

Polk deputies, volunteers efforts recognized

Office given 'Commander of the Year' and 'Lifesaving' awards at banquet

Itemizer-Observer staff report

SALEM — Several members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office received a variety of state wide awards at the Oregon State Sheriff's Association annual awards banquet.

Life Saving Awards were given to Deputy Artur Artunyan, Deputy Chris Younger, Deputy Josh Brooks, Sergeant Erik Heikila and Sgt. Michael Redding.

These three deputies and two sergeants worked together to save the life of an inmate who was actively attempting to commit suicide and who was also being combative towards the corrections deputies, Sheriff Mark Garton said in a press release.

Polk County Reserve Deputy Eric Berry and Lincoln County Deputy Eric Larson also earned Lifesaving honors.

They worked together to pull a driver from a car that had just crashed, Garton said.

The vehicle was on fire, and these two deputies used pure physical force to pry open the car door and (pulled) the driver to safety, Garton added.

Minutes after they pulled the driver out, the vehicle became fully engulfed in flames.

If it were not for their attentiveness and distinct actions at the scene by removing the man from the burning car, the crash would have been fatal, Garton said.

Patrol Commander of the Year award was given to Lt. Jeff Isham.

This award is given to



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Members of sheriff's department were honored.

only one person in a sheriff's office who oversees the general operations of a patrol division, Garton said.

Isham was given this award based on his diligent work in the hiring process since the passage of the public safety levy, in the patrol and corrections divisions,

Garton noted. Lt. Isham also took over the duties of the jail commander, in addition to his patrol duties.

Enforcement Command Council — Volunteer of the

year award went to John Brown — Salt (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) member. This award is given to only one volunteer from across the state of Oregon in recognition of his or her volunteer service, Garton said.

John has volunteered nearly 600 hours in 2016 and assists the sheriff's office in many ways from serving civil documents. He also takes evidence to the Springfield Crime Lab and is actively involved in community events, Garton said.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included.

The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS

Arrests/Citations
Angel Sanchez Oregon, 47, of Silverton, in the 1400 block of SE Godsey Road on Dec. 12 on failure to carry or present an operator's license.

Richard Lee Rhoades Carle III, 30, of Dallas, in the 500 block of E. Ellendale Ave. on Dec. 12 on two failure to appear warrants, one from the city of Dallas and the other from Linn County.

Krysta Noelle Catto, 19, of Dallas, in the 1200 block of SE Lewis St. on Thursday on driving while suspended or revoked.

Ean Keal Draper, 18, of Dallas, in the 1300 block of SW Maple St. on Thursday on second-degree criminal trespass.

Jeff M. Dunagan, 18, of Dallas, in the 1300 block of SW Maple St. on Thursday on second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree criminal mischief.

Janie L. Malloy, 54, of Canby, on S. Pacific Hwy. W.

on Thursday on reckless driving.

INDEPENDENCE

Arrests/Citations
Edgar G. Del Rio, 19, of Lynnwood, Wash., at S. Sixth and D sts. on Dec. 11 for underage possession of marijuana.

Scott Alexander Bradley, 26, of Portland, at S. Main and I sts. on Dec. 13 for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, refusal of test for intoxicants, second-degree criminal mischief, and two counts of hit and run.

Tony Diehl Munoz, 19, of Monmouth, at Monmouth and S. 17th sts. on Friday for driving while suspended or revoked.

Jessi Jose Cisneros, 28, of Independence, in the 1000 block of Monmouth St. on Friday for DUII, and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Victor Hugo Gil, 25, a transient, on Madrona St., on Saturday for parole violation.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations
Julian Benjamin Garcia, 33, of Monmouth, in the 1000 block of Bentley St. E. on Dec. 11 on a warrant for felony failure to appear.

Terri M. Smith, 37, of Monmouth, in the 200 block of Heffley St. S. on Dec. 11 for having a dog as a public nuisance.

EARLY DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday holiday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer*:

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Community events — Noon on Thursday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Friday.

Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Friday.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

Retail display ads — 3 p.m. Thursday.

Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Friday.

Classified line ads — Noon on Friday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.

Public notices — Noon on Thursday.

CORRECTIONS

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* is committed to publishing accurate news, feature and sports reports. If you see anything that requires a correction or clarification, call the newsroom at 503-623-2373 or send an email to ementzer@polkio.com.

WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, www.polkio.com, is updated each week by Wednesday afternoon. There, you will find nearly every story that appears in the print version of the newspaper, as well as some items, including additional photos, that do not appear in print due to space limitations.

The *Itemizer-Observer* is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Dec. 13.....	39	33	.00
Dec. 14.....	35	28	.53
Dec. 15.....	31	27	.02
Dec. 16.....	35	16	.00
Dec. 17.....	33	16	.00
Dec. 18.....	32	25	.00
Dec. 19.....	46	29	.33

Rainfall during Dec. — 3.89 in.
Rain through Dec. 19 — 45.74 in.

Thomas L. Davis Sr.

April 8, 1921 — Nov. 27, 2016
Tom Davis Sr., 95, passed away peacefully in his Salem home. Tom was born in Cleveland, Ohio, the only son of Gomer and Mary Jane Davis, joining four older sisters, Edith, Thelma, Lucille and Florence.

He graduated from John Adams High School and later received his bachelor's degree from Kent State University.

During World War II, Ensign Tom served in the Navy Air Corps as an aviator. On Feb. 16, 1946, he married Adelynne Kohler, and they enjoyed a wonderful 64 years together.

He and Lynne settled in Cleveland, where their two children were born.

The family remained in Cleveland until 1960, when they moved to Salem as a result of Tom's transfer to the Dallas, Towmotor plant (later Caterpillar Tractor).

At Towmotor, he started as sales manager, and then became personnel manager,

retiring in 1977. Two years later, he came out of retirement to be vice president of human resources for Evergreen Helicopter, finally retiring in 1983.

Family, times with close friends, golfing, flowering plants and, even yard work were his enjoyment.

Tom is survived by daughter, Linda Davis Kolber (Barry), of Salem; son, Dr. Tom Davis Jr. (Nicole), of Dallas; grandchildren, Sarah, Janelle (Nathan), Mark (Katie); and six great-grandchildren, Nora, Judah, Genevieve, Adelynne, Jack and Avery.

Tom was a peacemaker; a calm, kind, loving and generous man who didn't have an unkind word to say about others.

He seldom forgot a face or name, and remembered what was happening in people's lives. Tom was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

A family graveside service was held Thursday, Dec. 1. Online condolences and stories can be shared at: <http://www.bollmanfuneralhome.com>.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Marion-Polk Food Share, 1660 Salem Industrial Drive NE, Salem OR 97301-0374, or the Willamette Humane Society, 4246 Turner Road SE, Salem OR 97317.

Barbara Lynne Mulkey

April 8, 1958 — Dec. 15, 2016
Barbara Lynne Mulkey, 58, from Albany, went to be with our Lord on Dec. 15, 2016, as a result of an auto accident on Springhill Road, in Albany.

Barbara was born in Corvallis to Paul and Jeraldine (Jeree) Mulkey on April 8, 1958. She grew up in Suver, working on the family farm.

She attended Central High School in Independence and graduated in 1976. For over 30 years, Barbara worked in the banking industry, working her way up to branch manager.

Corvettes were her passion, and she and her sister Tina were charter members of the Corvette club from Albany.

Barbara enjoyed all the trips she took with the Beaver State Corvette Club. Her other passion was cats, and "Zorro" and "Zena" will miss her greatly.

She was predeceased by her first husband, BJ Funk, from Portland, who passed away in January of 1993 from an auto accident.

Barbara was divorced from her second husband Craig Smith from Cottage Grove.

Barbara is survived by her parents, Paul and Jeree Mulkey, of Suver; brother, Leo, of Airlie (wife Molly Mulkey, daughter and family Kindi, Erik and Kevin King); brother, Paul Jr. (wife Kim

and son Dallas) Mulkey, of Airlie; sister, Tina (daughter Cassandra and grandson Braxton) Mulkey, of Suver; and Aunt Jacque Whitley, of Albany.

There will be a celebration of her life at the Monmouth Christian Church, 959 W. Church St., Monmouth, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016, (today) at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gift to the Monmouth Christian Church.

Richelle Combs

Dec. 21, 1956 — Oct. 10, 2016
Richelle Combs passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 10, 2016, in Albany, at the age of 59 with loved ones at her side.

She is survived by her daughter, Makena Combs; her mother, Joan Carpenter; her sister, Joni Funk and family; and her community of wonderful friends.

Richelle was born on Dec. 21, 1956, in Seattle, to Joan and Richard Carpenter. She graduated from Dallas High School in 1975 and attended Oregon State and Chemekeeta, focusing on the health care field.

She made her home in Albany, where she raised her daughter, made long-lasting friendships, and worked for Mid-Valley Speech and Hearing for 22 years.

Richelle was an avid lover of games and an antique hunter to the core.

She was a very proud mother, a lover of travel and ethnic food, and a gardener

who took pride in having neighborhood gatherings. She'll be remembered especially for her sharp sense of humor, which she kept intact throughout her five-year battle with ovarian cancer.

A celebration of life will be held on Feb. 1, 2017, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Flinn Block Hall in Albany. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (ocrfca.org).

Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Friday 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.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of people who served in the armed forces.

Obituaries cost \$8 per 25 words (column inch) and include photos and flags for veterans. Obituaries must be prepaid if placed by private individuals.

Obituaries — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

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

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Three-by-three square →

Column ↓

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.