

# Utilities add online management

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MONMOUTH — Customers of Monmouth's utilities can now pay and manage accounts online.

"It's integrated with our billing software, so when a customer signs up and pays their bill online, the next morning we'll receive that payment, and we will update their account," said Mark Dunmire, finance manager.

Online payment services had been offered a few years ago for customers of Monmouth, but it did not work well for either customers or city employees, Dunmire said.



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The new system is used by other cities, including Dallas and Independence.

Once a customer signs up, he or she can monitor his or her utility usage.

"They can go months back and see their consumption," Dunmire said. "If they don't have their bill handy, and want to go back and see why their bill is so high, for example."

It could come in handy for determining sewer bills, which are based on four months during the winter, he said.

"Most people don't know how it's calculated, but they could contact us and we'll explain it to them," Dunmire said. "Having their consumption history is a good thing. It helps them understand their charges."

Property managers with multiple rentals can access utility information for all their buildings on one account, Dunmire said.

"Once you do it, you log your Express Bill Pay and your utilities come up," he

said. "It works really well."

Customers may pay with debit or credit card, do a funds transfer from a bank account to the utility bill, create an autopay option, and sign up for paperless billing.

The city does not levy processing fees for using credit or debit cards.

"There's a lot of customization that people will use," Dunmire said.

With the new system, the city can also accept plastic to pay for other city services, such as dog licenses or park reservations. When paying for anything except utilities, a 3 percent processing fee will be charged.

# 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**  
 • Joshua R. Millsap, 40, of Independence, on Orrs Corner Road on April 9 on a charge of misdemeanor driving while suspended or revoked.  
 • Danny S. Hicks, 50, of Falls City, in the 500 block of Main St. on April 10 on a probation violation and a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

**INDEPENDENCE**

**Arrests/Citations**  
 • Carlos Flores, 47, of Independence, at Marigold Dr. and N. Gun Club Rd. on April 9 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.  
 • Aaron Jay Esper Parker, 24, of Independence, in the 400 block of Marsh St. on April 12 for second-degree disorderly conduct and DUII.

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**Arrests/Citations**  
 • Dominic Noel Bass, 33, of Monmouth, in the 400 block of Main St. E. on April 6 for fourth-degree assault.  
 • Tyree Felder, 18, of Monmouth, at Main St. W. and Whitman St. on April 11 for DUII, reckless endangering, and unlawful possession of marijuana — younger than 21.

# Armory: Board approved purchase unanimously

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 City Councilor and board member Ken Woods Jr., he's concerned the agency will buy the property at \$100,000, but not be able to sell it for that price.

recommend issuing a "request for proposals" on the property.

"In determining in the sale of this property, what is being recommended is we do and RFP process to identify anyone who would be interested in buying this

property," he said. "That may be one person who has expressed an interest, it may be 10 people."

Foggin said the RFP process would be in-depth, requiring people to have architectural designs and a business plan.

Shein said considering the new developments the advisory committee recommended the agency purchase the property, contingent on OMD receiving the DEQ letter.

"It has everything that we wanted and didn't have

when we rejected it before," he said. "Now all those dominoes have fallen into place."

Councilor and board member Kelly Gabliks requested that a closing date be added to the sales contract to assure the process doesn't drag on for months

or years.

"That would be fine and rest assured we are working to get this done by September," Arroyo said. "Our mandate is not to hold on to property."

The board approved the purchase unanimously.

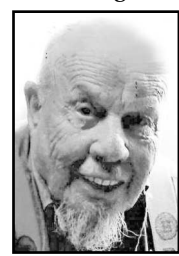
## Fred Martin Kochis

March 2017  
 Fred Martin Kochis, known to his logging friends as Beaver, died March 2017 in Durkee.

He joined the Merchant Marines at 16 years old and was wounded in Japan. He earned the Bronze Medal during World War II. After leaving the high seas, he moved to Aurora, where he met and married Pauline Wriighthouse.

They moved to Valsetz in 1953, and settled in Falls

City for the next 20 years, where they raised Wendell, their daughter.



Beaver found his niche in life as a faller, and spent the rest of his life outdoors doing what he loved.

He logged in Alaska and Oregon, and really enjoyed time spent with Stanley Poe, Art Inman, Ben Jay, and the rest of his logging buddies.

His passion was raising bees, growing trees, and the outdoors; his good humor, never meeting a stranger. He was an amazing little Hungarian, proud of his heritage.

He was preceded in death by parents Wendell and Mary Kochis; brothers Tony,

George, Wendell, Steve; babies Annie and Johnnie; and sister Mary.

And they called the wind Mariah. His only child, Wendy Flippo, lives in Reno, Nev. One sister, Margaret Ming, lives in California.

## Alfred Eugene 'Al' Jones

Nov. 27, 1943 – April 14, 2017  
 Alfred Eugene "Al" Jones, a resident of Rickreall, died on Friday, April 14.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1943, in Toledo, the son of Calvert and Clede Jones. He was the second-oldest of nine children. Al was raised in Harlan, and in 1959, moved to Corvallis.

He graduated from Corvallis High School. The family lived on a 1,500-acre farm there.

Al went to Spokane Trade School, where he met June Clouse. They were married on April 2, 1966, in Reardan, Wash.

Al and June raised four children on their farm in Rickreall.

He started Al Jones Trucking in 1971. They haul agriculture commodities.

He enjoyed visiting with friends, family and road trips. He loved four-wheeling, motorcycling and horseback riding. He especially loved being a grandfather, and he attended a vari-

ety of sporting events, along with supporting his children in their sporting events as well. He continued to drive truck for his business until he was diagnosed with a brain tumor in August 2015.

He will be deeply missed by his friends and family. He will be remembered for being such a hard-working family man.

He is survived by his wife June; children, Jeff (Linda), Greg (Lynden), Michele (Chris) Brian (Michelle); grandchildren, Stefanie, Cody, Jessica, Kaci, Brianna, Owen, Madi, Lili, Brandon and Craig; along with great-grandkids Rilynn and another baby on the way; mother, Clede; brothers, Irvin, Ron, Don, Sam, Avery, Charlie, Bob and Calvin. He was preceded in death by his father Calvert in March of 2003.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 22, at 1 p.m. at the Salt Creek Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dallas Booster Club or the American Cancer Society in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, who is caring for the family. To leave an online condolence for the family go to [dallastrIBUTE.com](http://dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Hilary Russell

Feb. 28, 1944 – April 6, 2017

Hilary Russell was born on Feb. 28, 1944, in Manitowoc, Wis., to John and Marian Higginson. She met and married her first husband, Marlyn (Butch) Hanson, in Brigham City, Utah,

on March 17, 1961. They had three children: twin sons Kris and Karl and a daughter, Kori.

After a few years in Billings, Mont., they moved the family to Independence so Hilary could attend Oregon College of Education to pursue an art degree while Butch could pursue farming interests.

Hilary and Butch divorced after their children were raised, then she met and married Maurice Russell II on May 19, 1984. They were happily married for almost 25 years before he passed away in 2008.

Hilary was an extremely talented artist. She had a bachelor of arts degree from Western Oregon University, and was a founding member of the River Gallery in Independence.

Her art has been shown and sold in many different states. Hilary had a passion for mixing media and techniques in her art and created many beautiful pieces of work.

Hilary is survived by her son, Kris Hanson, of Selkirk, N.Y., son Karl Hanson, of Henderson, Nev., and daughter Kori Valencourt, of Dallas; and four grandchildren, Trevin and Lacy Hanson, and Brianna and Taylor Valencourt. Hilary also leaves behind her two sisters, Winnifred Richman and Pamela Apodaca, both from Utah, and their extended families. She will also be missed by her extensive group of friends and colleagues in the local art community.

A memorial service will be held at the Independence Event Center (downstairs in the new Independence City Hall) 555 S. Main St., Independence, on April

29 at 1 p.m.

## Timothy Wayne Cavilee

May 9, 1959 – March 28, 2017

Timothy (Tim) Wayne Cavilee was born May 9, 1959, to Roscoe and Barbara Cavilee in Salem.

He was raised and attended schools in Independence.

Tim traveled to many places throughout the United States during his life working construction and various other jobs. He was a skilled carpenter and handyman who could build or repair most anything. He passed away March 28, 2017, in Salem, from complications from cancer.

Tim was preceded in death by his father Roscoe; mother Barbara; and brother Ron.

He is survived by a son, Paul Payton, of North Carolina; brothers Don Cavilee, of Oakridge, Matt Cavilee, of Salem; and sister Sandi Newton, of Independence. Private interment was at Fircrest Cemetery in Monmouth. Arrangements by Farnstrom's Mortuary, Independence.

## Jill Marie Starbuck-Hill

May 6, 1960 – April 9, 2017

Jill Marie Starbuck-Hill, 56, died on April 9 at her home in Dallas. She was born May 6, 1960, in Roseburg to Victor and Judy Starbuck. She married Richard Allen Hill on March 3, 2017, in Lahinia, Maui.

A celebration of Jill's life will be held Friday, April 28, 2 p.m. at Farnstrom Mortuary.

To leave an online tribute: [FarnstromMortuary.com](http://FarnstromMortuary.com).

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