

Hall caught after high speed chase *Population Survey info. released*

Interim Chief of Police Mike Kay released the following information about a recent crime that resulted in a high speed chase and capture. On March 26, at about 3:00

Between the Bookends

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tiful and simple projects, including something for every member of the family. Most of the projects are easily accomplished. *Weekend Knitting* includes several charming toy patterns, including finger puppets in the shapes of many different animals and people. Both books utilize a variety of yarns and techniques that make these projects current.

If graphic novels are what you're into, check out Bone. We have added *Crown of Horns* and *Treasure Hunters* to our collection. These editions are especially nice as they are full color and hardbound. The Bone books tell stories about the Bone cousins as they journey from one dangerous adventure to another. Bone started as an underground comic in the early '90s, but has now sold millions of copies in 15 languages. There are nine books in the series.

10,000 BC on DVD: This film comes from Roland Emmerich, the director of Independence Day, and is set in the time when mammoths shook the Earth and mystical spirits shaped human fates. It is the tale of the first hero who sets out to rescue his kidnapped love and fulfill his destiny. He battles saber-toothed tigers, forms an army and discovers a lost, advanced civilization.

The Librarian, Curse of the Judas Chalice on DVD: Third in the series of Librarian movies with Noah Wyle, Jane Curtin and Bob Newhart. If you haven't seen these made-for-TV movies, it is time to see them. In this movie, Flynn is questioning his position as the librarian and all of the chaos it has caused in his life. But he soon finds himself exploring a crypt that may belong to Prince Vlad Dracula, as he embarks on another quest for an historic artifact.

p.m. Vernonia Police Officers responded to a home on Alder St. where someone was attempting to steal car parts. When the owner confronted him, the suspect fled the scene in a 1976 Chevrolet Blazer that had been stolen in Forest Grove.

Several concerned citizens located the suspect and followed him until officers arrived. When police attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect fled down Hwy. 47 and onto Timber Rd. where the suspect's speed exceeded 100 mph on several occasions.

After the suspect turned up a logging road, he drove over several car parts and high-centered, then crashed into a vehicle on the property. He then attempted to flee before being apprehended by an officer and the K-9 officer, Krueger.

The suspect, James L. Hall, 26, Vernonia, was arrested for Unlawful Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Reckless Endangering x 4, Reckless Driving, Attempt to Elude (vehicle), Attempt to Elude (on foot), and Criminal Trespass II. Hall was lodged at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office jail.

On February 23, the Oregon Progress Board released the findings of the 2008 Oregon Population Survey. The survey provides a wealth of data on income, employment, education, child care, disability status, and internet usage.

The telephone survey, conducted during the summer and fall of 2008 also provides information on Oregonians' perceptions of issues like health care access and the effectiveness Oregon's government.

Information on Oregon households from the survey included:

Self-reported median household income increased from \$44,610 to \$47,320 between 2005 and 2007 (2007 dollars).

Roughly 13 percent of Oregon households report incomes below the poverty level in 2007, about the same rate as 2005.

Seventy-nine percent of households have personal computers and 74 percent have Internet access, slightly up from 2006. Households with high-speed Internet access grew significantly from 46 percent in 2006 to 61 percent in 2008.

On education:

Roughly a third of Oregon adults 25 and over have a four-year college degree or higher, up slightly from 2006. The percent of Oregonians with an Associate's or occupation-related certificate remained steady at approximately 26 percent.

Over 80 percent of school-age children attended public schools, up slightly from the 2006 survey. About 10 percent attended private schools and roughly five percent attended charter schools or were home-schooled.

Health and Well-being results included the information that 17 percent of Oregonians report suffering from a long-lasting disability, similar to

2006. About half of seniors 75 and over live with a disability.

Oregonians' Perceptions about their state and community indicate that roughly 86 percent feel somewhat or very positive about the state, similar to 2006. Half of all Oregonians feel connected to their community. Fifty-four percent feel Oregon is doing a good job in assuring affordable access to health care, an increase of 11 percentage points from the 2006 survey. However, respondents' perception of how well Oregon creates jobs dropped sharply from 60 percent in 2006 to 47 percent in 2008.

Questions on governmental services reveal that Oregonians feel very or somewhat positive about government services – up from 60 percent in 2004 to 67 percent in 2008. This includes positive perceptions about the state's efforts to manage growth and prevent sprawl, which increased from 61 percent in 2006 to 66 percent in 2008.

Oregonians continue to feel that the state is doing a good job in preserving natural resources and the environment. Over 80 percent rated Oregon as somewhat or very good on all four questions pertaining to conservation efforts. With a 91-percent approval rating, providing parks and open spaces continues to be the highest-rated service.

Every two years since 1990, a consortium of 18 state agencies has utilized the Oregon Population Survey to ask Oregonians a battery of questions that cover such topics as child care, employment, technology use, and many other facets of life in the state. The result is an in-depth picture of the lives, families and jobs of Oregonians and the state's quality of life.

The 2008 Oregon Population Survey was conducted under contract to the Oregon Progress Board by Opinion Research Northwest. Approximately 4,100 household representatives were interviewed statewide. Some questions were answered by a smaller number of respondents.

The complete 2008 Oregon Population Survey data is online at www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEA.

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