

Indy Goes Dark website goes live

By Emily Mentzer
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INDEPENDENCE — The website is live. Independence is ready to go dark on Aug. 21 for the Great American Eclipse. The five-day festival is planned to celebrate the eclipse, and will happen in Riverview Park. On the website, visitors — or residents — may book campsites and buy tickets to a beer fest on Saturday, or wine tastings on Friday. Souvenir glasses will be available for both events. The five-day festival kicks off Thursday, Aug. 17 with River's Edge movie in the park. The film will be free, and promises to be space-themed. Friday, enjoy wine tastings from local vineyards from 4 to 8 p.m., topped with an Aerosmith tribute band, Aeromyth Pumped. Saturday will be a food truck festival and beer fest, along with live concerts throughout the day and kids activities. Sunday continues with yoga in Riverview Park or a bike ride through Polk County, along with more live music, food trucks and entertainment. Monday morning will include breakfast in the park, a presentation by a University of Oregon professor on why total solar eclipses are so rare, and the eclipse itself. Live music will follow. For more information on the events planned, or to sponsor the event: independencesgoesdark.com.

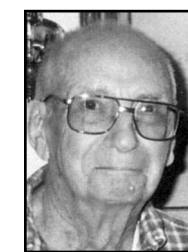
Finalists: decision April 3

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The district population is about 5,200. She is an adjunct professor for curriculum, instruction and assessment for the University of Oregon, and previously taught character and ethics in leadership as an adjunct professor for Concordia University. She has 10 years of classroom experience as an English teacher in Oregon and Idaho. Tucker has a doctorate in educational leadership from George Fox University and a Master of Teaching degree from Pacific University. The Central School Board has begun thorough background and reference checks

of the superintendent finalists. While the background and reference checks are underway, the district will host a meet-and-greet for employees and community members to meet the three candidates and provide feedback. The meet-and-greet will be Wednesday (today) at 4 p.m. at Central High School cafeteria. The board will have second interviews with each finalist in executive session before deciding on the next superintendent. The decision should be announced at the April 3 board meeting. Superintendent Buzz Brazeau will finish his time in the district on June 30.

Barnhard Axel Clifford Shodin

June 28, 1931 – March 12, 2017
Barnhard Axel Clifford Shodin, 85, a resident of Dallas, died Sunday, March 12, 2017, at his home.



He was born on June 28, 1931, in Vale, the son of Axel and Elaine Wilson Shodin. He graduated from Dallas High School in the class of 1950. For 12 years, Barnhard served in the Oregon National Guard. On Sept. 14, 1958, he married Janet Faye Kendall in Dallas. Barnhard worked for the Polk County Road Department for 42 years, retiring in June of 1996. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Polkaboots Good Sam RV Club. For many years, he sang in the choir, served on church councils and enjoyed camping. He is survived by his wife Janet of Dallas; sons James (Lorna) Shodin, of Dallas, John (Lydia) Shodin, of Dallas, and Carl (Karen) Shodin, of Pendleton; along with eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister Breta Hiatt. A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Dallas Trinity Lutheran Church. Private interment will be in the Dallas Cemetery. Memorials contributions are suggested to the church. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a memory or message for the family please go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Shirley Irene Reynolds

Dec. 2, 1935 – Jan. 20, 2017
Shirley was born in Dallas to Art and Adela Kliever. She grew up in Dallas, attending school here, later

moving to California to marry Jerry Dean Reynolds. After her divorce in 1995, she moved back to Dallas to be with her family and to raise hell with her niece Kathy O'Neill. Shirley spent her time as homemaker raising her children. After they were grown she was a caregiver, professional signer, collector of coins, rocks and animals. She was well-known for her love of all animals. Shirley was preceded in death by her siblings, Ken James, Dorothy Jenness, Mel Kliever, and Alice Taylor. She is survived by her four children, Barbara Sorensen, Debra Salzman, Lenny Reynolds, and Cindy Lazare; four grandchildren, Earl, Breana, Alyse and Cierra; four great-grandchildren; and her extended family, Tim, Kathy, Jesse, Ryan, Amanda, Cory, Kaity May and Wesley. A private service will be held by family. Farnstrom Mortuary is handling arrangements.



of Dallas. • Ignacio Mendez Jr., 22, of Salem on SE Miller Ave. on March on two failure to appear warrants out of Marion County. • Melissa J. Hill, 35, a transient, in the 130 block of W. Ellendale Ave. on March 14 on a parole violation. • Paul E. Bunyard, 62, of Dallas, in the 500 block of SW Maple St. on March 14 on a charge of second-degree criminal trespass. Bunyard was arrested again in a separate incident on March 15 in the 1200 block SW Fairview Ave. on charges of second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree criminal trespass. • Robert A. Wolsey Jr., 53, a transient, in the 600 block of E. Ellendale Ave. on March 15 on a charge of possession of methamphetamine and a probation violation. • Steven C. Abbott, 42, of McMinnville, on SE Monmouth Cutoff Road on March 15 on a charge of failure to return a suspended, revoked or canceled license. • Jesse D. White, 37, of Dallas, on SW Fairview Ave. on Friday on a charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

POLICE REPORT

INDEPENDENCE Arrests/Citations
• Frank Louis Barney, 44, of Salem, at Monmouth and S. Second sts. on Saturday for parole violation.
• Juan Abel Aguilar Castro, 25, of Independence, at River Rd. and Boat Landing St. on Monday on two bench warrants for failure to appear.

MONMOUTH Arrests/Citations
• No reports available by press time.

Commissioners put name behind olives

Board becomes co-applicant for grant to help local farmer

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — Polk County will be a co-applicant on a grant submission to the Oregon Water Resources Department that leaders hope could provide an innovative solution to farming on land difficult to irrigate. Bogdan Caceu, the owner of the farm, La Creole Orchards located south of Dallas, is seeking funding to place an above-ground storage tank to hold water drawn from three wells on the property. He said the volume of water — about one to two gallons per minute from two wells, and three to four gallons per minute on the third — isn't adequate for the orchard. Those sources could work if the water is drawn and stored before it is needed, though, he said. Caceu has a pilot project tank on

the property holding 35,000 gallons, but needs much more to expand his orchard. La Creole Orchards' crop is a bit unusual for Oregon: olives. Caceu uses the olives to make extra-virgin olive oil and wants to expand to a commercial operation. "The water needs of the orchard are such that they will increase each year. As the trees get bigger, they need more water," he said during a presentation for the Polk County Board of Commissioners on March 14. Caceu applied for the grant last year and didn't make the cut, but was given some advice for improvement from agency staff. "They were very kind to issue a two-page summary. They gave me feedback on the strengths and concerns of last year's application," Caceu said. "I was able to pay close attention to the concerns they had." If successful, the grant

would add another container — this one holding nearly half a million gallons. He said it would take about a third of the land needed to build an irrigation pond and could capture rain water. "I'm basing this proposed water storage tank on the actual water needs and the actual available water," Caceu said. Commissioner Craig Pope, who has been working with Caceu for almost a year, said the project could provide options for agriculture on less-than-ideal land. "It's a very progressive operation. I'm fascinated with the storage system, because we have a lot of potential for these, what I would call secondary lands, to be opportunities for high-value crops, but they don't have any options for water," he said. "They don't build ponds on hillsides, generally. This system is very efficient, and I'm quite

fascinated with seeing others use this going forward." La Creole Orchards is a small operation, but Caceu, who also is the executive director Olive Growers of Oregon, a nonprofit growers' association, said the new industry shows promise. "We believe there is a lot of potential — reduced yields compared to what is in California, but very high quality product," Caceu said. The board voted to become a co-applicant, but will bear no financial responsibility for the necessary "matching funds" for the grant. Caceu said the farm would cover that requirement. "I think this is a low-risk opportunity for us to be engaged in an application which might help make this move forward, which in turn will help other property owners with their chances to get some grant money," Pope said.

OBITUARIES

Memories and condolences at FarnstromMortuary.com.

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

Charles Richter

Aug. 18, 1949 – March 6, 2017
Charles Ralph Richter, 67, of Dallas, died March 6 at his home.



Chuck was a Vietnam Veteran. He enjoyed music and his many friends. A celebration of life will be Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m., 573 E. Ellendale Ave.

Harvey Charles Golbek

Jan. 8, 1939 – March 15, 2017
Harvey Charles Golbek, 78, of Portland, formerly of Dallas, died March 15. He was born in Inola, Okla., on Jan. 8, 1939. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth Golbek; daughter Amanda Golbek; son Brent R. Golbek; sister Phyllis Brostrom; brother Les Golbek Jr.; and sister Elizabeth Lehl. Graveside services were

held in the Dallas Cemetery. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

James Pendel Preston

June 4, 1921 – March 4, 2017
James Pendel Preston, 95, of Dallas, died March 4, at the Veterans Affairs Hospice

in Roseburg. He was born in Moorhead, Minn. Survivors include wife Katherine Elizabeth Preston; daughter Julie Trenary; and son Mark Preston. Crown Memorial Center handled arrangements.

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