

Wine Down encourages exploring Dallas shops

By Emily Mentzer
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checks all the boxes needed for a successful Wine Down project.

"They were looking for something close to Corvallis, with a cute downtown, with business owners that were willing and open to something like this, and a really great community partner, which we found in the Dallas Downtown Association," she said. "Also, it's near the heart of the Willamette Valley wine area, so close to the population of wineries. And the historical significance."

Villalobos said 36 OSU business students have been working for two terms on this project.

"Our main goal is twofold," she said. "One, to give students the ability to plan an event, execute it and learn fundamentals. Two, support businesses and the community of Dallas, bringing new people to those businesses to show what they have to offer, and let them see what Dallas has to offer."

The event includes 12

business locations and six wineries as of Monday, though that number may increase by the time the event begins on Sunday afternoon.

Villalobos said she is still getting people calling to be a part of it.

"There will be wine tastings at different locations," she said. "Food samples at a variety of locations. One (business) is doing little tartlets and bite-sized desserts. It depends on the specific location and what they're offering."

All who are 21 and older will receive a keepsake wine glass to use as they walk around town. A trolley will provide rides around town, also. Parking will be available.

Check in will be at Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar, or at booths located in front of the courthouse lawn.

Tickets cost \$15 if purchased before noon on Sunday, or \$23 at the door.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Villalobos said. "Our students have learned a lot and been creative with a lot of things. It's a great, cute town. We want to bring as many people from inside and outside Dallas to see what it has to offer."

For more information or to buy tickets online: www.winedowndowntowndallas.com.



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A single-car accident in Independence on May 10 left three injured. The driver, Donna Zachary, of Independence, was arrested for reckless driving.

Independence crash totals car, occupants injured but OK

Itemizer-Observer staff report

INDEPENDENCE — Three people were injured in a single-car crash into a light pole at the intersection of Gun Club Road and Monmouth Street on May 10.

The driver, Donna Zachary, 58, of Independence, was arrested for reckless driving.

Two occupants were able to get out of the sedan on their own. One needed heavy extrication before being transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

Independence Police Department Sgt. Tino Banuelos said traffic at the intersection was significantly affected for about half an hour. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and electrical service was not affected.

Banuelos said they are investigating whether drugs, alcohol or speed were factors in the accident.

Polk County Fire District No. 1 responded with one fire engine, two medic units, one heavy rescue, and 26 personnel.

Deputy Chief Neal Olson

said Polk No. 1 personnel encourages everyone to always wear their seatbelts.

The intersection was crowded with bystanders taking photos and video, Olson said.

"If you witness one of these events, please consider whether you would want a stranger taking photos of your son, daughter, husband, wife, mother or father in the same situation," he said in a press release. "Please respect victims and their privacy."

Carolyn M. Chapin

April 4, 1949 – April 26, 2017

Carolyn M. Chapin, a resident of Perrydale, died on Wednesday, April 26, from cancer. She was born on April 4, 1949, in Corpus Christi, Texas, and was the daughter of Arthur and Mary Mathis.

Carolyn graduated from King High School in Corpus Christi in 1967.

Carolyn attended Trinity University in San Antonio, and then transferred to Willamette University in Salem, and graduated in 1971.

Carolyn and Roy were married on Sept. 11, 1971, in the Dallas United Methodist Church. She loved teaching and taught Spanish, as well as English as a second lan-

guage, at Amity High School for 15 years and later at Perrydale High School for four years.

Carolyn grew up visiting her grandparents at the Mathis Family Ranch in Pipe Creek, Texas, and continued to enjoy traveling there to visit family. Carolyn was a longtime member of the Dallas United Methodist Church and the Good Will Club in Perrydale. She was a longtime attendee of the Portland Metropolitan Opera and other musical events. Carolyn loved gardening, tending to her 150 blueberry bushes and her flower garden.

She is survived by her parents, Arthur and Mary Mathis; husband Roy Chapin; daughters, Karen (Dan) Myers, Kathy (Rich) Slack; son, Mark (Carolyn Stock-Chapin); grandchildren Rachel Myers, Joshua and Olivia Slack, Zoe and Ella Chapin; brothers Allen (Deanna) Mathis and James

(Cindy) Mathis.

A celebration of Carolyn's life will be held Saturday, July 22 at 3 p.m. at Dallas United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, the Delbert Hunter Arboretum, the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice in care of Bollman Funeral Home, Dallas, who is caring for the family. To leave an online condolence for the family go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com

Suzanne 'Suzie' Vesely

May 28, 1966 – May 10, 2017

Suzanne "Suzie" Vesely, a resident of Dallas, died on Wednesday, May 10. She was born on May 28, 1966, in Salem, the daughter of Tom and Carol Vesely.

Suzie attended Lyle Elementary, Academy Junior High, LaCreole Junior High and graduated from Dallas High School in 1984. She graduated from Oregon State University with a biology degree. She then attended dental school at Oregon Health & Science University for one year.

She continued her studies to become a wildlife biologist.

She worked as a wildlife biologist technician in Heppner, John Day, Burns, Baker City, Chiloquin and Salem.

She gained valuable work experience around the state working with Bureau of Land Management and State Department of Forestry.

Suzie was a caregiver for her mother until her death in 2000. She then relocated to Tempe, Ariz., and worked for Arizona State University until returning to Dallas in 2012.

Suzie enjoyed playing softball in Dallas through Kids Inc., as well as summer league softball. She also enjoyed playing Frisbee golf in the Dallas Park. She liked photography and focused on birds and flowers. Susie

liked attending family barbecues.

She is survived by her father, Tom; brother, Jerry; sister, Tanya; great-aunts, Mary Hillyer, Florence Nelson; aunts, Debi Wallace, Cheryl Hagut; uncles Harold, Gerald and Dean Potter; as well as her grandfather Ed Mat-sler.

She was preceded in death by her mother Carol Vesely; and grandparents Philip and Margaret Vesely; grandma Lillie Mae Matsler; and grandpa Raymond Pot-ter.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Interment will be in Dallas Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

Memorials may be made to the Wildlife Conservation Society, ASPCA or the Foundation for Women's Cancer, in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, who is caring for the family. To share a memory or leave a condolence for the family go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Jimmy Calvin Simons

March 7, 1936 - May 11, 2017

Jimmy Calvin Simons, 81, died May 11. He was born in Cotton Plant, Ark., to Porter and Mary Simons.

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