

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Openings on Rec Trails Advisory Board

SALEM — The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for new members to serve on the Recreation Trails Advisory Council for Congressional District 5.

The district covers Clackamas, Lincoln, Marion, Polk and Tillamook counties. The council advises OPRD in the development of high quality, non-motorized trail systems throughout Oregon. The council consists of seven members. Deadline for submitting is Aug. 15. For more information: David Stipe, 503-986-0740.

## CTGR offers free meditation program

GRAND RONDE — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Peacemaker Program is offering a free meditation program.

The program uses a cultural method of dispute resolution where well-respected community volunteers undergo conflict resolution training to help resolve disputes among coworkers, neighbors, family members, and landlords and tenants.

There is no cost to attend and the process is confidential.

For more information: Annie Schmidt, 503-879-4623.

## Indy officer graduates from academy

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training will celebrate the graduation of its 368th Basic Police Class. Police Officer Eric Solberg, of Independence Police Department, is among the graduates.

The Basic Police Class is 16-weeks in length and includes dozens of training areas including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, and drug recognition.

Basic Police Class 368 will graduate at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, at 4190 Aumsville Highway SE in Salem, on Friday at 11 a.m. with a reception following the graduation. Independence Chief Bob Mason will be the guest speaker.

## Volunteers needed for eclipse event

DALLAS — Dallas Vitality Connection is looking for volunteers to operate games as part of Dallas' Great American Eclipse celebrations from Aug. 19 through Aug. 21.

Volunteers would be operating game booths on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Multiple volunteers are needed so no one person is stuck at a booth for the entire day.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Scott Noon at [scott@stsupportllc.com](mailto:scott@stsupportllc.com); Tammy Noon at [tammy@stsupportllc.com](mailto:tammy@stsupportllc.com); or Emma Guida at [emmagdda@gmail.com](mailto:emmagdda@gmail.com).

## Lund is DSD 'Distinguished Educator'

DALLAS — Whitworth Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Chris Lund is Dallas School District's Distinguished Educator for March.

John Wagner, a former teacher, and Lisa Reamer, a current teacher, nominated him as "a wonderful, caring and effective educator."

His students added to the praise: "He pushes me to do my best, and I like that in teachers," and "I know that I will have a smart mind in the future because of his teaching."

The Distinguished Educator program recognizes "excellence in teaching and learning" in Dallas School District schools.



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The Brown family altered their reunion plans to include volunteering to move the food bank.

## Volunteers move Ella Curran food bank

By Stephanie Blair  
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — On Friday, Boy Scout Troop 38, food bank volunteers and a large family reunion joined forces to help the Ella Curran food bank relocate one storefront over from the space they were occupying, at 870 N. Main St. in Independence.

For the Brown family, volunteering to move the food bank was a spur of the moment addition to their reunion schedule, which was decided on Friday morning.

The "scout in charge" was Keith Eberly, who led the charge as a part of his Eagle Scout Service Project.

In the pursuit of advancing from the rank of Life Scout to Eagle Scout, the highest rank within the Boy Scouts, a Life Scout must "plan, develop, and give

leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or (their) community," as explained in the 2017 Boy Scouts' Guide to Advancement.

When asked about his project, Eberly replied that he was "just making sure everything goes according to plan," while directing foot traffic and fielding questions from the surrounding volunteers.

The group was made up of 36 people including the Boy Scouts, the Brown family, food bank volunteers and Eberly's grandmother.

The Ella Curran Food Bank serves the Monmouth, Independence and surrounding areas.

It is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:45 a.m., with additional hours on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.



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Scout Keith Eberly double-checks all work.

## Fatal crash claims lives of Falls City man and boy

By Jolene Guzman  
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MCMINNVILLE — A three-vehicle accident on July 3 on Highway 99W just south of McMinnville claimed the lives of a Falls City man and boy.

Oregon State Police troopers and emergency crews responded to the accident at 2:15 p.m.

According to police, the initial investigation showed

a 2003 Pontiac Sunfire was northbound on Highway 99W and was slowing or stopped to make a left turn onto Southwest Durham Lane. A 1993 Ford F250 towing a small utility trailer following the Pontiac was unable to stop and rear-ended the Pontiac.

The Pontiac spun into the southbound lane where it was struck broadside by a southbound 2007 Toyota Sequoia. After the collision, the

Ford left the highway, struck a parked car in a driveway, then a house, police said.

Two passengers in the Pontiac died, Jeremy M. King, 29, of Falls City, who was pronounced dead at the scene, and Bryan Daniel Ogden-Scott, 3, who was taken to the hospital and later died on July 4.

The driver of the Pontiac, Billie J. King, 24, of Falls City, was transported by ground ambulance to Salem hospi-

tal, and a 7-year-old female was taken to an area hospital for treatment.

The driver of the Toyota, Kris F. Painter, 62, of Amity, was checked by medical personnel at the scene but not transported. Shirley Robins, 82, of Portland, was taken by ground ambulance to Salem hospital. Laurie Painter, 59, of Amity was taken by air ambulance to Salem hospital. Brittany Painter, 27, of Amity, was

taken by ground ambulance to Salem hospital.

The driver of the Ford, Justin M. Sauers, 24, of Amity, was taken by ground ambulance to McMinnville hospital.

OSP spokesman Jeff Proulx said the accident remains under investigation, and the official cause of the crash hasn't been determined.

"They are going to do some more follow-up and interviews to get a better

idea what happened," Proulx said Monday.

He added that no charges have been filed at this point.

Highway 99W was closed for about six hours as crews worked to clear the scene, and police investigated the accident.

Oregon Department of Transportation, the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, McMinnville Police, McMinnville Fire and Sheridan Fire assisted OSP.

## Landslides put Doaks Ferry Road projects on hold

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

WEST SALEM — The Doaks Ferry Road realignment projects are on hold after geological testing showed landslides north of Highway 22 near the proposed route are moving.

The project is part of an Oregon Department of Transportation plan to improve safety on Highway 22, particularly high-crash areas like Doaks Ferry Road and the Highway 51 intersection. Plans include building backage roads and eventually an interchange at the intersection of highways 22 and 51.

Polk County and ODOT reached an agreement last year to have the county build

the first phase of the project, a backage road from Doaks Ferry to Riggs Street, with money provided by the state.

County officials say that project is in limbo after landslide movement was found on the second phase, from Riggs Street to 50th Avenue, which was to be completed by ODOT.

ODOT spokesman Lou Torres said the issue was discovered earlier this year following core drilling that was part of the development stage of the project. He said a general footprint for the route had been selected, but a final design was not complete.

"They discussed this with us a month ago and we came away with the expect-

ation that they were going to place the project on hold and monitor the landslide for another year," Polk County Public Works Director Todd Whitaker said.

Following an open house on June 26, county leaders walked away with the impression the project may have to go back to planning.

"Because of the analysis and findings that ODOT has found on their portion of their project, they are apprehensive of moving forward," said County Administrator Greg Hansen.

Torres said ODOT is assessing the project and may propose a different route.

"Geologists are recommending a much more detailed and comprehensive

geologic investigation be performed before doing any significant earthwork construction in the area in order to make sure that the work would not accelerate the landslide activity," Torres said.

Regardless of the outcome of the larger project, Whitaker, Hansen and Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope would still like to see safety improvements at the Doaks Ferry intersection.

"If you look at the transportation study that was done way back, the first thing that was discussed was doing mitigation at the Doaks Ferry intersection itself, (making it) a right in, right out only," Hansen said. "That got skipped because

the money became available for our project."

Whitaker added he will push to have the former safety corridor on Highway 22 be restored. The section of the highway from the bridges crossing the Willamette River in Salem to the Rickreall interchange was a safety corridor from 1993 to 2010.

"The purpose of a safety corridor is education and enforcement until safety improvements can be made," he said.

Pope added improvements have been discussed for several years and he would like to see at least left turns from Doaks Ferry onto the highway prohibited.

"That is an extremely

dangerous intersection," Pope said.

Torres said ODOT agrees, said but it's too early to tell if funding ready for the first and second phases of the realignment project could be redirected to intersection safety improvements.

In the meantime, the agency's staff will investigate the right in, right out option, a median barrier or other solutions, he said.

"ODOT is committed to improving safety on that stretch of (Highway) 22, especially taking a look at ways to improve the Doaks Ferry Road/(Highway) 22 intersection, and other areas along (Highway) 22 that have been identified as high-crash sites," he said.

## 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

• Brittany D. Morgan, 41, of Dallas, in the 200 block of W. Ellendale Ave. on July 2 on a failure to appear warrant.

• Tina L. Sears, 55, of Dallas, in the 400 block of Main St. on July 4 on a charge of third-degree criminal mischief - graffiti on signs.

• Brian D. Allen, 53, of Dallas, in the 900 block of SW Birch St. on July 4 on a charge of offensive littering.

• Dana M. Kropf, 48, of Dallas, in the 400 block of SE Clay St. on July 5 on a probation violation.

• Robert A. Bat, 50, of Dallas, on Heath St. on July 5 on misdemeanor driving with a suspended or revoked license.

## INDEPENDENCE

## Arrests/Citations

• Danny Ray Hawkins, 51, of Independence, on Hwy. 51 at milepost 4 on June 18 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Elias Salas Diaz, 30, of Independence, in the 800 block of N. Main St. on June 18 for DUII.

• Howard E. Eaton, 48, of Independence, at Roth's Fresh Market, 1401 Monmouth St., on June 18 for third-degree theft.

• John William Burk, 52, of Inde-

pendence, in the 100 block of S. 17th St. on June 19 for DUII.

• Blake L. Philippi, 24, of Independence, in the 1300 block of Monmouth St. on June 20 for third-degree theft.

• Jose Angel Jimenez Zavala, 22, of Monmouth, in the 1300 block of Monmouth St. on June 22 for parole violation.

• Benjamin Alejandro Reyna, 18, of Independence, in the 1600 block of Monmouth St. on June 23 for urinating in public.

• Gonzalo Ochoa Manzo, 61, of Independence, in the 400 block of S. Fifth St. on June 25 for unlawful use or carry of a weapon - aggravated assault, menacing - use or display of weapons, and fourth-degree assault.

• Vanessa Anne Rivera, 33, of Salem, in the 800 block of N. Main St. on June 28 for unlawful possession of

methamphetamine.

• Bulent Simsek, 39, of Independence, on S. Main St. on July 2 for DUII.

• Ricky Lee Mortimer, 34, of Salem, at S. Main and B sts. on July 9 for possession of methamphetamine.

• Nickolas Atheryly Quient, 36, of Dallas, at S. Main and B sts. on July 9 for DUII.

## MONMOUTH

## Arrests/Citations

• David Calvin Howard Jr., 52, of Monmouth, in the 500 block of Clay St. E. on June 24 for parole violation.

• Augustin Pimentel Ignacio, 52, of Monmouth, at Powell St. E. and Catron St. N. on June 25 for DUII.

• Joshua Lee Murray, 24, of Monmouth, in the 300 block of Catron St. N. on June 25 for violating a restraining order.

• Alisha M. Porter, 35, of Newberg, in the 300 block of Pacific Hwy. S. on June 26 for DUII, reckless endangering, and interfering with a police officer.

• Damian Alexander Lumbreras, 27, a transient, at Powell St. E. and Broad St. N. on July 1 for second-degree failure to appear.

• Daniel Sean Lumby, 21, of Salem, in the 500 block of Orchard St. W. on July 1 on a warrant for failure to appear.

• Matthew Draper Long, 20, of McMinnville, in the 400 block of Pacific Hwy. N. on July 2 for DUII.

• Daniel Polanco, 20, of Salem, at Pacific Hwy. N. and Powell St. E. on July 4 for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, DUII, reckless driving, reckless endangering, and third-degree criminal mischief.