

# Research

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Those included in focus groups are carefully selected, DeLong said.

"We want to get a good random sample of citizens into a room to talk about these issues. We don't want to have in the room a sample of people who come to public meetings, because they tend to skew one way or another," she said. "We want to hear from the middle section, the people who are going to go out and vote."

Focus groups are where

agencies find out if voters are aware of the issue in question, the likely response to proposed solutions, and why people approve or reject options, DeLong said.

"We don't ask, 'What will make you vote yes,'" she said. "We want to know what information do voters need to make a decision."

DeLong said often focus groups will bring up questions that agencies hadn't considered, and that may change the strategy of a bond campaign.

"That is the place that you

are able to have a really in-depth conversation and drill down," said City Manager Ron Foggin.

DeLong said focus groups and polls may tell an agency that pursuing a bond isn't worthwhile at that point. She said if the positive response is less than 45 percent, she recommends agencies take more time to talk to voters about the issue.

Voters were split on Southwestern's bond after a poll, but responses from voters helped the district

change its message.

"It totally reorganized my talking points," said Hertel, who also is Southwest's chief. "And immediately ... the feedback was better."

The cost to hire Campbell DeLong is \$37,000, with half paying for conducting two focus groups and a report to the council with a recommendation.

The other half — if it's necessary after focus groups — pays for a telephone poll and final report and recommendation to the council.

# 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  
 • Delson M. Creekmore, 41, of Falls City in the 2000 block of SW Fairview Ave. on Sunday on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender on annual registration date or after moving.  
 • Heather A. Harrison, 41, of

Dallas in the 500 block of Main St. on Friday on a probation violation.

**INDEPENDENCE**

Arrests/Citations  
 • Tirsco Cardoza Ausencio, 36, of Independence, in the 1200 block of Monmouth St. on Saturday for driving while under the influence of intoxicants and possession of methamphetamine.

**MONMOUTH**

Arrests/Citations  
 • Laura Kristian Walker, 29, of Monmouth, in the 700 block of Madrona St. E. on Oct. 3 for menacing — use or display of weapons, and physical harassment. Main St. E. on Sept. 11 for second-degree disorderly conduct.

# Club

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"Let's say you give a speech," Dressel said. "A little more than halfway through the meeting, there's an evaluation of your speech. Notice how I didn't say I'm evaluating you. I'm evaluating the speech, which is very different. I don't need to slap you across your face. I need to appreciate what values you did bring to the table and present some suggestions in a way you can hear it. If you do better, I feel better because I want you to succeed." There are a number of

topics club members can focus on, from storytelling to learning how to interview better. Those programs can take time, but no matter how deep you want to dive in, you may be surprised about how you'll change over time.

"We did a youth leadership program," Dressel said. "There were these two girls who sat in the front row and were pouting. No teenager wants to be a part of a high school speech class. Four weeks into the class, they're bouncing into the room. I asked one of them what they

thought of the class now? She said, 'I never saw myself as a leader before. Now I think I can enjoy myself being a leader.' It still puts tears in my eyes. Her world used to be small, but once her confidence increased, her world grew up."

In addition to personalized programs, there are also competitions that Toastmasters can compete in.

The Toastmasters will meet weekly on Tuesdays. Meetings will last one hour. Membership dues are about \$50 for six months and \$100

for 12 months, Dressel said, but potential members are welcome to attend a few meetings with no pressure to see if this club is for them.

"When we don't want to give speeches, we can limit ourselves," Dressel said. "When we have the confidence to speak publicly, that confidence will play out in other areas of our lives."

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# Books

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After that, it is taken to Thrift Books in Portland, a warehouse that sells books online and gives a portion of the sale back to the Friends.

Perhaps the favorite part of every reader is the bag sale, held the last hour — 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Perkins said.

Patrons may purchase a black library bag at the book sale for \$7, or bring their own and fill it up during that final hour for \$5.

"People who bring in a grocery sack can fill it for \$5," Christ said. "People really look forward to that time. They can spend that hour getting all kinds of things and walk out knowing, 'I've helped the library, and I've gotten some good bargains.'"

"We have a lot of people who wait and come that last hour because they know," Perkins added.

"The idea is, if you buy it, then we don't have to pack it up," Christ said.

## Jeremy Colley

Sept. 15, 2017

Jeremy Colley, 24, lifelong resident of Dallas, passed away Sept. 15, 2017, in Dallas.



Jeremy was preceded in death by his grandfathers Clifford C. Colley, Frank

Armstrong, and Lawrence Teal; and aunt Sheila Rae Colley.

Jeremy is survived by his son Trenton; his father Ronald Colley and stepmother Lisa Clothier; mother Jennie Sabin-Colley; grandmothers Nedra Colley and Lily Armstrong; brothers Buddy Colley, Nick Colley, and Dakota Dunn; his

sisters Amanda Crotty, Nicole Downes; and cousin Paul Ames.

A celebration of life was held Sept. 23, gathering friends and family from Southern California, Oregon, Washington, and New York.

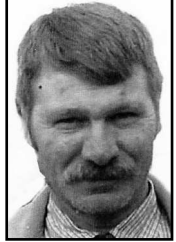
The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all of Jeremy's friends for sharing their memories, laughter, and tears making an unbearable time positive in all our hearts remembering the joy and light he brought to us all with his irrepressible smile and thirst for squeezing the most of every moment.

Jeremy Franklin Colley, you are loved.

## Brian LeRoy Meyer

Dec. 12, 1961 – Sept. 25, 2017

Brian grew up on Storybook Farm in Falls City and graduated from Falls City High School.



He was living in Port Angeles, Wash., and working for TLC Construction building logging roads and maintaining the com-

pany's equipment.

Brian is survived by his mother Margaret, of White City; sister Laurie Burke (Tim), of White City; brother Jeff (Kim), of Kimball, Neb.; three nieces and one nephew.

Preceded in death by his father LeRoy and nephew Allen Burke.

Memorial was held Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.

## Louise Fink Tilgner Aebi

Nov. 16, 1915 – Oct. 3, 2017

Louise Fink Tilgner Aebi, 101, a resident of Dallas, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017. She was born on Nov. 16, 1915, the daughter of Arthur Fink Sr. and Louise Zorn while vacationing in Pasadena, Calif. Their home was here in Salt Creek.

She was a 1934 Dallas High School graduate, excelling in typing, singing and drawing cartoons for the high school newspaper.

In 1934, she married Lawrence Tilgner and had four children. After his passing in 1956, she married Alvin Aebi in 1958.

As a young married woman, she would sing duets with the pastor when he would hold worship serv-

ices in other areas of the community. Louise loved begin a wife, mother and grandmother. She was there for her step family as well, looking for ways to unite the families.

The annual Christmas dinner was a special time. Later she taught herself to make baby quilts for the grandchildren with embroidery work.

She learned to decorate birthday and wedding cakes, which everyone loved.

She loved to collect tea cups and have everyone pick out the cup they wanted to use from the cabinet. She daily prayed for her children and grandchildren by name.

She is survived by her children John Tilgner, Charlotte Isaac, Delbert (June) Tilgner, Sharon (Roderick) Watson; stepchild Carroll Aebi; along with 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands Lawrence Tilgner and Alvin Aebi; and stepson Orval Aebi.

A memorial service was on Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the Salt Creek Baptist Church. Private family interment will be in the Restlawn Cemetery.

The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a message or memory, please go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

## Ruthanne Gillett

Oct. 6, 2017

Ruthanne Gillett, 62, a resident of Dallas, passed away with her husband by her side after a year-long battle with liver cancer Friday, Oct. 6, 2017.

On Feb. 10, 1973, Ruthanne married the love of her life Marvin Ross.

She spent 35 years working for the Department of Human Services.

Ruthanne was a devoted wife, mom, grandmother and friend.

She was an avid sewer and crocheter.

She loved horses and was actively involved in the Polk County 4-H Horse program. Ruthanne was also a devoted grandmother who was all about spoiling them.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Marvin Ross; children William (Carrie) Ross, Timothy (Crystal) Ross, and Shannon (Adrian) Porter; seven grandchildren; mother Shirley Gillett; and siblings Bill Gillett, Harry Gillett and Cyndi Hale.

A graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 16, in the Dallas Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society.

The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

## Eric C. Jones

June 2, 1970 – Oct. 3, 2017

A celebration of Eric's life will be held at a later date. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

## Cecelia Elvria Hutchison

April 3, 1938 – Oct. 5, 2017

No services scheduled at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Weddle Funeral Services.

## Katherine Overstreet

April 9, 1933 – Oct. 7, 2017

Katherine Overstreet, 84, of Dallas, died Oct. 7, 2017.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen H. Overstreet, whom she married on June 14, 1965, in Abedeen, S.D.; son Stephen Harold Gregory Overstreet, of Sequim, Wash.; and daughter April Ann Overstreet, of Salem; along with three grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister Ree Greenwood of Atchison, Kan.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, in the Salt Creek Baptist Church in Dallas. Memorials are suggested to the University of North Dakota Noah and Carrie Gregory Fund in care of the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, 287 SW Washington St., Dallas, OR 97338. www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

## Wanda Thiessen

Sept. 29, 1936 – Oct. 9, 2017

Wanda Thiessen, 81, of Dallas, died Oct. 9. Services are pending. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

# Obituary Information

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