

Vets: Veterans help another veteran in need of help to repair house

Continued from Page 1A

He had help getting one of his bathrooms repaired so he could use it during his recovery, but the long list of other necessary repairs has been left unfinished.

Until Aug. 19, when a group of veterans descended on the house for a morning work party, arranged by the Polk County Veterans Service Office.

"Under my mom's suggestion — she's been dropping in a lot — we went to

the veteran's office in Dallas to see if there was anything they could do," Doeden said.

He hasn't served in the military since 1993 after giving six and half years, but that didn't matter to the vets who lined up to help him.

"If we don't take care of each other, ain't nobody else going to," said Marv Olson, as he worked on one of the windows. "Nobody takes care of vets except vets."

Olson said he posted the

work party on Facebook and was encouraged by the response. He said even those who couldn't make on Aug. 19 offered to help later.

"I'm hoping this will provide him some encouragement," said Marie McCandless, Polk's VSO. "I think we will have to come out one more time and help out."

The morning of Aug. 19, the crew installed a dishwasher, retouched the exterior paint, reframed windows and put in insulation

underneath the home.

The latter item, along with inspecting the underside of his house, has been on Doeden's mind.

"That's been daunting," he said. "I wasn't sure how long it would be before I could crawl again."

Doeden was surprised, and grateful, to hear the group would return later to finish more work for him.

"I thought this was a one-time deal," Doeden said. "Wow."

Teens get chance to build airplane

INDEPENDENCE — The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 292 will begin a Youth Build on Sept. 2, lasting through the end of June 2018.

Teenagers older than 13 may participate in the building of an actual aircraft. The aircraft was started in 2016, and the fuselage has been built. Participants go through safety and shop training, which includes the use of tools and how to read blueprints.

The teenagers work together, overseen by mentors, to build the airplane.

In addition to learning skills needed to fabricate a flying plane, they learn about project management, work scheduling, and control of quality.

Time spent building the aircraft can be applied toward getting an airframe and power plant Federal Aviation Administration license.

The EAA Chapter 292 also awards scholarships and grants to students working in an educational plan in aviation and aerospace. Details, along with more information about the Teen Build and Young Eagles rallies, are available on the chapter's website, eaa292.org.

MES: Resident, councilor ask for more sidewalks, bike lanes

Continued from Page 1A

In the email, Sharmer seemed to speak for the council, claiming that where the funding for this project would come from was not the information the council was after. "In the report we do not want information about how such improvements will be paid for. There is no need to describe how the library will have to close for an additional day each week or the senior center's meals program will have to be cut to pay for such costs. And I, for one, do not want the spectacle of a city department head describing to the council how his elderly neighbor depends on the library and the senior center and how devastating it will be for her if those departments have to be cut to pay for bike lanes on Church Street."

Bike lanes could cause a major traffic problem in the neighborhood because it would eliminate legal street parking which could lead to standstill traffic during drop-off and pick-up times, said John Oberst, former mayor of Monmouth and a resident of the school's neighborhood for nearly three decades.

"Monmouth has very wide residential streets — we don't have little 28-foot streets — so there's plenty of room for parking on both sides and two-lane traffic, but if you put in a bike lane, there's no more parking on either side of the street," Oberst said.

Oberst doesn't think that bike lanes are the solution to safety concerns about the Church and Sacre intersection.

"I'm not sure that bike lanes would really enhance it because the kids aren't really using the street right now," Oberst said. "If you really want to talk safety, you better be talking a separated bike lane, which I don't think the city staff would suggest, and I wouldn't see the council approving it."

Oberst added that he sees most kids walking and biking using the sidewalk on the north side of Church Street because of the south side's intermittent sidewalk.

"I think that we are doing the best we can with the situation provided," said MES Principal Kim Seidel. "We usually — not before school, but after school — we have four adults who are out in that intersection making

sure children are safely getting across."

Seidel acknowledged the congestion of the area, but said that she had not received any safety complaints from parents. Parent-Teacher Association president Ashley Schaumburgh said she hadn't heard any concerns about the intersection from parents either.

The Monmouth Police Department reports no car accidents, near misses or speeding and "failure to stop" citations issued at Church and Sacre in the last 10 years. Still, Seiber said that living at the intersection makes him "the person most involved and knowledgeable on the issue — on a daily basis," and hopes the council will follow through on his request this time around.

The report requested on Aug. 15 will be given Tuesday's city council's meeting, which starts at 7 p.m.

"I'm not sure (what the solution is besides building roads). My wife and I have considered moving because of the nonresponse," Seiber said. "If nothing is done, I'm not going to say a word again. Whatever they do, the people are going to have to live with."



8th Season!

Thursdays!

May - September

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Featuring Growers, Producers & Artisans of the Polk County area & beyond!

182 Academy St., Dallas (corner of Main & Academy)

Need to stock up on groceries before the Labor Day weekend?

Come shop with us to pick up your fruits & veggies, meat (yak, beef, pork & rabbit), poultry (duck and chicken), eggs (duck and chicken), canned goods, fresh cut flowers, Artisan breads, pastries, confections, shrubs, glazed nuts, dipping sauces, wine and more! We have a full house of vendors this week to serve you!

- NO LINES
- NO HASSLE PARKING
- FRESH LOCAL GOODS
- from those who grow it or make it
- HOT FOOD

Hosted by



503-623-2564

Facebook.com/bountymarket

<http://www.exploredallasoregon.org/bounty-market.html>




Polk County Master Gardeners™

THE FALL

Fling

A GARDENING FESTIVAL



Saturday, Sept. 16

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Readiness Center

12830 Westview Dr., Dallas, OR

Polk County Master Gardeners present: great speakers, a catered lunch, vendor fair, silent auction and door prizes. \$30 in advance \$40 at the door



Alec Kowalewski

Foliage & Focal Points

Learn to create a focal point in your garden – even on a budget!

Karen Chapman, landscape designer, TV and radio guest, author & speaker.



Karen Chapman



Alec Kowalewski

Greener Grass on Your Side of the Fence

Discover the perfect type of turf grass for your yard.

Alec Kowalewski, Oregon State University Turf Grass Specialist



Karen Chapman



Alec Kowalewski

Create a Habitat to Help Pollinators

Pollinator populations are under stress – but you can help them and save the world!

Andony Melathopoulos, Oregon State University Pollinator Health Extension Specialist



Andony Melathopoulos

Additional educational options are available and range from an additional \$10 - \$25 per topic.

- **New Plants to Make You Swoon** – Karen Chapman will help you discover new varieties of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals. Learn which ones are deer resistant! \$15
- **Make Your Own Herbal Wreath** - Bethany Hagen, from the Thyme Garden, will help you create your own beautiful and timeless wreath to take home and enjoy. Fee includes all materials. \$25
- **Mason Bees in Your Garden** - Andony Melathopoulos will show you how to get started with mason bees. \$10
- **Turf Renovation** - Alec Kowalewski will show you fall and spring turf renovation techniques including thatch removal, soil preparation, fertilizer selection & application and how to select and apply seed and mulch. \$10

Register online at: Extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/2017-fall-fling

Visit the Polk County Master Gardener Facebook Page, call the Extension office at 503-623-8395 for more information, or pick up a form at Extension Office at: 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas, OR.

Sponsored in part by: Old Mill Feed & Garden, Les Schwab Tires (Dallas, Independence & West Salem), Capitol Auto Group, Citizens Bank - Dallas, Petals & Vines - Monmouth and Garland Nursery - Corvallis.

