

Indy acquires new water rights

By Stephanie Blair
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INDEPENDENCE — The city of Independence just bought water — and a lot of it.

In attempting to prepare for long-term growth, the potential of more frequent longterm droughts, and periods of low flow, city staff asked the city council to approve the purchase of a water right in a staff report presented to the council at its Aug. 29 meeting.

The city staff sought “to secure a source of supply that would be expected to be available even during long-term drought conditions and that could be obtained at a cost that was determined to be reasonable,” as stated in the staff report, prepared by City Manager David Clyne and Adam Sussman, an employee of GSI Water Solutions.

In collaborating with GSI Water Solutions Inc. to find a solution which would fulfill the outlined expectations, a deal was proposed with International Paper Company, who owns an upstream water right in the Willamette.

The acquisition was unanimously approved by the city council.

“This feels really good,” said Mayor John McArdle, just before the vote.

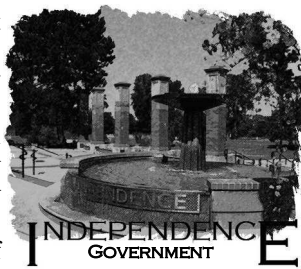
“This is why we’re here,” replied Councilor Ken Day.

McArdle agreed, “This is the long-view.”

As a result of the purchase, which cost \$796,367, an increase in the monthly water rate can be expected for Independence residents, but it won’t be a drastic change said Clyne.

“There’ll be an impact but it won’t be very large,” Clyne said.

Clyne said that the city is currently going through a rate analysis to determine how much the rate will need to change to pay for the acquisition, but will be able to announce the exact amount soon.



Clyne

Wild turkeys flock to Oakdale



A flock of wild turkeys roams the grounds of Oakdale Elementary School on Friday.

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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
• Chelsea J. Cotnam, 32, of Dallas, in the 1100 block of Main St. on Aug. 25 on charges of felony fourth-degree assault, second-degree theft, first-degree burglary, and theft by extortion.

• Justin P. Jones, 33, of Redmond, at the corner of Main and Mill sts. on Aug. 30 on charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license and failure to carry or present an

operator’s license.

• Dustin L. Taylor, 43, of Albany, in the 200 block Dimick St. on Friday on charges of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, reckless endangering, and possession of methamphetamine.

• Michael R. Watkins, 35, of Dallas, in the 200 block of Dimick St. on Friday on charges of possession of methamphetamine and delivery of methamphetamine.

INDEPENDENCE

Arrests/Citations
• Ryan Earle McLaughlin, 32, of Salem, at Main St. E. and Edwards Rd. S. on Aug. 27 for DUII and refusal of test for intoxicants.

• Cristyan Cara-Cisneros, 25, of Tualatin, in the 600 block of Monmouth St. on Aug. 28 for

fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; failure to return a suspended, revoked or canceled license; and unlawful controlled substance — prohibited acts.

• Hannah Elizabeth Hayes, 19, and Morgan Olivia Lite, 20, both of Independence, in the 1400 block of S. Seventh St. on Aug. 29, both charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

• Britt James Rodgers, 31, of Independence, at Independence Police Station, 555 S. Main St., on Aug. 30 for first-degree sex abuse and three counts of third-degree sex abuse.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations
• Kobe Weston Metzger McCrae, 20, of Independence, in the 1900 block of Madrona St. E. on Aug. 25 for violating a restraining order.

• William Robert Jones, 46, of Monmouth, in the 400 block of Jackson St. E. on Aug. 26 for physical harassment.

• Ryan Casey Villemeyer, 32, of Albany, in the 100 block of Monmouth-Independence Hwy. on Aug. 28 for first-degree sex abuse.

• John James Roper, 18, of Corvallis, in the 500 block of Catron St. N. on Aug. 29 for first-degree rape and first-degree sex abuse.

• Dawson Clifford Weld, 23, of Dallas, in the 900 block of Church St. W. on Aug. 30 for DUII.

• Timothy Edward Gonzales, 24, of Independence, in the 100 block of Whitman St. S. on Aug. 30 for first-degree sex abuse, use of a child in display of sexual conduct, and endangering a minor’s welfare — sex crimes.

Leona May Brooks

May 5, 1933 – Aug. 9, 2017

Leona lost her three-year battle with lung cancer Aug. 9, 2017. She passed peacefully with her family at her bedside. She was 84 years old.

Leona was born in Yakima, Wash., to Theron and Luella Sharp. She went to school in Yakima, then moved to Dallas and graduated from Dallas High School in 1951.



She met Bob Brooks in 1956. They were married July 28 in that same year in Dallas.

Leona spent most of her life in retail — at least 24 years for Safeway, mostly in Redmond.

Leona loved the outdoors, especially the Ochoco

Mountains just out of Prineville in Central Oregon. She also loved her plants and yard.

Leona is survived by her husband of 61 years, Bob Brooks, of Dallas; and her children: daughters Toni Legg (Byron), of Redmond, Tracie Allen (Randy), of Dallas; and son, Kenny Brooks (Valerie), of Redmond; eight grandchildren, Brian Erickson, of Redmond, Renee Bush (George), of Roy, Wash., Jody Legg (Shawna), of Redmond, Jovon Hedge (Devin), of Blythe, Calif., Jason Stephens (Courtney), of Salem, Stefani Stephens, of Austin, Texas, Shelley McDaniel, of Seattle, Michael

Brooks (Jennifer), of Portland.

Leona has 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Gene Sharp, of Dallas. She has numerous nieces and nephews.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents, Theron and Luella Sharp; her sister, LaVerne Sanders; and a grandson, Jonathon Zavala.

Thank you to Stefani Stephens and Willamette Valley Hospice for all they did for us and Leona.

Celebration of life will be Saturday, Sept. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 450 SE LaCreole Drive (club house), Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Salem Cancer Center, Salem Hospital.

Marshall Weaver

Jan. 25, 1995 – Aug. 26, 2017

Marshall is survived in life by his father John A. Weaver Jr.; mother Christine Muller; stepmom Annette Weaver;

stepdad Johann Muller; grandmothers Lorraine Smith, Arlene King, Michelle



Hunter; brothers Joshua, Robert, Hunger; sisters Alicia, Michelle, Krystalrose; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Marshall was preceded in death by his grandfathers Steve Smith and David Hunter.

There will be a celebration of life for Marshall on Sept. 10, 2017, at the Dallas City Park under the gazebo from noon until 4 p.m. for anyone wishing to attend.

Dennis ‘Russ’ Collins

Aug. 6, 1940 – Aug. 23, 2017

Dennis “Russ” Collins passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 23, due to complications of Alzheimer’s.

Dennis was born Aug. 6, 1940, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Henry and Anna Kolansinski.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, he proudly served his country in The United States Marine Corps.

Dennis was a dog lover and made furry friends wherever he went.

He was the kind of guy who left the gas pump attendant a \$5 tip because he recognized hard work in any form, who took his grandson for a happy meal and to the park to let him run wild and free, a man who would literally give you the coat off his back if he felt you needed it more than him.

He was special and loved and will be dearly missed.

Dennis was preceded in death by his beloved wife Char and is survived by his two children Kimberly and Brian, as well as five grand-

children and 16 great-grandchildren.

A military service will be held in his honor on Sept. 8, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the Willamette National Cemetery. Any and all are welcome to attend and pay their respects.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider making a donation in his honor to the nonprofit charity War Dogs Making It Home, an organization that trains dogs rescued from kill shelters as service animals for veterans suffering from PTSD.

Helping veterans and dogs were two causes very dear to Dennis’ heart.

Carol Diane Ellis

Dec. 24, 1950 – Sept. 2, 2017

Carol Diane Ellis, 66, of Dallas, died Sept. 2 in the Salem Hospital.

Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 8 in the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center and from 9 to 9:50 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 9, both in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Dallas.

Private interment will be in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Obituary Information

Obituaries cost \$8 per column inch (25 words) and include photos and flags for veterans. Death and service 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. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of people who served in the armed forces.

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.

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