

NEWS IN BRIEF

City of Dallas given budgeting award

DALLAS — The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded the city of Dallas with its Distinguished Budget Presentation award.

The award "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," read a press release from the GFOA. "In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation."

Those guidelines include how well the budget serves as a Policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device.

City Manager Ron Foggini said employees put in a lot of work to make sure the budget met those standards and is presented in a way the public can understand.

"I just wanted to make sure everybody recognized how important that document is to us," he said.

Program helps struggling homeowners

POLK COUNTY — The state of Oregon will announce a "Home Rescue" program launching on July 6 in Southern and Eastern Oregon counties.

The program will aid homeowners struggling to pay their mortgage by either paying monthly payments (up to 12 payments with a maximum benefit of \$20,000) or a reinstatement payment to bring mortgages current (up to \$15,000).

Additional regions of the state will be phased in every two weeks until all Oregon counties are eligible to apply on Aug. 17. To qualify, homeowners must be able to show at least a 10 percent reduction in projected 2016 income compared to any tax year between 2009 and 2015. Additional information about eligibility requirements and the application process can be found at www.OregonHomeownerHelp.org.

For more information: 503-986-2025.

Six arrested on DUII charges in Indy

INDEPENDENCE — During the month of February, six drivers were arrested by Independence police for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Three of those were for alcohol, and three were for drugs. The average blood-alcohol content was 0.15 percent.

Rumsey said in a press release that having a BAC of less than the legal limit of 0.08 percent doesn't mean a DUII arrest cannot be made. If the officer observes impaired driving through driving infractions or failure of a standardized field sobriety test, the suspect can be arrested.



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A herd of 16 horses on Pedee Creek Road have been seized by the Polk County Sheriff's Office after showing signs of neglect. Also seized were four goats and four llamas. The Polk County Sheriff's Posse is feeding the animals.

PCSO seizes animals on Pedee farm

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

PEDEE — Sometimes people who want to help can start out with good intentions and then find themselves in too deep.

That may be the case for property owners on Pedee Creek Road, who have 16 horses, three llamas and three goats who have been seized on site by the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Jeff Isham said.

"A lot of times the people who take in these animals think they're doing good for them," Isham said. "They get one or two, and before they know it, they're up to 16. I'm not sure if there's a tipping point with them saying, 'hey, I'm in over my head.'"

The animals are in the custody and care of the sheriff's office now, being fed and looked after by volunteers with the Polk County Sheriff's Posse, Isham said.

Some of the animals were in decent shape, Isham noted, but some were pretty bad.



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The animals will be rehomed as soon as possible.

"We've seen this with the last few large animal rescues," Isham said. "They mean well and have good intentions, but they don't re-

alize they're that person who can't take care of their animals. Being the rescuer and not realizing they're the ones needing rescued."

The property owner will likely face charges, but of what crimes and how many is yet to be determined, Isham said.

Jacob Kamins, a special prosecutor, will determine any charges based on the overall health of the herd, Isham said.

Once the person forfeits the animals, either on her own or after a trial, the sheriff's department can find new homes for them, Isham said. He said he was grateful for the many volunteers with the sheriff's office.

"Without those volunteer units, we would be overwhelmed with things that come up like this," Isham said. "Every time we've had a large animal seizure, we've had people from the community step up to donate hay and grain."

The sheriff's department does not budget for these large animal seizures, Isham said.

"You just never know how big it's going to be, and it gets pretty spendy real quick," he said.

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