

Akha farm owners arrested last week

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DALLAS — The owners of the Akha Farm in Falls City, Matthew McDaniel and Michu Uaiyue, were arrested last week on assault, mistreatment, and sexual abuse charges involving a teen girl.



McDaniel



Uaiyue

McDaniel has been charged in two cases. One with charges of first-degree criminal mistreatment and fourth-degree assault stemming from an incident that occurred in December 2016, during which he is accused of causing injury to "a dependent person," according to court documents.

The girl was 15 at the time and said McDaniel "had thrown her against a car ... causing extreme pain in her back," according to the probable cause affidavit filed with the case.

McDaniel is charged with first-degree sexual abuse involving the same girl in a different case. The charges are the result of an account the girl gave to police earlier this

month during a child abuse assessment at Liberty House.

Uaiyue is charged with two counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment and two counts of second-degree assault. The charges also involved the same juvenile female. Court documents say the girl disclosed during the Liberty House assessment that Uaiyue had been abusing her since January of 2015. The incidents included burning her with melted plastic, cutting her with a knife and leaving her tied up for days, according to a probable cause affidavit filed with the case.

The girl said during the assessment that Uaiyue forced her to recant her description of McDaniel pushing her into a car in December 2016, resulting in the case being dismissed last year. She said in the Liberty House assessment that her initial statement was true, and she only recanted because Uaiyue threatened to cut off her hair one inch at a time until she finished writing a letter taking back her account.

Uaiyue and McDaniel were arrested on Dec. 7. McDaniel was released from Polk County Jail on Dec. 8 with an order not to contact the victim. Uaiyue remains in custody on \$180,000 and was scheduled to be in court on Tuesday. McDaniel's next appearance is Thursday.

Holiday planning should include fire safety

Itemizer-Observer staff report
POLK COUNTY — State fire marshal Jim Walker urges citizens to remember fire prevention and safety when decorating and entertaining during the holidays. Oregon fire agencies reported 3,510 residential fires during the holiday period (Nov. 22 through Jan.

15) between 2012 and 2016. These fires resulted in 14 deaths, 194 injuries and more than \$61.2 million in property loss. Tips for decorating a Christmas tree include:
• Choose a fresh, healthy tree with a deep-green color and flexible needles.
• Cut off the bottom two

inches of the trunk to create a fresh, raw cut for the tree to soak up water.
• Water daily.
• Place the tree at least three feet away from any heat source. Unplug tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
• Other holiday safety tips include inspecting holi-

day lights for frayed wires, bare spots or broken or cracked sockets; never burning wrapping paper in a fireplace or wood stove, and never leave burning candles unattended.
For a full list of safety tips, visit www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/pages/com_ed_section.aspx.

Dallas library to host adult coloring day

Itemizer-Observer staff report
DALLAS — Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas, will hold coloring for

adults Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. Participants may

come for all three hours or drop in any time during the afternoon. Coloring books, pencils

and pens will be provided by the library. For more information: 503-623-2633.

Toys for Tots drive set for Wednesday

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — The Monmouth-Independence

Chamber Forum will aid a Toys for Tots drive Wednesday (today) from noon to 1 p.m. at Independence City

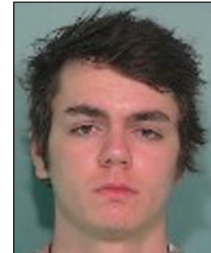
Hall, 555 S. Main St., Independence. Burgerville will donate lunch. Food and toy donations

will be greatly appreciated. To register or for more information: www.micc.org.

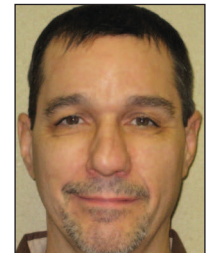
Corrections posts 'most wanted'

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DALLAS — Polk County Community Corrections lists these individuals as "most wanted" for December. Citizens with information on the whereabouts of any of them can call Community Corrections at 503-623-5226.

vehicle and identity theft.
• Cary Edson Rotan, born June 5, 1961, 6-3, 200 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charge: Possession of methamphetamine, first-degree theft and manufacturing of methamphetamine.
• Kehkashan Suduf Ijaz, born Sept. 8, 1993, 5-4, 125 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charge: Possession of methamphetamine.



Sarvela



Rotan

• Benjamin Lee Sarvela, born Sept. 25, 1997, 6-4, 160 pounds, brown hair, green eyes. Charge: Unauthorized use of a motor



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The New Year's Eve Party will be at 7:00 pm. Bring your favorite games and snacks.

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Join us for Christmas Eve Day
Sunday Service
December 24th
10:30 am

119 E Main St, Suite 200, Monmouth
For more info call Tami 541-990-5551
www.facebook.com/experiencetheedge/



Please join us for **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm**

Special Presentation of **Christmas Across America** for Kids age 5+

Nursery and toddler care available for children under age 5.

First Baptist Church of Independence
Family Worship & Children's Sunday School 11 AM
1505 Monmouth St., Independence
503-838-1001
(Across from Central High School)



Candlelight Service Christmas Eve
5:30 - 6:30
"Hope was born this night"

45 min of Christmas Carols

Calvary Chapel
628 SE Jefferson St. • Dallas
For more information 503-831-1074

* Evangelical Bible Church *
presents
* "The Hope of the Ages" *


Performed by the Choir
Congregation singing and small group performances also included in the program.

December 24th at 4:00 pm
Evangelical Bible Church
1175 SE Howe St, Dallas
503-623-2331




St. Thomas Episcopal Church

10 am December 24
Last Sunday in Advent...Eucharist
7 pm Christmas Eve
Choral Eucharist



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AN INCARNATIONAL
Christmas

DECEMBER 17
6:00 PM
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
(Childcare Not Provided)

DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
(Childcare Not Provided)

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