



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Bob Dunn gives a thumbs up before his ride.

## Honor ride

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — U.S. Navy veteran Bob Dunn grinned and said the best thing about serving in the military was “the girls.”

Dunn, 95, a former pilot, served during World War II and during the Korean War as an instructor.

He humbly talks about his flight feats during World War II, including staying in the air and landing after an enemy fighter broke the tail off his plane.

“He just chewed my tail off a little bit,” he said. “I managed to hold onto the stick and fly it back.”

He was based on the USS Wasp, so flying back meant landing on the aircraft carrier — without the hook on the tail to slow the plane once it touches down.

“You do anything you have to stay alive, because man wasn’t meant to fly,” he said. “No feathers.”

Saturday he was taken for a different kind of ride, one that has been on his bucket list: Traveling by

motorcycle sidecar.

Independence resident Marv Olson, also a veteran, made one phone call to a motorcycle club after he heard of Dunn’s wish and set up the trip, which took Dunn to the coast.

Riders from Northwest Patriots Motorcycle Club and Bikers for Christ roared up into his driveway, taking Dunn by surprise.

A look of disbelief fell over his face when riders lined up to introduce themselves and thank him for his service. By the time Sammy Manning, who joined the ride with her husband, stepped up to shake Dunn’s hand, the vet’s sense of humor returned.

“I want to take this one home,” Dunn said, with a chuckle.

Manning said: “No, we’ll take you home.”

“That’s the best offer I’ve had all day,” Dunn replied.

Moments later, the caravan headed down the street with Dunn waving to on-lookers like the grand marshal of his own parade.



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Pete Kalogeras and his wife, Cindy, serve gyros, Greek salads, Greek french fries, and the hot-seller, baklava. The couple opened Greece Lightning Express in June and have attended many community events over the summer.

## A taste of Greece

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — It doesn’t matter how you pronounce it, Pete Kalogeras at Greece Lightning is happy to serve it up.

“I should put in a button right here, gyro,” Kalogeras said, saying it correctly (ye-rol).

But Kalogeras is happy to pronounce the “g” if it makes his customers more comfortable in ordering one of the tasty sandwiches or salads from his food cart on Catron and Jackson streets in Monmouth.

The gyro meat — a mixture of beef and lamb with Greek seasonings — can be served in a warm pita with tomatoes, onions, feta cheese and Kalogeras’ special homemade tzatziki sauce or over a Greek salad.

He also offers a chicken option, cut into cubes and broiled after marinating in

### Don’t pronounce the G

**What:** Greece Lightning food truck.

**When:** Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays open until 7 p.m.

**Where:** On the corner of Catron and Jackson streets.

**Of note:** Picnic benches sit under a shaded or covered spot under trees to enjoy lunch. The food truck is parked on the property of the Kalogeras’ son-in-law’s business, Dr. Ryan Shurtz. Kalogeras offers lunch specials until 1 p.m. — a sandwich, fries and drink for \$9.

oil, lemon and Greek seasonings.

Kalogeras isn’t from Greece, but growing up in Youngstown, Ohio, he admired the owner of a Greek food truck.

“It was a Greek gyro trailer,” he recalled. “I said, ‘I want to be just like this guy.’ He always worked his butt off during the summer, and in the wintertime, he would go to Greece.”

Kalogeras said he is far from that dream, as his trailer has been open for two months, but business is good so far.

“We did the eclipse (Indy Goes Dark) in Independence; we’re going to do the PCL (Partnerships in Community Living Inc.) picnic; we did the Community Garage Sale in Monmouth,” he said. “Little by little, people are starting to invite us and wanting to get to know us.”

Kalogeras and his wife moved to Monmouth about a year ago after their daughter and son-in-law suggested it.

“They kind of told us, ‘Guys, why don’t you move

out here so you can start your own food trailer,” he said. “We kind of fell in love with it, my wife and I, and we kind of said, ‘Let’s just sell everything back home and move out west and give it a shot.’”

While the gyro is the most-ordered item, Kalogeras said the baklava is a close second — even if it’s not homemade.

“Our salads are really good, too,” he said. “They’re a good portion. Matter of fact, all our servings are good portions. People tell me this is the best gyro around.”

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### Sudoku

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**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.

## Solar Arrays on Farm Lands Public Forum

### Independence Library Conference Room Sept. 21, 2017 • 7 PM

- **Sam Sweeney**, Yamhill Farm Bureau
- **Meriel Darzen**, Circuit Rider Staff Attorney, 1000 Friends of Oregon
- **Jeff Bissonnette**, Executive Director, Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association
- **Tim Murphy**, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Farm & Forest Specialist

Each speaker will give a 10 minute overview of the utilization of solar panels on farm land from their perspective. Topics will include economics, siting on non-high value farmland, allowed sizes of facilities, and required infrastructure for energy transmission. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

**Tremaine Arkley** will moderate the session.

**Hosted by Friends of Polk County**  
Refreshments will be provided.

### 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](http://www.polkio.com).  
**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

### CORRECTIONS

Last week, a caption for a photo running alongside “Basket Slough battles water primrose” reported that “refugee employees” had drained the wetlands. The employees were not refugees, but rather employees of the refuge.  
 The I-O regrets the error.

### WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, [www.polkio.com](http://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
Sept. 5	89	65	.00
Sept. 6	85	61	T
Sept. 7	86	64	T
Sept. 8	74	64	T
Sept. 9	84	62	.02
Sept. 10	82	60	.00
Sept. 11	94	52	.00

Rainfall during Sept. — 0.02 in.  
 Rain through Sept. 11 — 33.47 in.

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