

ARCHITECTURE OF INTERNMENT

The Build Up to Wartime Incarceration Oregon 1941-1942

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An exhibit on the Japanese internment camps in Oregon is on display at the Independence Civic Center through Aug. 25.

Internment exhibit on display at Independence Civic Center

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INDEPENDENCE — On the second floor of the Independence Civic Center stands a series of panels. On them, scanned images of blueprints and letters alongside written captions tell the story of how Japanese internment camps came to be in Oregon; with rousing support from Oregonians.

The series is an exhibit put on by Graham Street Productions, entitled "Architecture of Internment: The Build Up to Wartime Incarceration."

"We wanted to shed a different light on (how internment happened) — this was not just top-down, because that is how the story is told," said Anne Galisky, a Graham Street Productions member whose master's thesis was the basis for the exhibit. "It was not a natural disaster, it was not just a response to the federal government. You could see how the people pushed state government leaders, and then they are

begging— including here, there's a telegram from Governor Sprague where he's demanding that Japanese-Americans 'work or be told they would be ordered (to be) deported.' Deported? They were born here!"

The exhibit puts on display how internment in Oregon was citizen supported and planned for by state government before the federal government passed down any executive order.

Citizens' letters to then-governor Charles Sprague advocating for the incarceration of Japanese nationals and Japanese-Americans fill one panel, while the one next to it shows a pledge of loyalty to the U.S. that many Japanese-Americans from Hood River signed and sent to Sprague shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The effect of the letters advocating for internment seemed to sway Sprague significantly, Galisky explained.

"After initially urging calm (in response to Pearl Harbor) he sends a telegram to the Attorney-General of the

U.S. ... and he actually asked for the internment of Japanese-Americans of the state," Galisky said.

"I think (a lot of people) don't realize that it was something that happened here, necessarily," added Roland Wu, another member of the team who assembled the exhibit. "I think we tend to think of things as happening in other places."

This disconnect is one thing the exhibit was designed to abolish with such visuals as the layout of a building that was repurposed from a livestock facility into an internment camp. This building is now the Portland Expo Center.

The exhibit opened yesterday and will stay in Independence until the Aug. 25. It is free to view and open to the public.

Though the exhibit will only be in Independence for two weeks, those who miss the opportunity to see it will be able to find it at the Corvallis Public Library in December.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trash pickup delayed next week

DALLAS — Republic Services will not pick up trash or recycling on Monday.

Because of expected heavy traffic, trucks will not operate and offices will be closed, according to a letter from Republic Services.

All services will be pushed back one day. If your service day is usually Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday, and so on. Friday's pickup will be on Saturday that week.

Residential customers may put extra bags to the curb on their service day to be picked up at minimal charge, according to the letter.

For questions: Republic Services Salem office: 503-363-8890.

BOC approves employment contracts

DALLAS — The Polk County Board of Commissioners approved contracts for County Administrator Greg Hansen to continue working with the county through 2022.

Hansen, who is now retired, will work full-time through a contract ending Dec. 31.

After that, Hansen will work part-time, no more than the 1039 hours limitation required by the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System. Hansen said his schedule would vary, but will mainly consist of 24-hour work weeks.

Hansen announced his intention to retire at the July 18 meeting, but offered the board options to keep him in his administrator role after Dec. 31 on a part-time basis for three to five years.

Volunteers needed for eclipse event

POLK COUNTY — Volunteers are needed for events planned in Polk County around the eclipse.

To volunteer for Dallas's events, email Bonnie Dreier at DAVC.Bonnie@gmail.com.

To help at Indy Goes Dark, email Courtney Williams at cwilliams@ci.independence.or.us.

An eclipse volunteer training will be at 4 p.m. at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., on Wednesday (today) for Dallas volunteers. All Dallas volunteers will receive T-shirts and other deals throughout the festival.

Fall conference to be held in Oct.

GRAND RONDE — The Oregon Employer Council Fall Conference will be held Oct. 16 and 17 at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde.

The conference offers keynote speakers and breakout sessions on human resources, labor law, and business topics, as well as chances to network with businesses from around the state.

Early registration for the conference is \$299 per person, or \$249 after Sept. 8.

To register or for more information: Greg Ivers, 503-947-1305, or Gregory.e.ivers@state.or.us.

Agenda at: www.oec.org.

Dallas couple killed in accident

DALLAS — A Dallas couple and Toledo man were killed on a three-vehicle, head-on collision on Aug. 2 on Highway 20 in Lincoln County.

On Aug. 2 at approximately 5 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a report of a three-vehicle collision at milepost 31 of the highway. Police said the preliminary investigation revealed that a 2015 Chevy Equinox SUV was westbound with a 2005 Honda Odyssey van traveling in the same direction a short distance behind the Chevy. For unknown reasons, an eastbound 2003 Dodge Dakota pickup crossed the center line and crashed head on into the Chevy, according to OSP. The Honda was unable to stop and crashed into the other two vehicles and the Dodge caught fire and quickly became fully engulfed.

The two occupants of the Dodge, Gerald Bennett, 74 and passenger as Gloria English Bennett 70, both of Dallas, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Chevy has been identified as Michael Steenkolk, 52, and his passenger was Kathleen Oliver, 48, both from Toledo. Steenkolk was pronounced dead at the scene and Oliver was airlifted to Emanuel Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Honda was identified as Lucy Jaeger, 17 and her passenger was Joseph Schmidt, 20, both from Corvallis. They received minor injuries and were transported by ambulance to Samaritan Hospital in Newport for evaluation.

The OSP was assisted by Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Toledo Police Department, Toledo Fire, Newport Fire, Oregon Department of Forestry Fire, Pac West Ambulance, Life Flight, Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, Lincoln County Medical Examiner's Office, AA Rowley's Towing, Bateman's Mortuary, and Oregon Department of Transportation.

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer*:

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Community events — Noon on Friday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Monday.

Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Monday.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

Retail display ads — 3 p.m. Friday.

Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Monday.

Classified line ads — Noon on Monday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.

Public notices — Noon on Friday.

CORRECTIONS

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* is committed to publishing accurate news, feature and sports reports. If you see anything that requires a correction or clarification, call the newsroom at 503-623-2373 or send an email to ementzer@polkio.com.

WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, www.polkio.com, is updated each week by Wednesday afternoon. There, you will find nearly every story that appears in the print version of the newspaper, as well as some items, including additional photos, that do not appear in print due to space limitations.

The *Itemizer-Observer* is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 8.....	95	60	.00
Aug. 9.....	96	60	.00
Aug. 10.....	92	59	.00
Aug. 11.....	88	61	T
Aug. 12.....	79	60	.00
Aug. 13.....	76	56	.15
Aug. 14.....	75	50	.00

Rainfall during Aug. — 0.15 in.
Rain through Aug. 14 — 33.45 in.

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Day Drink In The Dark

A Total Solar Eclipse to Remember!

The Dallas Forty is sponsoring it's first PUB CRAWL August 18-21. Participating locations are throughout the town of Dallas. Get your Crawl Card at any one of the locations listed.



Visit each one during Eclipse weekend and get a stamp at the register. Once card is full bring it to:
The Dallas Forty, 962 Main St.
Raffle will be held at 9 pm on August 21st.
No limit on amount of entries.



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Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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

How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.