

## Hydrogen-making attempt goes wrong

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — A man suffered minor injuries outside of the Dallas city limits after an accident while trying to make hydrogen, Sheriff Mark Garton said.

The man dialed 911 at 4 p.m. on June 28. It was difficult for dispatchers to communicate with him, because he said his eardrums had been blown out by the explosion, Garton said.

"He couldn't hear at all, so it was really hard on the 911 call," he said.

The man also suffered an injury to a leg, Garton said.

"He didn't want to blow anything up," Garton said. "That wasn't his plan."

The man was not cited for the incident, as no crime was committed, Garton said.

The case is still pending. Oregon State Police's bomb squad was used as a consultant.

## Sheriff's use of force policy approved

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Polk County's Intentional Use of Deadly Physical Force Planning Authority approved revisions to its response plan Thursday evening.

The planning authority consists of Sheriff Mark Garton, District Attorney Aaron Felton, all city police chiefs, an Oregon State Police representative and a member of the public. The vote was unanimous.

Felton said the most substantive change in the policy is philosophical and is reflected in the name change from, "Law Enforcement of Deadly Physical Force Response

Plan," to "Law Enforcement Intentional Use of Deadly Physical Force Response Plan."

He said that change was approved for two reasons: Making investigations in Polk County mirror those in Marion County, because the Salem Police Department works in both jurisdictions; and ensuring investigations of use of deadly physical force are done the same way whether or not those incidents result in injury or death.

"I want Salem officers to know what they may be encountering in terms of investigations, that it is very much consistent," Felton said.

Salem Police Chief Jerry Moore explained why

Marion County made that shift previously.

"Intentional use of deadly physical force' was included in Marion County simply because there have been occasions where deadly force has been utilized, but it didn't result in the death or even the striking of an individual," he said. "We felt it was important that if the officer's intent was to use deadly physical force that should be investigated exactly the same way."

"There were occasions where deadly physical force was used and, because it didn't have the consequence that you might think it might have, that it was not investigated the same way.

That's a big shift that we made."

Garton said the next step is to present the amendments to each government body represented by the planning authority.

Two-thirds of those jurisdictions must approve the plan for it to be adopted and be forwarded to the Oregon Department of Justice.

State law requires each county to have a response plan outlining protocols for investigations, including recommendations on how to decide which agency should investigate use of deadly force incidents, training, and communicating with the public following an incident.

## 2018 health rates available online

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
SALEM — The state's preliminary decisions for rates for 2018 individual and small employer health insurance plans are now available online at [dfr.oregon.gov/healthrates](http://dfr.oregon.gov/healthrates).

The preliminary rate decisions are for small businesses and individuals who buy their own coverage rather than getting it through an employer.

In the individual market, the division has issued preliminary decisions for seven companies with average rate changes ranging from a 1.6 percent decrease to a 14.8 percent increase. Under preliminary decisions, Silver Standard Plan premiums for a 40-year-old in Portland would range from \$355 to \$452 a month, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services.

## OBITUARIES

### James Craig

March 10, 1931 – June 24, 2017  
In loving memory of James Craig:

James Craig, 86, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Dallas Retirement Village. After a long and courageous battle with multiple myeloma, he went home to see His Savior —

Face to face—oh, blissful moment!

Face to face—to see and know;

Face to face with my Redeemer,

Jesus Christ Who loves me so.

— and his one and only Betty Maxine.

He was known by many names: Jim, Jimmy, James, Jaime', JC, Son, Brother, Uncle Jim, Dad, Papa and Papa Great.

He was born on March 10, 1931, in Northern Ireland to David and Alison Craig.

His love for good desserts started in his mother's bakery, run from his childhood home.

At the age of 18, he set across the Atlantic and found Betty Maxine Larter,

whom he married in 1954, eventually settling in Rochester, N.Y.

He worked in human resources for 37 years, during which time he did extensive international travel.

In 1971, his job took him to Pleasanton, Calif., where he continued to work in HR until his retirement in 1993. A move to Dallas in 2001, and many more good friends and memories were made.

Jim could walk into many Dallas businesses and call people by name. He was loved by so many.

He leaves behind a brother, Drew (Georgie) Craig; a sister, Alison (Jim) Ditomasi; two children, Kevin (Patti) Craig and Colleen (Jerry) Linscheid; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private interment will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017. An open reception will be held at Evangelical Bible Church, Dallas, at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 10, for light refreshments.

Bring your best Jim stories.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you could send a memorial contribution to Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center for the new kitchen/dining room building fund, in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, who is caring for the family.

### Sandy Hutchison

March 31, 1961 – June 22, 2017  
Sandra "Sandy" K.

Hutchison left this world to be with her beloved husband, Billy, on June 22, 2017, at the young age of 56.

Though she will be

missed tremendously by so many, we take solace in the knowledge that they have been reunited after so many years and are surely watching down on us all with big smiles, and no doubt a sarcastic comment here and there.

Sandy is survived by her three sons, Jamie, BJ and Brad; six grandchildren (and many more "adopted" grandchildren); her mother and stepfather, Barbara and Bill Towsley; her brother Jim Barnes; sister Robin Barnes; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Hutchison home at 267 NW Sunny Drive, Dallas, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 15.

It will be a potluck-style celebration, so please bring a side to share if you can.

### Drew A. Fife

May 6, 1954 – Feb. 4, 2017

Drew was born and raised in Seattle.

When Drew was 19, he moved to Walla Walla, Wash., where he worked for his father and played music on the side as a drummer with various bands in the area.

Drew pursued his career in rock 'n' roll music. In the late '70s, he moved to Independence, and continued his music career with the Little Big Band.

As the years passed, Drew worked for Western Oregon State College in Monmouth, and later for Polk County in Dallas.

Drew enjoyed fishing and camping at Detroit Reservoir.

He also enjoyed returning to Seattle for an occasional horse race at the Seattle Race Track, and watching the Kentucky Derby on TV, especially when it was on his birthday.

Music continued to be an important part of his life.

In 2009, Drew moved to Federal Way, Wash., where he enjoyed time with his brother and family.

Drew passed away in Federal Way on Feb. 4, 1917.

He is survived by his three sons, Ryan Fife, Logan and Lucas Fife, of Independence; and his two brothers, Craig and Eric Fife, of Seattle; and his sister, Tina Krauger, of Monmouth.

### Phyllis L. Bryant (Mode)

Dec. 2, 1929 – June 26, 2017

Phyllis L. Bryant (Mode) was born on Dec. 2, 1929, in the area of Independence, to Robert and Florence Mode. She passed away peacefully at home on June 26, 2017, surrounded by family.

She grew up in the Willamette Valley and on the Oregon Coast, and graduated from North Salem High School. After living briefly in Alaska, she came home to Oregon and married Robert (Bob) Bryant in 1960.

They settled in Dallas in the home they lived in for the remainder of their lives. She was a bookkeeper for many years, and retired from Praegitzer Industries.

Phyllis loved flower gardening and sharing her beautiful bouquets with many friends and family.

The beach and most any place outdoors was where she most enjoyed spending time.

Life revolved around her love for her family, with many weekends spent camping and fishing. Her constant companion since the loss of her husband has been her dog Joey, who she loved dearly.

Phyllis is survived by her son Robbin Bryant, of Dallas; her daughter and son-in-law Angie and James Adams, of Vancouver, Wash.; as well as her sisters, Margie Fredrickson and Shirley Weigel. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bob) Bryant.

There will be a celebration of life in the Dallas City Park at the Brandvold Kitchen on the new side of the park on July 22 at 1 p.m. We welcome all friends and family.

### Richard D. McLaughlin

April 2, 1947 – June 13, 2017

Richard McLaughlin, 70, of Springfield, died June 13 in Veneta. He was born on April 2, 1947, in Dallas to Robert (Guy) and Lorene McLaughlin (Weston).

Richard is survived by mother Lorene Virgo, of Sublimity; companion and best friend, Susie, of Eugene; children, Gregory, of Ontario, Randy (Ger), of New Mexico, Kathryn (Dan) Gallagher, of Springfield, Aaliyah McLaughlin, of Marcola, and Heidi Markham, of Springfield; siblings, Robert, of Redmond, Ronald, of Amity, Rex, of Salem, and Roxi Grady, of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandsons; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard is preceded in death by his father Robert; brother Ray; sons Richard "Ritchie" Jr., Jason and Chad; daughter Holly; and great-grandson Michael.

A graveside service will be at the Dallas cemetery on July 8 at 1 p.m. A potluck will follow at the Dallas park (old side).

### Barbara Inman

There will be a celebration of life for Barbara Inman, of Falls City, on Saturday, July 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Rickreall Event Hall (old grade school). Please RSVP by Friday to Lori Wade at 907-830-6203, or [rwade@gci.net](mailto:rwade@gci.net).

## Obituary Information

Obituaries cost \$8 per 25 words and include a photo and a flag for veterans. Death notices run free of charge.

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the newspaper. Obituaries placed by private individuals must be prepaid.

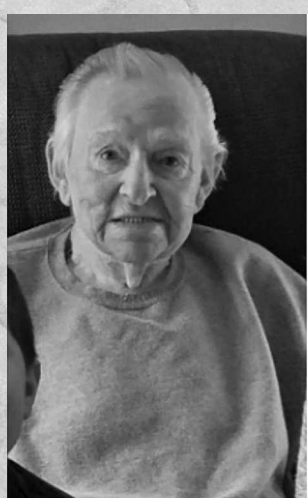
Death notices — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

For more information: Emily Mentzer, 503-623-2373.

### Sudoku solution

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



Bill Trussell

Sandi Trussell

April 17, 1930 - May 24, 2017

June 21, 1938 - May 13, 2017

## Celebration of Life

for Bill and Sandi Trussell, of Dallas, will be held July 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

at the Rickreall Grange, 280 N. Pacific Highway, Rickreall.

They were very active in bowling so if you have any pictures feel free to bring and share.

Custom Dentures Made In Our On-Site Lab  
Licensed Denturist Corey Zimmerman

## Valley Denture Center

- New Dentures ■ Partial Dentures
- Relines (same day) ■ Flippers
- Repairs (while you wait)

Insurance accepted—Free consultations

503-623-8846

[www.valleydenturecenter.net](http://www.valleydenturecenter.net)

322 Main Street Plaza, Suite 110, Rear Entrance, Dallas



Though she will be

Better hearing begins here

### Joyful Sound Hearing

312 Main Street • Dallas

- Hearing Testing
- Hearing Aids
- Service

Call today for your FREE Consultation

**503-623-0290**

Mark Sturtevant  
Personally involved and invested in the Dallas community

Welcoming new patients.  
Most insurance health plans accepted. Also a Moda preferred provider.

# We're still with you.

If you're one of the family members we've served, we'd like you to know you're still in our thoughts.

Experiencing a loss can affect your own life in a profound way, and we'd like you to know that you can call on us for grief resources, recommended reading, or just to hear a voice that cares.

"Polk County's ONLY Family Owned Funeral Homes and On-Site Crematory"

**BOLLMAN FUNERAL HOME**  
694 MAIN STREET  
DALLAS, OREGON • 503.623.3286  
[www.bollmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.bollmanfuneralhome.com)

---

Funerals . Receptions . Cremation . Monuments

**DALLAS MORTUARY TRIBUTE CENTER**  
287 SW WASHINGTON STREET  
DALLAS, OREGON • 503.623.2325  
[www.dallastribute.com](http://www.dallastribute.com)

**CROWN MEMORIAL CENTERS CREMATION & BURIAL**  
*A New Tradition™*

**Salem**  
412 Lancaster Drive NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
**(503) 581-6265**

**Low Cost Cremation & Burial Funerals & Memorials**

Simple Direct Cremation \$595  
Simple Direct Burial \$710  
Traditional Funeral \$2,275

**Discount priced Caskets, Urns and other Memorial items.**

Privately owned cremation facility.  
Locally owned and operated by Oregon families.

[www.ANewTradition.com](http://www.ANewTradition.com)

Recycle.