warmly appreciative, and unafraid.

Although she had many loyal friends, both old and new, she had no surviving family. Everyone who knew her feels her loss.

There will be no memorial service, in accordance with her instructions.

Private interment will be at Restlawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Dorothy's honor are suggested to your local senior center.

Etola Seaman

Aug. 31, 1921 – Aug. 24, 2016

Etola M. "Toby" Seaman, 94, of Atkins, Ark., formerly of Dallas, died Aug. 24 at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in Russellville,

Ark.

She was born in Nehalem to Bill and Dolly Schoonover Ewan.

She worked at the Dallas Retirement Village for more than 30 years. She enjoyed

gardening, sewing and spending time with her family and her cat, Timmy. She was preceded

in death by husband, Alfred Alonzo "Pete" Seaman; brother, Ray (Eve) Ewan; sister, Delia (Burt) Wickstrom; and grandson, Todd Seaman.

Survived by daughter, Janet Dolezal, of Dallas; sons, Lonnie (Jo) Seaman, of Atkins; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and extended family.

Memorial services were held. Lemley Funeral Services, of Atkins, handled arrangements.

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

Stan Kinion

Aug. 15, 1952 – Aug. 31, 2016

Stan Kinion, 64, of Hillsboro, formerly of Dallas, died on Aug. 31 from complications from surgery.

He was born in Dallas; lived and worked in Hillsboro. He will be missed by family and

friends. Memorial service will be Sept 14 at 1 p.m. at Hillsboro United Methodist Church, Hillsboro.

Committal service will be Sept 15 at 11 a.m. at Dallas Cemetery.

Please view more at www.firlawnfh.com.

To leave an online tribute: www.oregonlive.com/obits.

Obituary Information

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

Sudoku solution

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NANA DEL HAGEDORN

March 23, 1926 - August 24, 2016



Nana Del Hagedorn of Buena Vista, Oregon passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2016 in Roseville, California at the age of 90. Nana was born March 23, 1926 in Stillwater, OK to Katherine Maxon and Roy Merton Wheeler.

Nana married John McLean in 1943 and tragically lost her husband after having three children with one on the way. Nana then put herself through beauty school to support herself and her four children. Nana's door was always open and there was a constant stream of friends, neighbors, and family stopping by for coffee, cards and haircuts. The family loved spending time in Grandma Hagedorn's kitchen playing Dirty Liverpool, Solitaire, and 31, but Nana's favorite pastime was playing Bingo.

She is survived by three loving children; Carolyn Taylor, Johneta Johnson and Mac McLean. Nana has 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Nana was preceded in death by 10 siblings, son Hughy McLean and two husbands, John McLean and Raymond Hagedorn.

Nana Hagedorn was a courageous woman with a sassy spirit who loved her family fiercely. She will be remembered and missed daily. Honoring Nana's wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. "BINGO!"

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