

The art of the tattoo comes to Dallas

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Denise Allen decided it was time for a change.

Allen, the owner of the new MD Tats & Oddities in Dallas, had been living in Utah with her husband, Barry Allen, when she announced her conclusion.

"One day she said, 'I want to move to Oregon,'" Barry recalled. "I said 'OK.'"

Neither had visited Oregon, but decided to head here anyway.

"It was just intuition," Denise said. "Apparently, it was meant to be."

The couple first moved to Independence, and then to Dallas.

"It's better than I expected; I love it," Allen said of her new home. "I will never move back to Utah. I love the rain."

A lifelong artist, Denise took a chance on dabbling in a new medium: tattoos.

She enrolled at ATA Tattoo School in Salem, and this month opened her tattoo and art studio, 261 SW Washington St., in Dallas.

The Dallas Area Chamber



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Denise Allen opened MD Tats & Oddities at the beginning of March on Washington Street in Dallas. Allen also sells art, all of her own making, at the shop.

of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at the shop on St. Patrick's Day, where she revealed her goal to get involved in her new community.

"I'm just excited to be here, and I'm just looking

forward to being a part of the community — and being successful, I'm hoping," Denise said. "I like to be involved. I'm a volunteering, involving kind of person."

Denise said her inspira-

tion for opening her studio is her art.

"I've pretty much always been an artist," she said. "I've never had any professional training. It's always been natural."

MD Tats & Oddities has examples of her work for sale, including drawings, glass designs, jewelry and T-shirts.

That centerpiece is tattooing, and she's had plenty of practice putting designs on her friends and family, especially Barry.

"He's my practice canvas," she said.

Denise said she's had several clients and hopes to see business increase.

She said most of her clients bring her photos of work they want done — and she's willing to use her creativity to personalize or improve on those designs or produce a replica.

Denise said she prefers to use her creativity.

"That's what I try to do," she said. "Some people let me, and some won't."

Denise said her new artistic outlet is addicting, for the recipient and the artist, and it has an advantage over other art forms.

"It's better than putting it on canvas," she said. "You get to put it on everyone."

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CORRECTIONS

The property owner on Pedee Creek Road does not own the horses which have been seized by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The woman who owns the horses rents the property on Pedee Creek Road, where the horses live. The *I-O* regrets the error.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 14.....	59	53	.85
March 15.....	56	45	.84
March 16.....	56	35	.00
March 17.....	56	36	.17
March 18.....	58	39	.41
March 19.....	57	32	.00
March 20.....	51	40	.22

Rainfall during March. — 5.64 in.
Rain through March 20 — 24.45 in.

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Falls City to adjust historic landmark commission

By Jolene Guzman
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FALLS CITY — The Falls City City Council approved the first step of opening the city's Historic Landmark Commission to people who are not residents, but only if they have expertise in historic preservation.

Commission members voted Feb. 6 to recommend that the city change its municipal code to allow people living outside the city to join the commission.

"They're organized. They've done a really good job, but they are needing to get some technical, experienced people," said Falls

City Mayor Terry Ungricht at the council's March 9 meeting.

The change would allow three members to be non-city residents, giving the commission the chance to draw outside experts in nominating more properties to the National Historic Register, with the consent of

owners. One under consideration is Falls City High School. The commission wants to create a class for students to help with the nomination process.

Once a landmark is added, the commission is required to serve in a quasi-judicial capacity when owners request to make alterations, consider demolition or relocate the structure. The commission also would like to explore incentive programs and create historic tourism opportunities around town.

"Recruiting individuals with expertise in historic preservation will greatly help our dedicated Historic Landmark Commission accomplish these goals," City Clerk Domenica Protheroe wrote in an agenda report to the council.

No members of the commission attended the meeting, which left council members with questions regarding why the commission chose up to three outside members and if the commission already had appli-

cants in mind.

Councilor Charlie Flynn said he's concerned that having that many members living outside Falls City, the commission might lose its local focus and knowledge.

Ungricht said he will ask the commission to have representatives at the council's April meeting to answer those questions and concerns before taking a vote on the ordinance to amend the city code.

The proposed amendment reads: "At least three of the members of the Historic Landmark Commission must reside in the city at the time of their appointment and at all times during their term in office. Three non-resident member may be appointed and approved when the mayor and the city council determine that such individuals have special qualifications and expertise in the subject matter of the commission, and have expressed interest in being appointed and serving and advancing the interests of the city."

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Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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

How to do Sudoku

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By Ben Arnoldy

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To RSVP your name and the name of one guest, contact Jen Levesque at 503.837.0118 or jenniferlevesque01@gmail.com. RSVPs are encouraged by March 20, but are not required. The opportunity to register for Relay For Life will be available.

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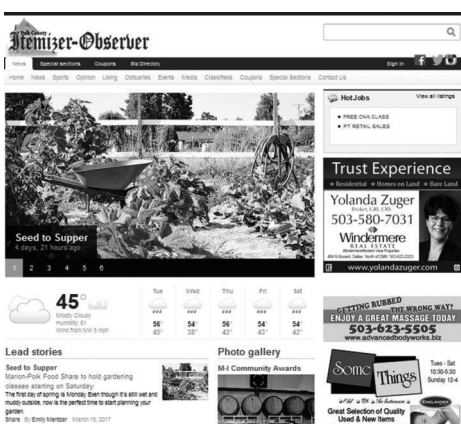
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