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Local radio station changes ownership

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

Officials at the Federal Communications Commission approved the sale of McMinnville's KLYC radio station last week to ProMedia Partners LLC in Charlestown, Indiana.

Wes Simkins, the CEO of Promedia, began the process of buying KLYC in July. He said he was approached by previous owner Dave Adams, who needed to sell the station and move to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to tend to family issues.

Simkins also owns ProStreaming, a streaming company with offices in Pittsburgh. He said he runs the company, which provides audio and video stream, as its CEO from his home in Indiana.

He was delighted when Adams, who purchased KLYC in 2013, approached with the chance to buy the station, Simkins said. "I said I'd love to buy it," he recalled.



Simkins

"I like the direction the station is going."

Simkins met Adams because Adams used to be partners with one of ProStreaming's clients. Adams approached Simkins about creating streaming channels for Yamhill County schools.

Although Simkins doesn't live in the area and much of KLYC's programming will be streamed from remote locations, the owner told the News-Register he remains committed to giving the station a local flavor.

Brian Eriksen, a teacher and coach at South Salem High School, serves as the station's sports director. The station also has a local afternoon disc jockey and provides live coverage of Amity High School games, with Superintendent Jeff Clark giving

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Air show to return to Mac

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

Organizers of the Oregon International Air Show plan to return to the McMinnville Municipal Airport at least for the next two years.

"There are shows scheduled in McMinnville for September of 2020 and end of July, first of August for 2021," said Herb Gillen, who handles public relations for the event.

The annual show began at the Hillsboro Airport in 1988, but when organizers were unable to use the airport this year because of construction activities, they moved the event to McMinnville. The show drew an estimated 35,000 this year.

Gillen said organizers aren't leaving Hillsboro behind entire-

ly. "The show is also going to hold an event in May of 2020 in Hillsboro," he said. However, he declined to elaborate on the nature of the event.

The Hillsboro event next year and the subsequent main events in McMinnville in 2020 and 2021 are the only shows organizers have planned at the moment, he added.

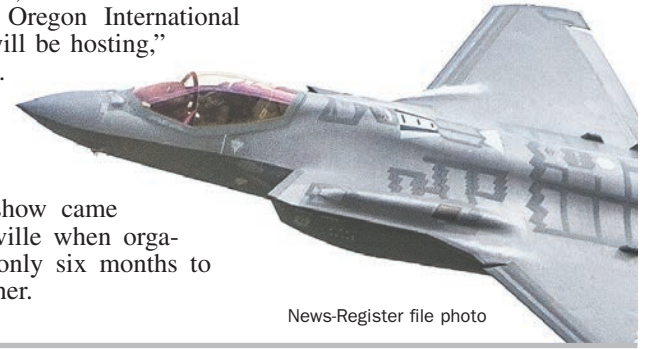
"As of now, those are the future shows that Oregon International Air Show will be hosting," Gillen said.

"Beyond that, we're just not sure."

The air show came to McMinnville when organizers had only six months to pull it together.

Gillen said the show probably attracted 5,000 fewer visitors than an average year in Hillsboro, but added show organizers and city staff did an amazing job bringing it to McMinnville with so little time to prepare. The show received

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News-Register file photo



Delana Saunders, a benefit specialist for the McMinnville School District and Katie Wirth of Lanning Family Chiropractic, with her daughter Eleanor, review notes and finances during Friday's Rotary gift buying session at Walmart. Rusty Rae/News-Register

Rotarians, volunteers make Christmas brighter for kids

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

McMinnville Rotarians, school employees and other community volunteers took 36 students shopping at Walmart Friday for Rotary's annual Christmas program.

Six students from each of the McMinnville district's six elementary schools were chosen, each presented with \$100 to spend on clothing, other necessities, a toy for themselves and gifts for others. Walmart added a bag of candy for each child.

"It's a really fun program for Rotarians, as well as people from the community. We get to interact with the kids who are benefiting

from the money we raised," said Kevin Chambers, president of the McMinnville Rotary Club.

In addition to his club members, volunteers came from the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation, the McMinnville Elks and several businesses. Pairs of adults shopped with one or two children each.

Sheila Osborn and her daughter, Halee, 16, volunteered after learning about the program on the Rotary Facebook page.

"It's a good opportunity to help," said Osborn, who works with adults with disabilities.

She and her daughter have adopted families at Christmas and done other service projects. "We like

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Kevin Chambers, president of the McMinnville Rotary Club

helping people," she said.

And they loved shopping with two students on Friday. "Very fun," both said.

"The little girl was very wonderful," said Halee, who helped the youngster pick out bath salts and lipstick to give as gifts.

Sheila, who shopped with the boy, said she enjoyed watching him add up the amounts he was spending. "He told me he has to know math to be a good shopper," she said.

See **BRIGHTER**, A6

Beaverton man arraigned in library stabbing

By PAUL DAQUILANTE
and STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

The victim stabbed Friday afternoon on the second floor of the McMinnville Public Library said there was "bad blood" between him and the alleged suspect over a drug deal.

Beaverton resident Jose Nicholas Dominguez, 19, was arraigned via video Monday afternoon on one count each of second-degree assault, a Class B felony, and unlawful use of a weapon, a Class C felony, before Yamhill County Circuit Court Judge Ladd Wiles, who set bail at \$150,000.

Wiles said he set a high bail amount because of the seriousness of the charges and the defendant's criminal history that includes a fail to appear.

Second-degree assault is a Measure 11 offense punishable by a mandatory minimum prison sentence.

Dominguez will next appear in court at 1:30 p.m. Monday for arraignment on a grand jury

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Dominguez

State approves YCCO for full 5-year contract

By NICOLE MONTESANO
Of the News-Register

The Oregon Health Authority has granted Yamhill Community Care a full five-year contract to serve Oregon Health Plan members through 2024, after YCCO worked with the state throughout the summer to improve deficiencies in its application.

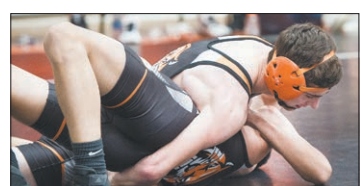
Services for the new five-year contract begin January 1, 2020.

YCCO serves Oregon Health Plan members in Yamhill County and portions of Polk and Washington counties. It's part of a statewide effort to improve healthcare for people on Medicaid by coordinating their doctors, dentists and other treatment providers to reduce costs and improve access to treatment.

This year, the Oregon Health Plan set new goals for all coordinated care organizations

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Offbeat Oregon: Theft of widow and orphans' home was too much for jury B1



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WEATHER

McMinnville area

TODAY

H 43
L 33
Cloudy,
winds light and variable

WEDNESDAY

H 45
L 42
Rain,
S winds 10 to 15 mph

THURSDAY

H 51
L 48
Rain,
S winds 10 to 15 mph

FRIDAY

H 51
L 44
Light rain,
SSW winds 10 to 15 mph

SATURDAY

H 48
L 39
Light rain,
SSW winds 5 to 10 mph

The sun

	Sunrise	Sunset
Tues.	7:46 a.m.	4:31 p.m.
Wed.	7:47 a.m.	4:31 p.m.
Thurs.	7:47 a.m.	4:32 p.m.

Local climate, past 7 days

	High	Low	Precip.
Monday	49	36	-
Tuesday	44	42	.52
Wednesday	50	43	.33
Thursday	54	40	.50
Friday	46	39	trace
Saturday	46	231	.05
Sunday	43	31	-
Actual Dec. to date	2.50		
Average Dec. 1-31	7.24		
Actual year to date	25.62		
Average year to date	36.55		
Average Jan.1-Dec. 31	41.81		

Recorded at McMinnville Airport at 5:30 a.m. daily. M=missing data.

Historical temperatures

Dec.	High	Low	Precip.
Average	48	36	7.24
Extreme	72	-24	17.65

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Temperature extremes

Oregon extremes for the 24 hours ending at 5:30 a.m. Monday:
High temp: Brookings.....49
Low temp: Burns.....2
High precip: La Grande.....0.04
Source: National Weather Service

Local warnings

No advisories are in effect for Yamhill, Lincoln, Tillamook counties. **Source:** Weatherbug.

Tides at Yaquina Bay

	High tide	Low tide
Tuesday		
4:34 a.m. (8.1)	10:07 a.m. (3.7)	
3:48 p.m. (8.1)	10:33 p.m. (0.1)	
Wednesday		
5:28 a.m. (8.3)	11:17 a.m. (3.4)	
5:02 p.m. (7.4)	11:28 p.m. (0.7)	
Thursday		
6:21 a.m. (8.6)		
6:22 p.m. (6.9)	12:30 p.m. (2.7)	

Wheatland Ferry

Information: 503-835-8066.

Dentist seeks new clinic, development in west Mac

By **TOM HENDERSON**
Of the News-Register

Dentist Melinda Judd wants to build a new clinic and nine townhouses at 1945 N.W. Second St. in McMinnville.

To do so, she first needs a zoning change on the property from single-family residential to multifamily residential. She also needs a conditional-use permit to allow for the construction of the new dental office.

The McMinnville Planning Commission will consider both requests during its 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, meeting.

The property is next to single-family homes to the north and west and an electric substation to the east. The Salvation Army's McMinnville Corps Community Center is across Second Street to the south.

Hillside, a retirement community, is located farther west from the site along Second Street. Calvary Chapel and an apartment complex are located further east along the street.

Judd proposes building the project in two phases. The first would be a 3,200-square-foot dental clinic, with a parking lot on the south side of the lot, which could be accessed by Northwest Second Street.

A future phase of the project would include up to nine townhouses on the northern half of the property.

Associate Planner Jamie Fleckenstein said the property currently includes a single-family residence and accessory structures. Mature trees provide substantial tree cover, said Fleckenstein.

Judd currently operates a dental office at 355 S.E. Baker St.

Doug Egan of MD Builders Inc. will be representing Judd during the meeting. A public hearing will be held on both of Judd's requests at the same time.

Any recommendations by the planning commission will have to be approved by the city council. Fleckenstein, in a report to planning commissioners, said city planners are recommending that both proposals be recommended for approval.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the St James Catholic Church, 1145 N.E. First St., McMinnville. The concert will feature a combination of contemporary and traditional styles. Lyrics will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Performances will continue in various locations throughout the county through Dec. 22. Admission is free, but a free will offering will benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. For more information, call Lee or Linda Schrepel at 503-662-3926 or visit www.cantatachoir.org.

Holiday concert: McMinnville High School choirs will present two performances of a traditional holiday concert at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the school, 615 N.E. 15th St. The concert will include carols, candles and winter songs. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the student accounts office or at the door. For more information, e-mail Robin Pederson at rpederson@msd.k12.or.us.

Christmas program: The McCabe Chapel United Methodist Women will present a "Country Christmas" program at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the church, 13150 S.W. McCabe Chapel Road, McMinnville. The free program will include carols, a Christmas story and fellowship. For more information, call Jennifer Houk at 503-621-8007.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Art walk: Downtown McMinnville businesses present "3rd Friday on 3rd Street," an art and wine walk held from 4 to 8 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.

Wine tasters should check in at McMenamins Hotel Oregon; \$10 includes five tasting tickets, a commemorative glass, a wine bag and a map. For more information, contact Linda Hayes at 503-474-7005 or email artwinewalk@gmail.com.

Holiday ballet: Gallery Ballet & Tap presents its 2019 performance of "The Nutcracker" at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Gallery Theater, 210 N.E. Ford St., McMinnville. General admission is \$15 or \$10 for students and seniors. Premium seating is available for \$20. Tickets are available at Incahoots in McMinnville or at the door. For more information, call the dance school at 503-472-4866.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Joyful Servant Lutheran Church, 1716 N. Villa Road, Newberg. The concert will feature a combination of contemporary and traditional styles. Lyrics will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Performances will continue in various locations throughout the county through Dec. 22. Admission is free, but a free will offering will benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. For more information, call Lee or Linda Schrepel at 503-662-3926 or visit www.cantatachoir.org.

Holiday music: A free community dinner and live performance by Rebecca Maze & Friends is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the West Valley Community Campus, 266 S.E. Washington St., Willamina. Ham and bean soup, cornbread, cookies and hot cider will be served. Beer

and wine will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Marian Rose Lucas at 503-929-4037 or info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1500 S.W. Old Sheridan Road, McMinnville. The concert will feature a combination of contemporary and traditional styles. Lyrics will be interpreted in American Sign Language. This is the final performance of the 2019 Community Christmas Cantata Choir season. Admission is free, but a free will offering will benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. For more information, call Lee or Linda Schrepel at 503-662-3926 or visit www.cantatachoir.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

Qigong class: Human Harmonies Northwest will offer a free introductory class on qigong and tai chi from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Mac Market, 1140 N.E. Alpine Ave., McMinnville. For more information, contact Lyne Breault at 503-383-9799 or lyne@humanharmonies.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

Book sale: Friends of the McMinnville Public Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Carnegie Room at the library, 225 N.W. Adams St. Paid members may shop early, starting at 9 a.m. Most books cost \$1; at 1 p.m., they will be available for \$3 a bag. For more information, call Ken Carter at 916-524-8147.

GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Dundee City Council: 7 p.m., city hall, 620 S.W. Fifth St., 503-538-3922.

McMinnville Water & Light Commission: 5 p.m., Water & Light Office, 855 N.E. Marsh Lane, 503-472-6158.

Yamhill Regional Water Authority Commission: 10 a.m., Water & Light Office, 855 N.E. Marsh Lane, 503-472-6919, ext. 5.

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners: 1:30 p.m., Conference Room, 434 N.E. Evans St., McMinnville, 503-434-7501. Informal session.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Dundee Planning Commission: 7 p.m., city hall, 620 S.W. Fifth St., 503-538-3922.

Lafayette Fire Department: 7 p.m., fire hall, 486 Third St., 503-864-2451.

Newberg Downtown Revitalization Committee: 7 p.m., Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third St., 503-554-7788.

Sheridan School Board: 6 p.m., school district office, 435 S. Bridge St., 503-843-2433.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Lafayette Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m.,

Community Center, 133 Adams Street, 503-864-2451.

McMinnville Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m., civic hall, 200 N.E. Second St., 503-434-7311.

Newberg Library Board: 7 p.m. Newberg Public Library, 503 E. Hancock St., 503-537-1256.

Newberg Planning Commission: 7:30 p.m., Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third St., 503-538-9421.

Sheridan AllPrep Academy: 6 p.m. 339 N.W. Sherman St. 503-890-8938.

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., Room 32, county courthouse, 535 N.E. Fifth St., McMinnville, 503-434-7501. Formal session.

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An environment for learning

Lessons to improve social skills pay off in the classroom

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

Students at McMinnville School district's six elementary schools are learning more than academic skills.

"This is about the whole child, building confidence, social skills and relationships," said Robyn Rutherford, a teacher on special assignment as a behavior specialist at Memorial Elementary.

Those factors help in the classroom as well as in life, she said during her building's recent School Improvement Plan presentation.

Groups from each elementary school, both middle schools and McMinnville High School presented to school board members, district staff and the public. Topics ranged from encouraging parent involvement to methods other than grades to measure student progress.

Memorial's presentation was called "Regulated and Ready to Learn."

"Kids need to be calm and ready to learn," Rutherford said. "They need to learn to control their feelings and get along with their peers."

That contributes to a positive learning environment where they feel safe and open to learning, Rutherford said.

At Memorial, with its bulldog mascot, teachers hand out "pride paw" slips for doing good work or showing positive behavior. Each class holds regular meetings so students can discuss challenges and successes unique to their group.

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Robyn Rutherford

Common language is used across all grades. For instance, kindergartners through fifth-graders discuss filling one's "bucket" with encouragement and positive feedback. Children come up with ideas they can use to fill one another's buckets, too.

Principal Kim Price said the school also may ask students to perform special tasks, such as being morning greeters at the front door or helping with recycling. Their enjoyment and pride helps fill their "buckets."

Counselor Stephanie Seet added, "We want them growing up with a bucket full of happiness."

Seet works with individual students and small groups, and also presents large-group lessons about social and emotional skills. She's often accompanied by puppets, such as the Kelso character or Tucker the Turtle, who charm children while reinforcing lessons.

Seet and teachers also use "Class Dojo" videos from a website that encourages students to regulate their mood, make good choices or have a growth mindset.

On the latter topic, a character called Mojo learns he can grow his brain.

"You can keep trying and exercising your brain, and it will get stronger," students learn.

Memorial has "calming stations" around the school students can decide to spend a few moments in, or teachers, classified staff members and other adults



Memorial Elementary School counselor Stephanie Seet and her puppets, Kelso and Lily, teach second-graders appropriate ways to respond to problems.

Rusty Rae/News-Register

may suggest.

The Bulldogs also can go on a "dog walk" with a peer, an older student or an adult. As they move through the halls, they look for posters with positive messages.

The 5- to 10-minute activity gives students a break — and teachers, as well, Rutherford said.

Memorial students also notice posters from the "Kelso's Choice" conflict management program for primary grades. One poster features "Kelso's Wheel," which offers nine different ways to solve a problem. Others explain how to use facial and body clues to determine someone's emotional state.

Seet said the messages have made a difference compared to when she started a few years ago. "It's given (students) confidence that they can self-regulate."

Books provide positive messages, as well. As students read aloud, the messages are reinforced: "I can be a good listener." "I think about what others say," etc.

Learning to give and accept compliments is another social skill reinforced, Price said. Students also learn the importance of saying thank you. They use "sentence frames" as prompts, as in "Thank you for helping me with -----," or "I really felt thankful for -----."

"We embed social skills in all the K-5 classes," Price said.

Some of students' favorites readers are "My Mouth is a Volcano," about how to keep oneself from blurting out thoughts; "Ish," a fable about creativity rather than perfection; "There is a Bird on Your Head," about friendship; and "The Dot," about encouraging artistic talents.

Price said Memorial also has books filled with stories and pictures from its own classrooms. Students love those, she said.

In math, students are asked to reflect on what they're learning, what they need to work on and what they've mastered. Teachers use the review feedback to adjust their instruction and emphasize certain areas.

"We dig deep into students' needs," the principal said.

Students' needs, as shown by a variety of data, drive everything, said Julie Lockhart, a fifth-grade teacher.

"Mistakes are a teaching opportunity," she said, explaining she and her colleagues are constantly changing what they do — repeating some lessons, putting things in new ways and adding challenges.

Price said "every day is a new opportunity to grow students and staff" at Memorial. She reminded colleagues to consider long-term progress, as well, noting, "This is not a sprint, it's a marathon."

Frogs make even big problems workable

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

Second-graders knew counselor Stephanie Seet wasn't alone when she arrived for a lesson in their classroom at Memorial Elementary School.

"Check in your bag!" children called to her, pointing to what could have been a large purse or a book carrier.

The bag was full of frogs — two special frog puppets, in fact.

The big, dark green one is named Kelso; the smaller, lighter green one is Lily.

Kelso and Lily are celebrities at Memorial, Seet said. The second-graders first met them two years ago, when the frogs visited their kindergarten rooms to help develop problem solving skills.

Kelso even has his own poster, "Kelso's Wheel," which depicts the frog responding to a variety of situations. In one segment, he's talking with a friend to work out a problem. In another, he's asking an adult for help. In others, he's apologizing, telling someone to stop, taking time out to cool off or ignoring things.

Kelso, Seet and the second-graders discussed the difference between big problems and small ones. The puppet stretched his arms wide to show how big a problem like bullying can be.

"With a big problem, you need a parent or a teacher to help," Wyatt Ramsey said.

That's right, Seet said. Big problems could be dangerous.

Then Lily held her green hands close together to show the size of small problems, such as when a classmate won't share the ball or when someone steps in front of you in line.

"You can fix little problems," Hixon Niehus said.

For example, Charlie Fleckenstein suggested, "If someone plays a game you don't like, you can leave."

Small problems might be frustrating, Stella Bowers said, "but they aren't dangerous."

Seet also explained the difference between reporting something and tattling. The latter is when you tell on someone to try to get them in trouble, she said.

"But don't, especially if



Jacobie Reyes-Ray exchanges high-fives with the puppets, after a lesson in his second-grade classroom.

Rusty Rae/News-Register

it's a small problem you can solve," she said.

Next, Seet pulled from her bag a bucket of frogs' favorite food — bugs. Each paper bug listed a problem. Students were asked to determine whether each problem was big or small, and suggest how to solve it.

Molly Van Dyke selected a cartoon bee and read, "Being pushed down by a bully." She held her arms wide to show this problem was big.

"I would say 'can you please stop,' and I also would get a teacher," Molly said.

Seet agreed. Intentionally pushing someone goes against the pledge students recite every morning: "I will not use my hands or my word for hurting myself or others."

Next, Hunter Robinson chose a mosquito. He read, "stealing from a teacher's desk," and held his hands wide. "That's a big problem," he added, so he would tell the teacher.

Seet asked the rest of the class, "Is stealing ever OK?" "Nooooooo," students chorused.

Then Tony Garcia Hurtado Jr. picked a beetle, on which was written "not going out after losing a turn." That's a small problem, he said. If a classmate wouldn't step aside to let others play, he said, he would go to another game.

McKynsi Lewis took a ladybug from the bucket. "Making noise while you're working," she read, and held hands close together. "I'd talk it out," she said. "I'd say

counselor said.

They repeated the role play.

"You eat chicken nuggets every day!" Kelso and Lily said in their silliest frog voices.

Gavin and Violet held up their hands, palms turned toward the puppets. The frogs stopped.

Acting out problems can be fun, Seet reminded the students, but real teasing and other problems aren't fun. Now, though, students have tools they can use to make things better.

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Hearing set for Baker Creek North

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

The McMinnville City Council will hold a public hearing on the Baker Creek North subdivision during the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, council meeting.

Prior to the formal hearing, councilors will hear a staff report on the subdivision at their Tuesday, Jan. 14, meeting. (This information was reported incorrectly in the Dec. 13 edition of the News-Register.)

The McMinnville Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed 280-home subdivision Dec. 5. Three people expressed concerns about the project.

Commissioners voted to recommend that the city council approve six land-use proposals so that executives at Stafford Land Company can start developing the subdivision.

Planning Director Heather Richards, in an email to commissioners dated Nov. 5, anticipated the possibility of needing two meetings on the subdivision.

"To reserve enough time for the McMinnville City Council to have a public hearing if they choose to do so, and to allow the planning commission to host two different nights of public hearings if needed, we have scheduled two planning commission meetings in December," Richards said in the Nov. 5 email.

However, in a Dec. 10 email to the News-Register, Richards said that "only one public hearing date was ever publicly noticed, and that was for Dec. 5."

A subsequent meeting was not formally noticed under the customary legal process, she said.

"Internally, staff had to calendar for the potential of a continued public hearing on Dec. 19 if the city was going to meet the 120-day land-use decision clock mandated by the state and still allow time for a public hearing with the city council if they choose to have one," said Richards.

The law requires government agencies to post legal notices in a local newspaper for upcoming public hearings. However, a news story does not constitute a legal notice.

The city council held a work session Oct. 16 to discuss how land-use hearings are conducted on quasi-judicial land-use applications such as the issues regarding Baker Creek North.

Councilors decided they don't want to conduct public hearings on every such application if the matter has already gone through a public hearing process at the planning commission level.

"They want to exercise some discretion," said City Manager Jeff Towery. When a new substation for McMinnville Water & Light generated little to no opposition, councilors opted not to hold a public hearing on the application.

Baker Creek North is different, Towery said. Because it is a large subdivision that three people raised concerns about at the planning commission, he said, councilors thought it was wise to give local residents one more opportunity to address the project.

Councilors Remy Drabkin, Zack Geary and Adam Garvin voiced particular support for a hearing.

Board to discuss bond projects, costs

The News-Register staff

DAYTON — School board members will hold a work session to discuss bond projects and costs Thursday, Dec. 19, prior to their business meeting.

The work session will start at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting at 6:45. Both public sessions will be in the district office, 780 Ferry St.

During the business session, members will consider a vacancy on the board, the selection process for a permanent superintendent, and a contract for architectural services.

An executive session will follow the business meeting so the board can review the performance of interim superintendent Brian Recht.

For more information, call the district office at 503-864-2215.



Singing, strolling and shopping

The McMinnville High School Twilights, above, perform Christmas carols on Third Street during the Christmas Stroll event Saturday. In addition to music, there were horse-drawn carriage rides, left, yoga, drawings and specials at downtown shops.

Marcus Larson/News-Register

COURT RECORDS

CIVIL FILINGS

LVNV Funding vs. Michael Hughes: Granted a \$2,110 judgment.

LVNV Funding vs. Cathy Mattoon: Granted a \$1,458 judgment.

LVNV Funding vs. Amber Landon: Granted a \$1,026 judgment.

LVNV Funding vs. Greg Huey: Granted an \$807 judgment.

Capital One Bank USA vs. Robyn A. Bolt: Granted a \$9,600 judgment.

Capital One Bank USA vs. Robert P. Turner: Granted a \$3,453 judgment.

Capital One Bank USA vs. Justin T. Willis: Granted a \$2,436 judgment.

Midland Funding vs. Katie Knobloch: Granted a \$3,878 judgment.

Midland Funding vs. Jose Arguelles: Granted a \$1,473 judgment.

Midland Funding vs. Cynthia Sevier: Granted an \$822 judgment.

Unifund CCR vs. Timothy L. Gipson: Seeks \$2,039 allegedly owed.

Unifund CCR vs. Timothy L. Gipson: Seeks \$1,894 allegedly owed.

Unifund CCR vs. Jesse Andreason: Seeks \$780 allegedly owed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Hunter Moore: Seeks \$1,490 allegedly owed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Sharon Murrell: Seeks \$1,309 allegedly owed.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Shaun Perkins: Seeks \$7,265 allegedly owed.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Ashley L. Dewar: Granted a \$6,393 judgment.

AmeriCredit Financial Services, doing business as GM Financial, vs. Holly L. Aguirre: Seeks \$1,750 allegedly owed.

Bonneville Billing and Collections vs. Traci R. Lundy: Seeks \$3,017 allegedly owed.

Citibank vs. Thomas J. Perritt: Seeks \$8,240 allegedly owed.

Enrique Rodriguez vs. Pole Barns NW: Alleges breach of contract in alleged failure to complete pole barn construction and pay for lumber; seeks a \$22,403 judgment.

Jefferson Capital Systems vs. Bryan Patrick Williams: Seeks \$856 allegedly owed.

US Bank National Association vs. Chad Dahl: Seeks \$2,775 allegedly owed.

Valentin C. Sanchez and others vs. Felisa Lopez Martinez: Alleges negligence in a school parking lot incident; seeks an \$8,887 judgment.

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Jacob Christopher Burnim, 30, Salem: Sentenced by (visiting)

Judge Randolph Garrison to 24 months probation, 80 community service hours, 12-month license suspension and fined \$2,000 on a conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Michael Jon Craviotto, 26, McMinnville: Sentenced by Presiding Judge Cynthia Easterday to 30 days in the Yamhill County Jail on a conviction of possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine.

Andres Torres Delao, 41, Newberg: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 60 days in the Yamhill County Jail, 36-month license suspension and fined \$2,255 for violating probation on a conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Daniel Ross Derry, 30, Vancouver, Washington: Sentenced by Judge Ladd Wiles to 48 hours in the Yamhill County Jail, 24 months probation and fined \$1,255 on a conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Antonio Duran, 50, McMinnville: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 22 days in the Yamhill County Jail on a conviction of possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine.

Audleigh Robert Charles Hickman, 31, Berry Creek, California: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 15 days in the Yamhill County Jail, 18 months probation, 90-day license suspension and fined \$1,000 on convictions of driving while revoked or suspended and reckless driving.

Renita Lorraine Hogan, 36, Lincoln City: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 45 days in the Yamhill County Jail on a conviction of felon in possession of a restricted weapon.

Stephen Mikal Jaeger, 24, McMinnville: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 48 hours in the Yamhill County Jail, 12 months probation and 80 community service hours for violating probation on a conviction of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Richard Edward Mendez, 34, Sheridan: given 40 hours community service and one year probation by Judge Jennifer Chapman on a charge degree charge of disorderly conduct.

Celia Maria Mirez, 26, McMinnville: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 192 hours in the Yamhill County Jail, 18 months probation and ordered to pay \$1,050 restitution on a conviction of first-degree theft.

Timothy Raye Nester, 51, Woodburn: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 240 hours in the Yamhill County Jail and fined \$1,000 on a conviction of driving while revoked or suspended.

Gregory Gerald Prichard, 29, McMinnville: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to 60 days in prison with the time to be served in the Yamhill County Jail, 120 days in jail, 12 months post-prison supervision and pro-

batation revocation for violating probation on convictions of driving while revoked or suspended, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and recklessly endangering another person.

Jamie Keith Rollins, 37, Newberg: Sentenced by Judge John Collins to five days in the Yamhill County Jail, 12 months probation and two work crew days on convictions of second-degree disorderly conduct and fail to appear on a criminal citation.

Ivan Semerikov, 42, Canby: Sentenced by Judge Jennifer Chapman to six months probation, 48 community service hours and fined \$1,255 for violating probation on a conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Tyler James Stewart, 36, Newberg: Sentenced by Judge Jennifer Chapman to 10 days in the Yamhill County Jail, 18 months probation and ordered to pay \$50 restitution on convictions of second-degree burglary and second-degree theft.

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Susan Rene Rider, Newberg, and Robin Grant Rider, Port Angeles, Washington.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

Anthony Steven Fait, 23, information technology, Lafayette, and Staci Lynn Huber, 21, customer service, Lafayette.

Ariana Cecilia Garcia, 24, laundry aide, McMinnville, and James Michael Parker, 29, landscaping, McMinnville.

Gregorio Aron Perez-Selsky, 37, attorney, McMinnville, and Nickola Noel Johnson, 35, artist, McMinnville.

Desmond Brian Crow Weber, 33, engineering technician, Lafayette, and Kelsey Lynette May, 30, distribution specialist, Lafayette.

PROBATE FILINGS

Joanna Bolton: Will proposed for probate; **Kristi L. Graham** proposed personal representative.

Norman Ray Corpuz: Will opened; **Manuela N. Corpuz** proposed personal representative.

Mary Katherine Dellett: Small estate closed; **Stephen D. Dellett** appointed personal representative.

Phyllis Dohm Mueyler: Will closed; **Conrad Mueller** appointed personal representative.

Hal A. Mitchell: Intestate estate opened; **Erin K. Olson** proposed personal representative.

Shawn Christopher Smith: Intestate estate proposed for probate; **Rachelle Clark** proposed personal representative.

Sharon Dawn Vailea: Small estate closed; **Leilani Diane Vailea** appointed personal representative.

Hard rain's gonna fall

The News-Register staff

Heavy rain appears to be headed toward northwestern Oregon and could lead to flooding later this week, the Portland office of the National Weather Service is warning.

The NWS says rain is expected to begin Wednesday, and last through Saturday, potentially dumping two to four inches on the valley floor over the course of several days. Temperatures are expected to warm a bit, to the low to mid 40s at night, and low 50s during the day, before dropping back to daytime highs in the 40s over the weekend.

The weather service notes that "these atmospheric river events are notoriously

difficult to precisely predict more than 24 to 36 hours in advance. Further complicating the issue, Cascade snow levels will rise from about 3,500 feet Wednesday night to above 6,000 feet by Friday evening."

It says that "areas that do receive a prolonged period of moderate and heavy rainfall will likely experience significant rises on area rivers and streams. The greatest concern will be on rivers and tributaries that do not flood control reservoirs."

It warns that "People living near southwest Washington and northwest Oregon rivers should monitor the latest weather and river conditions for the next week."

Supreme Court won't review Boise's homeless camping ban

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Supreme Court will not review an appellate decision that makes it harder for cities to keep homeless people from sleeping on the streets.

The justices on Monday did not comment as they left in place a ruling that struck down a Boise, Idaho, ordinance. The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals applies across several Western states where cities are struggling with

homelessness brought on by rising housing costs and income inequality. Many have similar restrictions that aim to keep homeless people from sleeping on their streets.

The appeals court held that Boise could not make it a crime for homeless people to sleep on the streets when no alternative shelter is available. The decision the justices refused to review found that the Boise ordinance violated the constitutional ban on "cruel and unusual punishment."

Salem ordinance takes effect

The Associated Press

SALEM — A new city ordinance is going into effect that will force around 400 people to move from their tents in downtown Salem, Oregon.

The Statesman-Journal reports that the ordinance will ban people from camping and leaving personal property on public right of way beginning on Monday.

The Salem City Council considered implementing city-sanctioned homeless campsites to give those affected somewhere to go.

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(CCOs), to improve and expand services, a program it is calling "CCO 2.0." The goals are to: improve behavioral health, address social factors affecting health and contributing to health inequities, pay providers for value and slow cost increases in Oregon's Medicaid program.

All CCOs in the state had to apply for funding for the expanded services. Yamhill County was one of four applicants the state required to show evidence they would be able to meet the goals, before being awarded a five-year contract. The state had given YCCO a failing grade in five out of six categories.

The YCCO was criticized for failing to include sufficient detail in many of its plans for how to address the needs of various populations, and the state said that in some sections, information was simply left out of the application.

Chief Executive Officer Seamus McCarthy, however, said the organization "has been a model CCO for the last seven years improving patient health and experience of care, as well as lowering costs for the state."

He said that, while the organization had to work with the state through the summer to provide the missing details in the application, in practice, it "has a track record of meeting or exceeding the OHA performance metrics every year since the very first contract was granted in 2012, which tells

a story of how health care providers and community partners have embraced the community-based model."

McCarthy said that the state was hard on all of the CCOs it evaluated.

"All the CCOs were pretty much torn apart ... pretty harsh language across the board," he said.

In addition, he said, "if you look at the folks who got the five year contracts the first time, all of them were large organizations," that manage multiple CCOs.

McCarthy said he found that trend concerning, because he thinks the original idea of providing strong local control and flexibility is key to the system's success.

Yamhill County, he said, embodies that original idea, and has created a successful organization, because "local providers feel sense of ownership."

That's crucial, McCarthy argued.

"Every community is different and what I do in this community to control diabetes or hypertension is going to be different than what they do in the Metro area, or Eugene ... flexibility and local control are important to the CCO model and I think that's important," he said.

Yamhill County Health and Human Services Director Silas Halloran-Steiner praised the organization, saying it "has been a leader in developing a maternal medical home model of care that pays for enhanced outreach and engagement to newly pregnant moms. With an improved focus on

the first thousand days of development, we can make a significant impact in the health of our next generation and avoid unnecessary costs across multiple public systems."

Halloran-Steiner said he also appreciates "the Board's vision to reinvest savings into evidence-based population health improvement activities, some of which are taking place in all seven school districts within Yamhill County. Examples include the Sources of Strength suicide prevention efforts, as well as the Good Behavior Game which focuses on students and staff on the value of creating a nurturing, inclusive environment at school and is linked to a number of long term prevention outcomes that keep kids in school and on track to learn and avoid bad health outcomes."

McCarthy said the Good Behavior Game now has a 20-year history, and that researchers have found children who were taught the game in school do better academically, and tend to

be healthier, suffering lower rates of diabetes, hypertension and depression.

In addition to improving access to health care, McCarthy said, the state also is charging CCOs with investing some of their profits back into the community, in projects that don't directly impact health care, but do impact people's overall well-being.

Yamhill County has been a leader in that, he said. One of the areas it is addressing is homelessness. The YCCO is partnering with county Health and Human Services on the construction of a 66-unit apartment complex in Sheridan, to add more affordable housing, for example.

Some units will be reserved for the CCO's highest-need clients, McCarthy said. In addition, he said, it is partnering with Providence Hospital in Newberg to create a tiny house project.

"Homelessness is a really complicated issue; the CCO can't solve it alone ... but there are things we can do," he said.



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largely positive reviews from organizers as well as local business owners and city officials.

"I think there are always some people who are concerned about the noise levels and stuff, but all in all, I think it was a well-planned and well-executed community event," City Councilor Adam Garvin said after the

show.

Police Chief Matt Scales said the event created traffic problems, yet emphasized this was the first time McMinnville hosted the show.

Lessons were learned. Scales said. He and his officers will come up with a more sophisticated plan to respond to local traffic problems. "The first year, you don't know what you don't know, although I kind of knew it was going to be bad, and it was bad," he said.



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Vern Popowski of the McMinnville Elks Club goes shopping with a youngster Friday during the Rotary Club's annual holiday event to help children. Volunteers from other organizations and businesses helped shop with 36 children from the McMinnville School District. Rusty Rae/News-Register

Brighter

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Michelle Garber of Landmark Professional Mortgage and Heather Acker of Coldwell Banker also enjoyed their volunteer experience.

"This is a good time to get out and do community outreach," Garber said. "There's such a need. I just wish they could (take) even more kids."

The girl with whom she shopped picked out socks, a nightgown and other clothes, plus gifts for her mother and brother. The total came to \$100.54 -- just right, Garber said.

Rotarian Lou Perez-Leon and his wife, Wilma, followed their student directly

to the toy aisle. The boy explained to them about different characters and types of Nerf projectiles as he looked for gifts, as well as something for himself.

Finally, he chose an Avenger mask. "That's all I want," he said. "Let's go to clothes."

Perez-Leon helped the boy find shoes of the right size. "All the shoes I have are either broken or the heels are worn off," the student said.

They moved on to look for pants and tops. The boy chose a blue sweatshirt with a grinning shark mouth, eyes and a hood. "That's all I want now," he said.

Vern Popowski, an Elk, pushed a shopping cart as another girl made her selections. As they passed Grandhaven Principal Steph-

anie Legard in an aisle, the student began lifting up this and that.

"This is for my mom," she said, holding up a brightly colored package. "This is for my sister. And I got my mom some socks, too."

While students and volunteers shopped, Legard was filling a cart for her school. Thanks to a donation from a grandparent, she said, she had money for supplies for the health room.

She picked out sweat pants, socks and underwear. "Sometimes students need a change of clothes," Legard explained.

She passed another pair of volunteers and two students. Their cart contained a shiny coppery-pink coat and several pairs of shoes.

The principal admitted she

was a little jealous of the adults who were shopping with the children.

"I usually have a little shopper along when we do this," she said. "I do love that. It's a lot more fun."

Securities broker pleads not guilty

The News-Register staff

A McMinnville securities broker accused of bilking his clients of millions of dollars pleaded not guilty last week.

J.W. Millegan was arraigned on Dec. 12 in federal court, on 13 counts of tax evasion and investment account churning. He waived reading of the charges.

Millegan was released on his own recognizance, and trial was scheduled for February 11. That would be unusually early for a trial, and Millegan's attorney, Lisa Hay of the Office of the Federal Public Defender, said it prob-

ably will be postponed.

The trial was scheduled to last two weeks.

"As we have not received any of the alleged evidence against Mr. Millegan yet, I can't assess the accuracy of that prediction," Hay told the News-Register.

Churning is defined by the U.S. Attorney's Office as excessive buying and selling of a client's account to generate commissions for the stockbroker, with no "reasonable expectation" that the client will benefit. It states that the rapid turnover can result in numerous fees to the

client, and an inability to earn profit from any of the investments.

However, Hay said, "The indictment demonstrates that the government has misunderstood significant facts relating to Mr. Millegan's business. Although Mr. Millegan looks forward to vindication in court, it is very unlikely that the case could be tried as early as February."

Millegan also is charged with having "willfully evaded payment" of more than \$3.3 million in personal income taxes between July 2006 and September 2016.

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Nyquist named free clinic's medical director

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

Dr. Ted Nyquist was named the new medical director of the McMinnville Free Clinic last month.

Nyquist has been in private practice since 1993 when he joined Dr. Francis Kenyon to form West Hills Healthcare on Northwest Second Street in McMinnville.

He has been volunteering for the free clinic since last year.

"My main reason in accepting this position is to support all the great people that are working hard to provide health care to those who might otherwise fall through the cracks in our current medical system," said Nyquist.

He replaces former medical director Dr. Marion Hull, one of the physicians who helped

found the clinic in 2013.

The clinic, located at the McMinnville Free Clinic at First Baptist Church on Cowsls Street, is an alliance of physicians, nurses, counselors and other care providers who gather on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide care to people who otherwise would not be able to afford it.



Nyquist

It offers free medical and chiropractic services along with acupuncture, health education, flu vaccinations, dental referrals, spiritual care, and connections to local resources for basic needs and financial assistance.

Since opening six years ago, the clinic has served more than 2,500 people, said Administrative Consultant Kacelle Tortorici.

Sale hearing pushed to January

Museum employees taking furloughs during slow season

By NICOLE MONTESANO
Of the News-Register

A hearing in Utah federal bankruptcy court over arguments opposing the sale of campus properties of the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum has been rescheduled for Jan. 7.

Several creditors continue to object to a proposal by the court-appointed trustee of the Falls Event Center, to sell off property on and around the museum campus, without paying off their liens in full.

Authorities at the museum itself, an independent nonprofit that leases its buildings, hope the sale goes through soon, so they can start working with their new landlord.

Having the "dark cloud of bankruptcy over the museum ... does have an impact,"

Interim Executive Director John Rasmussen said.

Because winter tends to be the museum's slow season, he said, 24 of its 28 full-time employees are being furloughed eight hours a week, to avoid layoffs. Rasmussen said this isn't the first year the museum has resorted to either furloughs or layoffs.

In an effort to generate more winter income, the museum this year launched Holidays in the Hangar (featured in the Dec. 13 edition of the News-Register), offering reduced admission fees during weekend evening hours for parents and children to enjoy many of the aviation displays decorated with Christmas lights. It is also offering a variety of children's activities.

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it wouldn't be such a dip in income," he said.

Rasmussen said extra income hasn't closed the financial gap yet, "but we're heading in the right direction." The display attracted visitors from Portland, Salem and Lincoln City, he said, and about 2,000 people have attended in the first five days of the program.

Meanwhile, Trustee Michael Thomson told the court in legal documents that he expects the Falls Event Center to realize more than \$960,000 from the sale of the five parcels and two airplanes included in the transaction.

The total sale price is \$9.5 million, but back property taxes will take some \$2

million of it.

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Stabbing

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indictment. McMinnville attorney Mark Lawrence will handle his defense.

The adult male victim was not identified by either McMinnville police or in court records.

When officer Preston Anthony of the McMinnville police responded to a reported stabbing shortly before 3 p.m., the victim was sitting in a chair on the second floor, he wrote in a probable cause affidavit. A library employee was holding blood-soaked bandages against the left lower side of his back.

Anthony secured a new set of gauze and began applying pressure to the wound. McMinnville Fire Department medics arrived and the victim was transported to the Willamette Valley Medical Center for initial treatment.

During an interview, the victim told Anthony that while he was walking toward the computers he heard someone come up behind him, at which time he felt what he described as a "sharp stinging pain" in his lower back, the officer wrote.

The victim initially thought he had been punched by someone. When he turned to see who struck him, he saw the suspect who was running away. He believed the individual was someone he knew as "Nico," who was described as a young Latino male with shorter black hair, wearing a multi-colored shirt and dark jeans.

The victim admitted the two were at odds over a drug deal that he said had gone amiss.

Library surveillance video captured images of the suspect leaving the library immediately after the incident. Sheriff's deputy Skip Jones, who

also responded to the scene, contacted a witness outside the library.

That individual said a male, whom he knew as "Nico Dominguez," walked out of the library, came up to him and said, "I f----- up." He asked for a cigarette before heading westbound through City Park.

The wound was described as being three-quarters inch long, and was caused by an unidentified edged weapon, according to information provided to Anthony by the hospital staff.

When further tests of the victim's abdomen revealed a "deep, piercing wound" to the kidney, he was transferred to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital in Portland where he underwent surgery, after which he was reported in serious but stable condition. His condition on Monday was not available.

Dominguez was located by officers in the area of 7-Eleven in the 900 block of Southwest Baker Street and taken into custody without further incident.

This incident remains under investigation by the McMinnville police. Anyone with information should contact Sgt. Steve Macartney at 503-435-5622 or Steve.Macartney@mcminvilleoregon.gov.

Dominguez is currently on probation following a Washington County conviction last April on one count of interfering with a parole/peace or probation officer, a Class A misdemeanor.

Circuit Court Judge Danielle Hunsaker sentenced him to 30 days in jail followed by 18 months on probation, a term that originally was due to expire in October 2020. He was also fined \$100.

Misdemeanor charges of second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree

disorderly conduct were dismissed as part of plea negotiations between the district attorney's offense his defense attorney.

He initially was cited to appear in court on the three charges, but failed to do so, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Library Director Jenny Berg said she is proud of her staff for their quick thinking in the wake of the incident.

Berg said one of the library employees immediately called 911 and another applied pressure to the victim's wound. The whole staff is trained in emergency procedures.

"We care about all our patrons," Berg said.

About 12,000 people a month use the library, she said. Some drop by briefly to pick up a book on hold or to return something. Others spend the day there reading, or spend an hour on a computer.

Friday was a typical day. The stabbing happened quickly, Berg said.

Police were very helpful to the library staff and patrons as they conducted their investigation, she added. The upstairs room where the incident occurred was closed for about an hour, and patrons were waiting to use the room as soon as it opened.

Several people contacted the library with messages of support, she said.

She plans to ask a counselor from the City Employee Assistance Program to come in today so staff members can talk.

Berg said she believes this is the kind of incident that could have happened anywhere; it wasn't related to the library specifically.

"We'll continue to do the best we can in terms of safety," she said. "We'll keep being diligent. We want to make this a safe space for all people to feel welcome."



After apprehending the library stabbing suspect near the 7-Eleven on South Baker Street, McMinnville police officers and Yamhill County Sheriff deputies discuss searching the area and controlling the scene. Marcus Larson/News-Register

Radio

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the play-by-play commentary.

KLYC's music format is adult contemporary. Basically, said Simkins, that means classic hits. "Everything we play was a hit in its era," he said. "We're going to rebrand to more of classic hits."

KLYC has been a part of McMinnville since 1949, originally as KMCM. The station was established by brothers Jack and Phil Bladine, then publisher and editor, respectively, of the Telephone-Register newspaper in McMinnville.

The station began regular programming at 11 a.m. on June 18, 1949, with a broadcast introduced by Mayor R.H. Windisher.

KLYC has since gone through a series of owners. Adams was a prominent presence in the community, videotaping McMinnville

City Council meetings and assorted local events.

Simkins said he has no plans so far to provide such video coverage. The station offers news through Salem Radio Network, a Texas-based service that specializes in Christian-based news and talk show programming.

"I get phone calls from people who say it's like a real radio station now," Simkins said.

The network partnership changes some advertising content, as well. For instance, KLYC no longer runs ads for vaping products through syndicated services.

"Salem Radio Network put in writing that they wouldn't put a controversial ad on the station like one for vaping products," he said. "I think the vaping was a major local issue. I felt it wasn't a good thing to have that on KLYC radio, so we made the change instantly."

Through the syndicated service, KLYC runs "One Minute in America," a seg-

ment from conservative Christian commentator Jerry Stewart that runs at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Often stressing patriotism and military history, Stewart's commentaries revolve around what factors he thinks make America great.

"It's a very patriotic segment," Simkins said. "Some people might say I'm too conservative, but I think that's what America was built on."

Simkins said he particularly likes how the segments laud America's military forces.

"We push veteran issues," he said. "Their suicides rates are really high, and I want to get to the bottom of that."

Despite the conservative nature of Salem Radio Network and its contributors, Simkins said he wants to steer clear of politics.

"We hope to never accept a political ad," he said. "I don't think we want to be involved in politics in any way, shape or form."

ARRESTS & CITATIONS

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Tyler James Lehmann, 25, Newberg, Dec. 13, second-degree fail to appear; booked and released.

Luke Wayne Leppin, 21, McMinnville, Dec. 13, third-degree sexual abuse, contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor; booked and released.

Michelle Schawn Marsh, 52, Sheridan, Dec. 13, fail to appear; booked and released.

Tyler Keith Martin, 20, Sheridan, Dec. 12, menacing, pointing a firearm at another person, possession of weapons by certain felons; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

Chuck Elwin Moore Jr., 53, Sheridan, Dec. 13, possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Shaundra Michelle Reed, 37, Forest Grove, Dec. 13, driving while revoked or suspended.

Ethan Dunbar St. Clair, 18, Sprague River, Dec. 12, fourth-degree assault, harassment; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$12,500 bail.

Roger Loren Whitaker, 61, Portland, Dec. 12, second-degree fail to appear; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

Xuliang Wu, 37, McMinnville, Dec. 13, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving; booked and released.

McMINNVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Jose Nicholo Dominguez, 19, Hillsboro, Dec. 13, first-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$157,500 bail.

Brian Allen Fox, 39, McMinnville, Dec. 14, Marion County hold, McMinnville Municipal Court hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$114,000 bail.

Daniel Calvin Hines, 35, Salem, Dec. 12, possession of a controlled substance/heroin; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Austyn Lance Ingram, 28, McMinnville, Dec. 12, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

David Michael Karnes, 48, McMinnville, Dec. 14, probation violation/two counts; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$20,000 bail.

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OREGON STATE POLICE

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Thursday Senior Hobblers DEC 12

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Star Bowlers of the Day

Senior Citizens League DEC 10 Bowling over Game Average

MEN: Chuck Conrad, 208 (78 pins over game average)

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Bowling over Series Average

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High game scratch: Jennie Ramer, 206; Lynn Gadberry, 189; Diana Jones, 187; BJ Andrews, 170.

High series scratch: Jennie Ramer, 484; Diana Jones, 480; BJ Andrews, 466; Susan Means, 456.

Thursday Senior Hobblers DEC 12

TEAM

High game scratch: Up Your Alley, 666.

High series scratch: The Gutter Gang, 1779.

High game scratch: Mike Brisbin, 203; Bill Mitchell, 190; Gordon Winter, 186; Kevin Clifton, 183; Tim Anderson, 183.

High series scratch: Bill Mitchell, 521; Johnnie Williams, 520; Duane Qualey, 515; Gordon Winter, 497.

High game scratch: Joyce Wren, 171; Susan Means, 169; Lynn Gadberry, 165; Barbara Bauer, 164.

High series scratch: Joyce Wren, 465; Carol Shepko, 439; Judy Freeman, 436; Barbara Bauer, 430.

Star Bowlers of the Day

Senior Citizens League DEC 10 Bowling over Game Average

MEN: Chuck Conrad, 208 (78 pins over game average)

WOMEN: Lynn Gadberry, 189 (60 pins over game average)

Bowling over Series Average

MEN: Chuck Conrad, 470 (80 pins over series average)

WOMEN: Vivian Fairburn, 434 (104 pins over series average)

Thursday Senior Hobblers League; DEC 12, 2019:

Bowling over Game Average

MEN: Tim Anderson, 183 (64 pins over series average)

WOMEN: Lynn Gadberry, 165 (49 pins over game average)

Bowling over Series Average

MEN: Tim Anderson, 445 (88 pins over series average)

WOMEN: Lynn Gadberry, 423 (75 pins over series average)



Holiday harmonies



Above left: Musicians Margie Arighi, Jean Johnson and June Holmes perform Christmas melodies for the crowd at the Hillside Holiday Musicale, a special Christmas concert held last Thursday at the retirement community in McMinnville. Above right: The Hillside concert also featured the Bells Angels, a handbell choir led by Jean Johnson, and other small ensembles. Below: Four Score Quartet members, Christine May, Ralph Litchfield, Dwight Nyquist and Miles Dresser perform "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Jingle Bell Rock."



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS This is the third story in a series about how local residents with backgrounds in other countries observed holidays back home, and how their roots affect them as they celebrate this Christmas season.

'Jul' is more joyful these days

Christmastime was spare and cold in North Dakota during the Depression

By **STARLA POINTER**
Of the News-Register

Christmas wasn't much of a celebration during the Great Depression in North Dakota. But when Olaf "Ollie" Johnson was a little boy, his mother managed to prepare some of her family's Norwegian delicacies for the holiday, such as a milky whitefish soup with rutabagas. She might select one of the chickens from the family farm, as well, or cook a portion of salt pork. Johnson, who now lives in McMinnville, remembers his mother's cooking well. "Oh, it's good," he said, describing the soup. He didn't look forward to getting presents for Christmas or birthdays back then. "There was no money" for a cake or a party, he said. When he did get a gift, it was a big deal. "I remember getting a pen with an advertising slogan for shoes on it," he said with pleasure. Once, one of his four older sisters brought home a sled. Young Ollie saw it propped against the wall of their farmhouse. When he found out it was a present for him, he was beside himself with joy. "Wool!" he said. A sled was a perfect gift for a resident of eastern North Dakota, after all. Snow piled up all winter.



Ollie Johnson and his wife, Ramona, both can speak some Norwegian, the language of his heritage. His parents wanted him to speak English as a child, but he studied Norwegian in school. She learned a little from a roommate of Norwegian heritage, she said, but not words she can repeat in public.

Johnson recalled people going out with 12-foot poles and poking them into the drifts, trying to locate their buried cars. He walked to school on sidewalks covered with 5 or 6 feet of packed snow some years, he said. During North Dakota winters, he recalled, "no one ever bothered to ask the temperature." Maybe

they didn't want to know. His parents, faithful Lutherans, were stoic about other things, too, as were the neighbors in their Norwegian immigrant community. Everyone, children included, worked hard to raise crops and animals. Christmas often meant extreme cold, deep snow and another day of work.

"I never heard the word 'love' when I was a child," recalled Johnson, who today radiates contentment. A retired teacher, he and his wife, Ramona, both Linfield College graduates, will celebrate this Christmas at Hillside

See **JOHNSON, B2**

OFFBEAT OREGON

Neighbor's theft of widow and orphans' home was too much for jury

Especially in the late 1800s, the Oregon frontier was no stranger to acts of judicial lynching — where the local legal system was corrupted to provide cover for murder. What's more unusual, though, was an 1852 event that amounted to judicial cattle rustling.



Finn J.D. John
an instructor at OSU, writes about unusual and little-known aspects of Oregon history.

Interestingly, it happened in the Marysville (Corvallis) area — the same community that, shortly before, had tried its hand at "judicial claim-jumping," supporting a local swain in his quest to steal away half of Nimrod O'Kelly's land claim and subsequently convicting him of murder when he shot the "claim jumper" in an argument over it. Early Benton County seems to have been a somewhat clannish, lawless place. The cattle that the Benton County courts rustled belonged to a woman named Letitia Carson, and she was the widow

See **OFFBEAT, B3**

Johnson

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Retirement Communities. He'll say "God Jul" — "Merry Christmas" in Norwegian — as he jokes and enjoys his Scandinavian heritage with friends and offspring.

The Johnsons have two sons, Greg, an architect in Laguna Beach, California, and Mark, who works at Hillside. Their daughter-in-law and grandson work for Willamette Valley Medical Center.

They also have two more grandchildren and five great-grandkids.

Ollie's father was born in the Setesdal-Valle region of in southern Norway, midway between Oslo and Bergen.

His original surname was "Prestigarten," which means "priest's garden," a reference to his father's work caring for the church garden. He changed his name to "John Johnson" when he went through Ellis Island with his own parents.

Ollie's mother, Hattie Nesland, was the daughter of another family from the same region. She was born soon after her parents reached the U.S.

They were among the many people from the Setesdal-Valle area who boarded ships bound for the United States in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Together, the immigrants found their way to the Upper Midwest and settled down to live pious lives as hardworking farmers.

Ollie's parents met in North Dakota, where both their families homesteaded. They married and had eight children before their ninth — Ollie — arrived on June 30, 1928.

Life was hard, with scorching summers and winters unimaginably cold. All nine children labored to help their parents eke out a living.

"Farmers needed a lot of kids back then," Johnson noted.

He did have some time to play, though. He loved pretending to drive an old wreck that lay on his family's property.

The family's first running car was a Model T pickup that could be used only in warm weather. Later, the family bought a used Buick.

When Ollie was 8, his mother died in childbirth along with her 10th baby at the height of the Great Depression.

After she died, his father hired a cook. She fed the kids nutritious food, but "no more real Norwegian stuff," he said.

Although they mourned their mother and missed her Norwegian cooking, he and his siblings counted their family luckier than many.

Their father had a job managing grain elevators in the area. Many other people at the time had no jobs and little hope.

His father eventually remarried, surprising Ollie and the other kids. Their dad had never mentioned a courtship.

"One day he brought home another set-in-stone Norwegian from the Red River Valley," an area on the eastern border of North Dakota, Johnson recalled. "She was a widow with eight or 10 kids of her own."

When he was little, Johnson heard his parents speak Norwegian to each other. But they insisted their children speak English — they wanted them to be true Americans.

Ollie signed up for Norwegian classes in high school, and still sprinkles his conversations with Norwegian words and phrases today.

Ramona, who had a Norwegian roommate in college, also can speak a little of the language. "But I know only swear words," she joked.

Johnson went to grade school in Aneta, a small town northwest of Fargo, near his family's farm. He had been known as "Bud" up to then, instead of the old-world "Olaf."

His new friends soon dubbed him "Ollie." The nickname stuck.

His family moved to Grand Forks, a much bigger city, before he started high school. "We moved to a house with a water heater,"



he said, "but the boiler broke in the middle of winter."

Of course, with Norwegian blood and North Dakota experience, "we were used to the cold."

His school in Grand Forks was a huge building right downtown. Since he had to help with the harvest, he usually started the school year late and left early in the spring to work for the highway department during high school.

But he studied faithfully, and his teachers understood his demanding schedule.

"I always hate to lose our good students," one teacher said as he waved goodbye.

He enjoyed sports, including basketball, track and football — the latter played on the field at the University of North Dakota.

One year in basketball, he broke his arm when he tripped over another player who was a good friend. It took him all summer to pay off the doctor's bill, he said.

In winters, he said, athletes showed how tough they were by wearing shorts under their clothes, rather than warm long underwear. Other students teased them if they gave into the chill and put on a one-piece "union suit" instead.

They would have laughed, too, if he'd worn a shirt during the summer. None of the men or boys did as they worked under the hot sun.

On the verge of turning 18, Johnson volunteered for the military. "I graduated from high school at 10 a.m. one morning, then went right into the Army."

World War II had just ended. He was sent to Japan as part of the occupation forces.

His good buddy from home, Red Van Dyne, was stationed in Japan, too. They got out of the Army at the same time and returned to the U.S. on separate ships, Van Dyne's landing in Seattle and Johnson's in Portland.

"The next morning I went to a diner, and there he was!" Johnson recalled. "We rode the train to Minot together, then hitch-hiked home."

He used his G.I. Bill money to continue his education.

He found out that a favorite high school coach, Glen Hubbard, was going to coach at Linfield College. So he and a couple other North Dakotans rode out to Oregon with him and enrolled at the McMinnville school.

He found lodgings at 12th and Evans streets. A Linfield secretary rented her upstairs to Johnson and another guy from the Class of 1951.

On campus, he met fellow student Ramona, a native of McMinnville. "I remember her walking across the dining hall," then located in Pioneer Hall, he said 70 years later.

As she tells it, he sat at a table with the other guys. She sat at the next table with the girls. "We both were slow eaters, and we were there longer than anybody else," she said.

They got acquainted, married and moved to Madras when he graduated. She hadn't finished school, yet, but returned to Linfield and graduated in 1969. While he taught and coached, she worked as a certified public accountant.

They drove to Madras in a car they bought for \$1,000



from a Chevy dealership in McMinnville. They paid cash, Johnson recalled, because the dealer was too worried about inflation to offer credit.

It was lucky they had that car. When they reached their new home, it wasn't ready, so they had no choice but to sleep in the car. The next morning, Johnson awoke and went off to oversee football practice.

Johnson was 22 or 23 when he started teaching and coaching, he said. The P.E. teachers' salary that first year was \$4,700, about 25 percent more than colleagues who taught in the Willamette Valley were getting, he said.

Because the Eastern Oregon district paid so well, he said, the faculty was "just awesome."

Johnson taught at Madras High School for 10 years. He's still in touch with some of his students.

He moved on to Wilson High School in Portland, then to Portland Community College after receiving an advanced degree from Portland State University. He retired from PCC, where he had been a counselor and worked with financial aid.

It was an interesting time to be at a college, he said. During the Vietnam War, he recalled, "the students had a lot at stake in getting good grades so they could stay in school."

Over the years, the Johnsons visited McMinnville many times before moving here permanently two years ago. They attended Wildcat football games with other alumni, and passed through on their way to the beach.

Johnson drove a bread truck for a while, making regular trips through McMinnville on his way from Portland to the coast and back. One day, he received a speeding ticket on Highway 99W — \$15 for going 15 miles over the limit.

He was worried — paying the fine would almost clean out his bank account, he thought. But the judge in Newberg let him off with a warning. "My dad was Norwegian, too," the judge told him.

That heritage is a big part of Johnson's life today.

He loves nothing more than a slice of lefse, the potato-based Norwegian flatbread. He spreads it with butter and sprinkles on a little sugar, then rolls it up for a handy snack.

He and Ramona also enjoy Jarlsberg, a cow's milk cheese, and geitost, a brownish goat cheese from Norway. The latter was described by Rick Steves, the travel writer, as resembling "six generations of ear wax," but Ramona said it's delicious. Ollie agreed.

"It's a treat to have geitost," he said.

Johnson had his heart set on lefse one Christmas when he was a Linfield student. His sister sent him

Ollie and Ramona Johnson display Norwegian ornaments in their home at Hillside Retirement Community.

Marcus Larson/News-Register

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The McMinnville Senior Center offers a variety of activities each week. The center, located at 2250 N.E. McDaniel Lane, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The center is closed on major holidays. For more information, call 503-435-0407.

Wortman Park Cafe: Lunch is served inside the senior center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 17 and 19. Tuesday's lunch features butternut squash, and Thursday's lunch features chicken gumbo. Each lunch features a salad bar, fresh baked bread and a cookie. Cost: \$5.

Caregiver Resources: A support group for spouses, partners, parents and other caregivers runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call facilitator John Adams at 503-474-1936 or Peggy Lutz at 503-883-9297. Cost: Free.



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Still active

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Ollie Johnson enjoys golfing and fishing. He competed in age-group tennis for many years and was part of a state championship doubles team a couple times.

These days, the retired teacher works out on machines in the gym at Hillside, where he and his wife, Ramona, have lived for two years.

When his wife was still working as a CPA, he enjoyed going to Arizona to see spring training.

They enjoyed traveling together, too. Posters from some of their favorite destinations — New Zealand, France, Spain, etc. — hang outside their apartment at Hillside.

a box of the homemade bread, but it arrived while he was on a basketball trip to California.

He was overjoyed to see the package when he returned to his room in Mack Hall. He even rushed out to buy some sugar to sprinkle on it.

But when he opened the lefse, he discovered it was too late. The moist flatbread was moldy and inedible. What a disappointment!

His wife has tried making lefse, mashing potatoes with a little liquid and cooking the dough on a grill. He appreciates her effort, but it's not the same, he said.

And she admitted, "I failed at lefse making." She's been more successful with the milky soup with rutabagas and whitefish.

The soup also can be made with lutefisk, a preserved fish that's famous in Scandinavian culture.

Johnson joked that most Norwegians eat lutefisk only at church or community dinners; it's too odoriferous to prepare at home. "It smells up the whole house," he said.

He and his wife like to serve traditional food — but no lutefisk! — at parties. When they lived in Portland, they shopped at a Scandinavian store near Beaverton. Now they often find traditional cheeses, lefse and other items at Roth's or Safeway.

Starla Pointer, who believes everyone has an interesting story to tell, has been writing the weekly "Stopping By" column since 1996. She's always looking for suggestions. Contact her at 503-687-1263 or spointer@newsregister.com.

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Offbeat

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of a recently naturalized Irishman named David Carson — or, rather, she would have been David's widow, if the two of them had been allowed to marry. But they weren't, because Letitia Carson was black, and a former slave — born in Kentucky in the late 1810s.

The other factor that makes this episode of judicial rustling unusual is that Letitia took the thieves to court — and won. Twice.

There's no documentation of Letitia Carson's transition from slave to free woman, but it seems most likely that David Carson bought or leased her, freed her, and married her the old-school common-law way, it having been at the time illegal for a white person to marry a black person.

Perhaps hoping things would be different in the Oregon Territory, where rugged mountain men often had Native American wives, the two of them then set out on the Oregon Trail, arriving in Soap Creek Valley (about two miles due west of today's Adair Village) in 1845. There, they staked a 640-acre claim, and started building a ranch on it.

Things went well for them. Letitia's herd of cattle, which she had started on the trail to Oregon, grew and prospered. Their first child, Martha, born on the trail, was joined by a son, Adam, in 1849.

In 1850, the new territorial government took away half their land; because they weren't, and couldn't be, legally married, the Carsons were only entitled to 320 acres. There wasn't much they could do about that, so they just had to grin and bear it, and carry on with half of their land. After all, 320 acres of free land was still free land.

But it was in 1852 that the real trouble happened. That's when David, following a short illness, died. And although he'd made promises to the woman he thought of as his wife, he hadn't put anything

in writing.

Neighbor Greenberry Smith now pounced. He got the county courts to appoint him executor of David Carson's estate; then he proclaimed that Letitia and the children would be handled as property, not as heirs. They were, he said, David's slaves, and they should consider themselves fortunate (as, in fact, they were, given Smith's attitude toward them) that slavery was illegal in Oregon, because if it weren't, the three of them would have been appraised and auctioned off like livestock.

On Jan. 4, 1853, Smith held a public auction and literally sold everything but the land and the "slaves." Onto the block and out the door went everything else — including, according to historian Bob Zybach's article in the Oregon State Bar Bulletin, "half-acres of potatoes, David's underwear, the family's Bible, bedding, dishes and tableware, jars, farm tools and equipment, two yokes of oxen, a wagon, a velvet vest, a watch, a clock, a gun, a thermometer, 35 cattle, 26 hogs, and a 14-year-old horse."

The sale raised \$1,538.80 — including \$104.87 from Letitia, who actually had to buy back her own bed, bedding, and kitchen supplies from Greenberry Smith. Apparently she had managed to sequester a few dollars somewhere; in fact, it would have been surprising and out of character for Letitia Carson if she had not.

Two months later, Letitia and the kids left Soap Creek Valley, traveled south, and settled in Cow Creek Valley down in Douglas County. There, Letitia found and hired an attorney, and sued her late husband's estate.

(Historian Zybach, who is currently working on a full biography of Letitia Carson, says her attorney likely was part of a Corvallis backlash against Greenberry Smith and his pro-slavery cronies. If you think about it, anyone who believed in the humanity of black people would have been outraged by this play — if not by the treatment of Letitia, certainly by the theft of David Carson's children's

inheritance.)

Her suit was basically a claim for back wages. Because she was legally prevented from marrying David, she couldn't represent herself as his heir; but she could, and did, claim they'd had an agreement that she would inherit his things when he died, an agreement that he hadn't been able to put in writing before his death.

Subpoenas went out to various witnesses who could testify to something like this, and the case was placed on the docket for trial.

Greenberry Smith's response to this seems to have been outrage at the temerity of this "uppity" black woman, who, instead of being grateful for the gentle treatment he had given her (not selling her back into slavery, not seizing the money with which she bought back her things), was resisting his pseudo-legal theft of her property.

Through his attorney, prominent local pro-slavery lawyer John Kelsay, Greenberry retorted that Letitia had been a slave up to the time of her death, as had her children, and that as such she was entitled to no compensation, and even if she were, her freedom was compensation enough. He then undermined that argument by quibbling about the dollar amounts she put on the various things she was claiming in the suit.

That may have had something to do with the verdict — or maybe Smith's Snidely Whiplash-style coldness and intransigence rubbed his neighbors the wrong way. In any case, when it was handed down on May 7, 1855, by a jury of Smith's white male property-owning neighbors, it was a win for Letitia — sort of. They awarded Letitia just \$300, which Smith, representing the estate, paid — reluctantly and only after the Oregon Territory's chief justice, George H. Williams, ordered them to accept and pay it.

As Zybach notes, not much of that \$300 made it back to Letitia after the sheriff's expenses and witness fees were deducted — likely much less than



This family portrait shows Martha Carson Lavadour, David and Letitia's daughter, with her husband Narcisse and son Nelson, circa 1875.

Image: Oregon State Bar Bulletin

she'd had to pay to redeem her things from that illegal auction.

But it was a moral victory, and a foot in the door, and she followed it up with a suit for compensation for the theft of her cattle.

This time, Letitia's attorney was able to get in touch with a key witness, a neighbor who had had a conversation with David Carson about the cattle just before he died. David, complimented on the size and health of his herd, had replied, "Most of those are Letitia's." He then pointed to one particular dowager cow and told the witness that 27 of the cattle in the herd were the offspring of that one cow, which she had bought on the plains in 1845 while en route to Oregon.

This was good enough for the jury and for Judge Williams, who issued a judgment for \$1,200 to compensate Letitia for her rustled cattle.

As Zybach notes, one of the most interesting aspects of this whole story is the paucity of newspaper coverage. Many of the most prominent members of the

community were attending the hearings and watching the outcome, and Greenberry Smith was one of the richest men in the county; but the story barely touches the newspapers. It's as if they were deliberately suppressing the story to keep it from sparking hope in the hearts of other swindled black people, who might, if they learned about Letitia's success, lawyer up and sue instead of quietly going away.

And perhaps that's what it was all about — or maybe they were just trying to avoid a subject that had become uncomfortable for everyone involved. After all, most of the ancient Romans who stuck their knives in Julius Caesar were ashamed of themselves afterward, weren't they? And some of the most prominent members of the Benton County community had attended Smith's auction and bought Letitia's stolen property. Chances are, by the time the court had ruled that she'd been done dirty, they weren't super proud of the part they'd played in it.

As for Letitia Carson, in

1863 she filed a Homestead Act claim on 154 acres near Myrtle Creek; this was, of course, something she'd been unable to do prior to the Emancipation Proclamation, especially after the Supreme Court's 1857 Dred Scott decision proclaimed black people to be non-citizens.

She proved her claim up, of course. Finally laboring for herself and her children, with legal protection from marauders like Greenberry Smith, she seriously overdid it. The improvements on her property included an 18-by-22-foot one-and-a-half-story log home, a barn, a granary, a smokehouse, an orchard with 100 fruit trees in it ... and — of course — a big herd of cattle.

Hers was one of the first several dozen homestead claims certified, and was quite likely the first Homestead Act claim proven up by an African American in U.S. history.

(Sources: "Strangely Absent from History: Carson vs. Smith, 1852-1857," an article published in the October 2016 issue of Oregon State Bar Bulletin)

Finn J.D. John's book, "Heroes and Rascals of Old Oregon," was recently published by Ouragan House Publishers. To contact him or suggest a topic: finn@offbeatoregon.com or 541-357-2222.

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HOLIDAY GIVING

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Giving Tree: Carlton First Federal is hosting a giving tree to benefit local families affected by breast cancer this season. Gift cards, gas cards, coffee cards and grocery cards will be accepted at the bank, 335 W. Madison St. Pink ornaments will be available for purchase; they may be dedicated in memory or support of someone and placed on the tree. For more information, call Sandy Schultz at 503-435-3229.

Henderson House: Henderson House is collecting gift cards, diapers sizes 3 and up, nonperishable food, children's clothing,

children's books and unwrapped toys and games for all ages. Donations can also be made online at hendersonhouse.org, dropped off in person at 610 S.E. First St., McMinnville, or mailed to P.O. Box 26, McMinnville, OR 97128. For more information, contact Henderson House at 503-472-0244.

Shop With a Cop: The McMinnville Police Department is holding its ninth-annual Shop With a Cop event. This year, 50 local children will get to shop individually with an officer. Donations can be made in person or by mail to the city of McMinnville, 121 S.W. Adams St. Checks should have "Shop With a Cop" written in the memo line. For more information, contact Amy Kepler at 503-434-2339.

Shop With a Sheriff: The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office is collecting monetary donations for its Shop With a Sheriff program. Students who have been selected will shop with a deputy

at Walmart. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the office, 535 N.E. Fifth St., McMinnville. For more information, contact Emily at 503-474-6289.

Toy & Food Drive: The American Legion Auxiliary's annual Toy & Food Drive is collecting new unwrapped gifts for children of all ages along with nonperishable food items. Donations can be dropped off from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. any day at the legion hall, 126 Atlantic St., McMinnville. For more information, contact Debra Godwin at 971-237-5379 or the hall at 503-435-2218.

Winter supplies: Yamhill Community Action Partnership is accepting donations of winter supplies for local families in need. Tarps, warm socks and gift cards can be dropped off at YCAP, 1317 N.E. Dustin Court, McMinnville. Donations of shelf-stable foods for the food bank are also especially needed for the holidays. For more information, call Laverne Pitts at 503-687-1488.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

American Legion Auxiliary: 6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 126 N.E. Atlantic Ave., McMinnville. Information: 503-435-2218.

Shrine Club: 6 p.m. Information and location: John Heston at 503-472-1480.

Community Advocates Protecting Our Water: 6:30 p.m., Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. Jan. through Nov. Information: Annelly Germaine, 971-237-5862.

Republican Party: 7 p.m., McMinnville Community Center, 600 N.E. Evans St. Information: Call 503-583-1665 or e-mail yamhillrepublicans@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Democratic Think Tank: 11:45 a.m., Chan's Chinese Restaurant, 632 Highway 99W, McMinnville. Information: Sarah Grider, chair@yodemocrats.org.

Ministerial Fellowship: noon, for Christian clergy. Location and information: the Rev. John David Hicks, coordinator, 503-472-2220.

Intro to Tai Chi and Qigong: Carnegie Room, McMinnville library, 225 N.W. Adams St. Information: Lyne Breault, 503-383-9799, lyne@humanharmonies.com.

American Legion Post #21: 6:30 p.m. American Legion Hall, 126 N.E. Atlantic Ave., McMinnville. Information: 503-435-2218.

Yamhill County Suicide Bereavement Support Group: 6:30 to 8 p.m., Provoking Hope, 213

N.E. 10th St., McMinnville. Information: Pauline Metoxen, 503-537-6221.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Ham Radio Club: 11:30 a.m., Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. Information: 503-435-5562.

NAMI: Support Group at 5:30 p.m., Abacus House, 625 N.E. Galloway St., McMinnville. National Alliance on Mental Illness. Meets on first and third Thursday and second Saturday of each month. Information: Pauline Metoxen, 503-537-6221.

Coast Guard Auxiliary: 6:30 p.m., Room 105, Chemeketa Community College, Building 1, 288 N.E. Norton Lane, McMinnville. Information: Dean Wimer at 503-472-1569.

Eastern Star: 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 402 E. Sheridan St., Newberg. Information: Michael Thompson, 503-701-3478.

North Valley Cruzzers: 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 126 N.E. Atlantic Ave., McMinnville. Information: Tim Hay, 503-371-7121 or visit www.cruzzers.org.

Family Support Group: 5:30 to 7 p.m., Abacus House, 625 N.E. Galloway St., McMinnville. Information: Pauline Metoxen, 503-537-6221.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Backgammon Night: 5 to 9 p.m., McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. Information: Joe Kleemann, 971-312-2310, makero3d@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Braids & Braves Square Dance Club: 7 p.m., Palmer Creek Lodge, 604 Fourth St., Dayton. Admission \$6, \$3 student, \$13 family. Information: Jerry or Bonnie, 971-570-9114.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

Yamhill County Suicide Bereavement Support Group: 2 to 4 p.m., in the Chapel Room, McMinnville Covenant Church, 2155 N.W. 2nd St. Information: Pauline Metoxen, 503-537-6221.

MONDAY, DEC. 23

Arts Alliance: 7 p.m. board meeting, Currents Gallery, 532 N.E. Third St., McMinnville. Meetings open to the public. Information: www.artsalliancey-amhillco.org.

Compass, a Postpartum Peer Support Group: 11 a.m. to noon, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. Information: Alyson Larkin or Eva Hales, 971-301-2678.

Gallery Theater Readers Theater Group: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Gallery Theater Loft, 210 N. Ford St., McMinnville. Information: 503-472-2227.

Together Works: 7 p.m., Fireside Room, First Baptist Church, 125 S.E. Cows St., McMinnville. LGBT and allies. Information: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256 or togetherworksinfo@gmail.com.

Peer Support Group: 1 to 3 p.m., The Community Room at Deskin Commons Apartments, 1103 N. Meridian, Newberg. Information: Pauline Metoxen, 503-537-6221.



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HAPPY TAILS

Spay/neuter question is complicated

I've actually been considering writing a column about this topic for a few years now, but I had serious doubts about whether it would be helpful. The question: Should we be spaying and neutering our pups early on, or even ever?



Nancy Carlson has an enduring interest in the bond between humans and animals.

I understand that this subject is controversial, and I approach it cautiously and with some trepidation. Before spaying and neutering dogs became common practice, millions (and I am not exaggerating) of absolutely healthy, potentially happy dogs were being euthanized in shelters and pounds because there were just too dang many of them.

Sometime in the 1970s, the winds shifted and spay/neutering became common practice, praise God, and we now euthanize about 670,000 dogs every year — still far too many, but a darn sight better than millions. And no one doing the research on the health questions of early spay/neutering wants to go back to the dark days of dog overpopulation.

My source for this column, by the way, is an Oct. 11 article in the Washington Post called "The growing debate over spaying and neutering dogs" by Karin Brulliard, but there are doz-

ens of articles citing very similar research out there in Googleland if you are interested.

Let me start by saying that all of the research I have seen questioning the efficacy of spay/neutering young dogs has been performed on large, purebred dogs. I have seen no evidence about whether it's a risky choice for large mixed breed dogs. It kind of makes sense that it may be, as genes are genes and if Labs are at risk and German Shepherds are at risk, a cross between those two breeds could also be. This is not the only time in this column that I will offer this advice: Talk to your vet.

If your large mixed breed dog is a rescue, this is kind of a moot point. Thirty-one states plus the District of Columbia mandate that shelters and pounds spay/neuter any pet prior to adoption. Oregon is not one of them, but nevertheless, all of the shelters I know of perform these procedures before dogs are available for adoption. Again, their goal is to make sure that there are no more dogs than there are loving homes to take care of them, and you can hardly fault them for that.

So what's the controversy? Well, there's some pretty compelling research showing that spaying or neutering a dog, especially before they are fully grown and past puberty, correlates and may contribute to an increase in certain skeletal injuries and cancers.

At this point, you own-

ers of small dogs can just put this paper down and go find something else to do, as again, all of the research on the negative effects of early spay/neuter has been done on large dogs — mostly Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds.

For example, Dr. Missy Simpson, a veterinary epidemiologist with the Morris Animal Foundation, was lead researcher on a lifetime study of 2,800 Golden Retrievers. The study showed that the dogs spayed or neutered before 6 months of age had a much higher incidence of orthopedic injuries and obesity, which of course can cause other health problems.

Another study in 2013 from the University of California at Davis showed that the incidence of hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tears and certain cancers were more common in spayed/neutered Golden Retrievers, especially those who had the procedure performed before they were a year old. Similar study at UC Davis showed increased incidence of joint disorders, but not cancer, in German Shepherds and Labrador Retrievers who were neutered early.

In light of this, why spay and neuter dogs at all? Well, pet overpopulation is certainly a compelling argument, but for a lot of us that's just not likely to happen. My dogs live in the house or in my backyard enclosed by a 6-foot-high fence. If they leave, they

are always on leash with me at the other end, and our neighborhood has rarely seen a stray dog, so the risk of unwanted pregnancy is pretty low.

In years past, I believed that spaying/neutering was the healthier choice to lessen the risk of mammary cancers and uterine infections. I also believed it helped with behavioral problems, specifically aggression, although research doesn't really bear this out.

However, intact animals are certainly more inconvenient to live with. Females go into heat about every six months, and that comes with a rather messy discharge (of course, your nearest pet supply store will sell you the canine version of Kotex). Un-neutered males tend to mark more than neutered ones. You and your intact dog will not be welcomed at dog parks, doggy day cares and many kennels, and you will get disparaging looks from the large percentage of animal lovers who still believe that the procedure is the most humane way to go.

So, as with many things in life, the decision of if and when to spay or neuter your dog is complicated, and no one action is good for every dog. Think about this carefully, look at the research and talk to your veterinarian. What's right for your dog might not be right for another. And we all want to do what's best for our beloved furry friends.

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ROHSE COLORED GLASSES

Finding the magic all around us is the trick

If there seems to be no magic in your world-weary existence, be assured — there's plenty out there.

All you need do to inject that important element in your life is look for it. And there it is — a touch of magic. It's in the first crocus of spring. Or, perhaps, that full moon on a clear frosty night when the sky is full of stars. Maybe it's McMinnville's Third Street with its twinkling lights during the Christmas season.

Everywhere there is magic. I even found it in my coffee percolator. Every morning when I run cold water in it, add stand and basket, measure in the coffee, plug it in — there's magic as the bottom of the pot begins to erupt and bubble up and empty onto the coffee. Some 10 minutes later, there's magic in a steaming cup of coffee. How did that water get up onto the coffee? For me, someone who is impressed with anything automatic, it is magical — especially when I pour myself a cup and revel in its goodness.

Life is full of magic if you look for it — and recognize it. Develop your visual acuity and there will be magic.

Of course, in addition to this magic that is all around us, there are the professional magicians who entertain by testing our perception. We humans are not very skilled at accurately perceiving anything that is half hidden. We often even fail to see that which is right in front of us — such as my glasses for which I've been 10 minutes and am sitting on the counter in plain sight.

Magic has been around a long time, although its origins are unknown. But during its existence, it has evolved into a considerable profession. Magicians are skilled performers. They stage fascinating and popular shows.

The earliest magic was done in ancient Egypt and Greece. Before the birth of Christ, magic was connected with religion and medicine.

Magicians, conjurers, medicine men and sorcerers once were numerous. Certain words, such as abracadabra, were thought to have magical powers. Rulers made no important decisions until checking with an oracle.

Gradually, magic became more technical, advancing almost to a kind of science. Today's magic is more about entertainment than omens. And it is augmented by various aids. Some magicians use machinery and elaborate devices with mirrors at different angles to deceive the eye.

Back in the 1800s, the use of optical illusion in conjunction with entertainment was initiated when a jeweler invented a wooden cabinet in which

people were able to vanish and reappear — done with the aid of mirrors, but so ably constructed the mirrors could not be seen even under careful examination.

Magic also has become a popular hobby. Check out a magic store and you'll be amazed.

As for famous magicians, Houdini is probably the best known. His real name was Erich Weiss, and he was born in Wisconsin in 1874 and died in 1926. He first learned to perform on the trapeze. He worked in a locksmith shop and trained his toes to be as flexible as his fingers. It is said there was no lock he couldn't open and no knot he couldn't untie.

In one act, his hands were handcuffed behind his back before he was placed in a sealed chest and thrown into water. Within a few minutes, he had freed himself and was standing before the amazed crowd.

I would have liked to see him perform, but the only famous magicians I have seen were Siegfried and Roy. We saw their show in Las Vegas. They were credited with shaping modern magic with their dazzling displays, elegant costumes and white tigers and lions — although they had no lions the night we were there.

Our seats for that show were excellent — so near the stage we could almost have touched the tigers. It was an incredible performance. We were thankful that we were not present at a later show when Roy was nearly killed by a tiger.

I have never heard of many magicians listed among the most famous. Nowadays, many performers are opting to specialize in particular kinds of magic.

On one list, in addition to Houdini and Siegfried and Roy, were Ricky Jay, David Blaine, Penn and Teller, Dynamo, David Copperfield and Criss Angel.

There are, of course, secrets galore behind the intricacies of these performers' acts. The "magician's code" forbids the leaking of these secrets to the public, although some of the highly guarded secrets have been leaked.

This isn't to say that magic does not require considerable skill and dexterity. Magicians learn to divert the attention of the audience away from the hidden secrets and do it so skillfully that our faulty perception sees what they want us to see.

We are told that part of the magician's success is due to the inability of people to imagine. So, if we're going to become magicians, we should, no doubt, hone our imaginations.

Although I have great respect for the skill and showmanship of these accomplished performers, I really appreciate more our simple kind of magic that uses no tricks. Simple little bits of magic, such as the first crocus of the season.

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TELL ME ABOUT IT

Husband won't take steps to change

DEAR CAROLYN:

My husband is overweight. Fine. I still find him attractive and have no issue with his weight if he's healthy.

My problem is with his attitude toward his weight. He doesn't like being heavy. Fine. He wants to lose weight. Fine. He says he needs to find ways to work out. Fine.

He says those ways NEED to include me or he won't be successful, that he won't do it. He needs someone to work out with or he won't feel inclined to do it. Can you see where this is going?

I am not overweight, though I could certainly be in better shape, so I have



Carolyn Hax offers advice based on the experiences of someone who's been there.

offered to join a gym with him. He doesn't like gyms; they're too expensive. I offer to go on walks. His knee hurts. I suggest he go for a bike ride but there's always some reason he can't. I've tried to offer support and encouragement but at some point he needs to take responsibility for his own weight loss.

He also has an eating issue. I don't monitor what he eats, he's a grown man, but I have noticed that food mysteriously goes missing overnight and I can only assume it has been consumed by my husband. Or we have an unseen houseguest taking care of our leftovers, snacks and cereal for us.

What can I do here? If he wants to lose weight, I support him 100 percent. If he's fine at his current weight, I support him 100 percent. It's clear, though, he's unhappy with his situation, but also doesn't

want to do much about it. I'm at a loss. I've talked to him but we end up talking in circles. It always gets put back on me, that he can't lose weight because I won't work out with him, so I don't engage when he talks about it anymore. What do I do?

— Talking in Circles

The short answer: boundaries. Your husband doesn't have good ones and he needs them.

Yours sound healthy — which means you probably already know there's not a lot you can do that you haven't already tried. He is, as you said, a grown man, no matter how creative he gets in trying to shed his responsibility.

You can, of course, buy different foods when it's your turn to shop. You can research fitness-support apps.

You can also walk and bike without him. It's good for you anyway, but also lays the groundwork

for two possible futures: the one where he finally goes with you, and the one where you get used to moving independently. It's tough stuff, but if his choices now limit his mobility later, then you may be forced to choose someday: couch-bound with him or out and active without him. You'll be glad for any foresight.

You can also encourage him to go to therapy. The boundaries alone are worth treatment with someone reputable, but the secret eating and the mismatch of words and deeds suggest this is pain-relief behavior. If so, then "doesn't want to do much about it" is unfair.

It's OK to tell him his weight doesn't worry you, his unhappiness and emotional paralysis do. Offer to make appointments. Then invite him on a walk and go regardless.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

A monthly column from the children's librarians at the McMinnville Public Library.

Most kids familiar with our library are aware of our holiday collection — an entire wall of books about celebrations throughout the year, New Year's Eve through Christmas. Our volunteers who shelve books can affirm that these holiday volumes circulate year-round, even outside their respective timeframes.

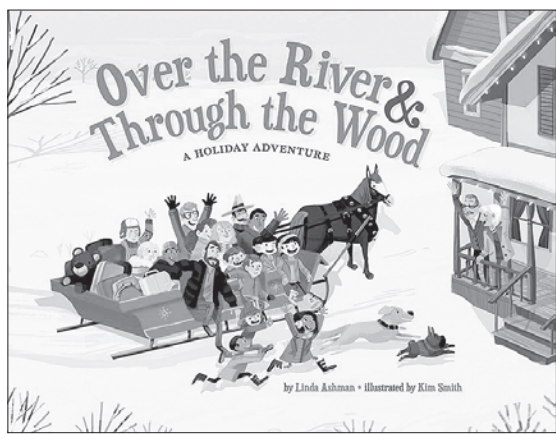
There's also a tradition in the Children's Room where the librarians hide paper cutouts of turkeys numbered one to 10. Kids run around the room looking for a complete set. When they do, they line them up in numerical order and read a couple verses of the old-fashioned poem "Over the River and Through the Woods." You might know enough to sing the title, but there's more to it, and the kids are learning the verses.

One of our favorite winter books is a modern rendition of the poem: "Over the River & Through the Wood," written by Linda Ashman and illustrated by Kim Smith (2015). Multiple families receive invitations to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa, but as they prepare for and start their travels, they run into some obstacles. Will they make it in time?

If you're searching for other titles that hit the holiday mark and aren't Santa-focused, we recommend the following:

"Seven Candles for Kwanzaa" by Andrea Davis Pinkney and illustrated by Brian Pinkney (1993). Kwanzaa is an African American celebration that started in 1966 and is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. The introductory note to readers includes background information, while the rest of the book both explains and shows what the holiday is all about. Pinkney uses a scratchboard technique and paint to create fabulously textured illustrations, which alone are worth studying for movement. Also of interest is the shorter book "The Sound of Kwanzaa" by Dimitrea Tokunbo and illustrated by Lisa Cohen (2009).

"Twas Nochebuena" by Roseanne Greenfield Thong and illustrated by Sara Palacios (2014). This is a rhyming



Spanish-English bilingual story with cheerful illustrations to delight the senses. Food, warmth and family traditions are part of a Christmas Eve tale written in a style that evokes "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

"Lots of Latkes: A Hanukkah Story" by Sandy Layton and illustrated by Vicki Jo Redenbaugh (2003). Rivka Leah invites her friends over to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah, asking them each to bring their menorah and something to share with latkes.

But each friend's plans to bring something special fall through and they have to make do with something else. What will they contribute to the Hanukkah dinner? In the end, this is a story about sharing our presence more than any tangible item.

"The Runaway Latkes" by Leslie Kimmelman and illustrated by Paul Yalowitz (2000). Children familiar with the gingerbread nursery tale will enjoy this spinoff about three wily potato pancakes. They're "big and round and crisp and brown" and rolling away from the cook, the rabbi, the cantor and many others. A recipe for making your very own latkes is included.

"Gingerbread for Liberty" by Mara Rockliff and illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch (2015). We admit, this is not a holiday book. But the style of the illustrations (as if they're all made of gingerbread and icing) tickles our holiday senses. Set during the American Revolution, this is a tale of generosity, based on a true story. A German immigrant is encouraged to defend the colonies against England's rule, and leads in the way he knows best — through baking.

"A Christmas Spider's Miracle" by Trinkka Hakes Noble and illustrated by Stephen Costanza (2011). Based on Ukrainian folklore, the story follows a peasant and a spider, each struggling during a cold Christmas. As a last-minute effort to inspire holiday cheer, the peasant brings a small tree into her family's cottage. The spider feels a kinship toward the mother and offers a gift using her unique talents.

LIVE MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Dan Seymour: Pinot Vista Wine Tasting Lounge, McMinnville; 5 p.m.

Open Mic: poetry, musicians, singers; McMinnville Center for The Arts, McMinnville; 6 p.m.

Crystal Lariza: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, McMinnville; 7 p.m. 21+

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Open Jam with Dan Seymour: Willamette Valley Vineyards, McMinnville; 6 p.m.

Open Mic: Hosted by Freddie Lamb; McMenamins Hotel Oregon, McMinnville; 8 p.m. 21+

The Walling Willows: traditional bluegrass; Mac Market, McMinnville; 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Bramble Rose: Pinot Vista Wine Tasting Lounge, McMinnville; 5:30 p.m.

Castle with a K: Mac Market, McMinnville; 6 p.m.

The Noted: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, McMinnville; 8 p.m. 21+

Terry Robb: blues, holiday; Blue Moon Lounge, McMinnville; 3 p.m. 21+

DC Malone and The Jones: Spirit Mountain Casino; 9 p.m. 21+

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Doug Verigan: Pinot Vista Wine Tasting Lounge, McMinnville; 6 p.m.

Sonny Hess: McMenamins Hotel Oregon, McMinnville; 7 p.m. 21+

The Teccas: The Horse Radish, Carlton; 7 p.m.

DC Malone and the Jones: Spirit Mountain Casino; 9 p.m. 21+

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

Hushfire: Brooks Winery, Amity; 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Open Jam with Dan Seymour: Willamette Valley Vineyards, McMinnville; 6 p.m.

Open Mic: Hosted by Freddie Lamb; McMenamins Hotel Oregon, McMinnville; 8 p.m. 21+

HELPING HANDS

McMinnville Free Clinic: Volunteers are needed in the following areas: reception, triage nurse, clinical coordinator, social services provider, medical provider, medical assistant, fundraising, marketing, communications, and volunteer coordinator. For more information, call 971-261-6128 or email info@mcminvillefreeclinic.org.

Meals-on-Wheels: Volunteers are needed to help assist with preparing and portioning meals, serving, delivering or cleaning up. For more information, call 503-472-9441.

Grand Ronde Tribal CASA: Adults are needed to become CASA volunteers to help Grand Ronde children in foster care. For more information, call 503-879-4623 or email adrea.korthase@grandronde.org.

Willamette Valley Medical Center: The McMinnville hospital volunteer organization wants volunteers age 16 or older to greet and escort patients, give directions within the hospital and assist visitors in the gift shop. For more information, contact Hailey O'Keif at 503-472-6131 ext. 8399 or email courtpro-

grams@grandronde.org.

American Legion Post #21: Volunteers are needed as bartenders and cooks for shifts between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. For more information, call 503-435-2218.

American Red Cross: Disaster responders, preparedness educators, blood drive ambassadors and volunteer drivers are needed. Responders provide emergency relief to people who have been displaced by fires, floods or storms. Educators share the message of preparedness and safety with community groups, businesses and schools. Blood drive ambassadors greet and register blood donors. For more information, call 503-528-5624 or apply online www.redcross.org/local/or/volunteer.

YCAP Spoke House: Volunteer bicycle mechanics are sought for YCAP's Spoke House team in its efforts to restore bikes and distribute them to those in need of transportation. Intermediate bike repair skills are appreciated, but not necessary. For more information, contact Kristina Buck at 503-883-4188 or kristinab@yamhillcap.org.

Chehalem Youth & Family Services: Volunteers are needed in the following areas for a youth services program in Newberg: thrift shop, adult mentors, tutors, gardeners, computer training, event organizing, and office support and board membership. For more information, call 503-538-4874.

Your Community Mediators: Volunteer mediators are needed in Yamhill County. The nonprofit organization provides mediation and facilitation to the public. Basic mediation training, offered every other year, teaches how to address conflicts at home, work and in the community, and satisfies Oregon requirements. People to serve on YCM board of directors also are needed. For more information, call 503-435-2835 or email marlenab@comcast.net.

AARP Taxaide: Volunteers are needed to help low-income taxpayers with tax preparation for the next tax season. No previous experience required. Extensive training will be provided. For more information, email Elaine Ahtel at achtwild@yahoo.com.

McMinnville Public Library: Volunteers are needed for tasks such as shelving and shelf read-

ing. Interested individuals may complete an application to be included in the library's pool of volunteers. For more information, contact Teri Swanson at 503-435-5564 or teri.swanson@mcminvilleoregon.gov or submit an application at www.mcminvilleoregon.gov/library/page/volunteer-library.

SafeShelter Host Homes: Youth Outreach is accepting applications for host homes to provide emergency temporary shelter for runaway or homeless local youth age 11 through 17. Applicants must pass background checks, provide complete biographical information, complete training and regularly attend support meetings; they receive a small monthly stipend and nightly allowance when providing shelter for up to 21 days per youth. For more information, call 503-538-8023.

Long-term care ombudsman: Volunteers are needed to advocate for the elderly and disabled residents in long-term care facilities. The program is administered by the Office of the Long-term Care Ombudsman of Oregon. For more information, call 1-800-522-2602 or visit www.oregon.gov/lto.



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Sunday
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PUZZLES

Solutions on B8

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Grill fill
- 6 Easily split rock
- 12 Give in
- 13 Beer gut
- 14 Fitting
- 15 "Camelot" role
- 16 First victim
- 17 Bullets and such
- 19 Big bother
- 20 Director Kazan
- 22 Unruly group
- 24 Trouble
- 27 Taj Mahal city
- 29 "— Mis-behavin'"
- 32 New Orleans neighborhood
- 35 Criterion
- 36 Yanks
- 37 Sauce source
- 38 That girl
- 40 Send forth
- 42 Raw rock
- 44 Sheltered
- 46 Capri, e.g.
- 50 Swiss city
- 52 Country
- 54 TV's Superman portrayer
- 55 Nasal qualities
- 56 First-born
- 57 Have a hunch

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- 1 "— Your Enthusiasm"
- 2 Reed instrument
- 3 More than enough
- 4 Whopper
- 5 Unwavering
- 6 Unwanted email
- 7 Ricochet, in billiards
- 8 Shack
- 9 Occupies
- 10 Gulf War missile
- 11 "Comin' — the Rye"
- 12 Masseur's workplace
- 18 Theater canopy
- 21 Fond du —, Wis.
- 23 Scull need
- 24 Sternward
- 25 Anger
- 26 Diminished
- 28 Increases
- 30 Ultramodernist
- 31 Have a go at
- 33 Ultimate
- 34 "— was saying ..."
- 39 Icicles' homes
- 41 Saturn's largest moon
- 42 Storybook baddie
- 43 Stagger
- 45 Survive
- 47 Deadly septet
- 48 Playgoers' box
- 49 Type measures
- 51 Previous night
- 53 Shock and —

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ACROSS

- 1. SPOILER ALERT: They do Santa's work
- 6. Irish watering hole
- 9. Winner's take
- 14. St. Teresa's home
- 15. São Paulo-to-Rio dir.
- 16. Shaped like a volcano
- 17. List of those working toward their Masters?
- 20. Avocado ___
- 21. Pickling ingredient
- 22. Second-row window seat
- 23. Family name of "Vacation" movies
- 26. Make some ratings
- 28. Verizon CEO Vestberg
- 29. Germanic cry
- 30. Guy Fawkes representation, e.g.
- 33. Double-LP sleeve format
- 38. Nit to pick
- 39. Jewish grunt
- 40. "Ask me in a bit"
- 41. Flips out
- 43. Pizzeria best sellers
- 44. Poetical activity
- 45. Drummer's job
- 46. Grille protector
- 50. Baptism V.I.P.
- 54. On the safe side when sailing
- 55. Noisy ruckus
- 57. Japanese pond critter
- 58. "12 Days of Christmas" gift, and hint to this puzzle's theme
- 62. Christmas party, e.g.
- 63. Valuable stone
- 64. Often-swiped novel

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- 65. Tennis star no matter how you look at her
- 66. Drink served at a 6-Across
- 67. They're immediately after this clue

- 18. Key material
- 19. Do something!
- 24. Uses UPS
- 25. Engage in fighting
- 27. Defeat definitively
- 29. Relaxed comment
- 30. Early bird?
- 31. Do teased with a pick
- 32. Ancient oath
- 33. Test with five subjects
- 34. Apostle's belief
- 35. Like Claritin and Robitussin
- 36. Actress Greta of "Russian Doll"
- 37. Test administrators?: Abbr.
- 39. Jamie's co-worker in Progressive ads
- 42. Hells Canyon home
- 43. Family vehicle
- 45. "La ___" (opera that starts on Christ-

- mas Eve)
- 46. Places to do crosswords, or maybe write poetry
- 47. Still kicking
- 48. Party hearty
- 49. Fashion's Geoffrey
- 50. Austro-Hungarian logician Kurt
- 51. "Don't remind me"
- 52. Fire up Insta, say
- 53. Box set components
- 56. 2018 Literature Nobelist Tokarczuk
- 59. Certain Mustangs
- 60. Hot color
- 61. Nigerian language

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of ELSIE PETERSON, Deceased.

No. 19PB08990

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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Dated and first published this 10th day of December, 2019.

MELVIN SUMMERS

Personal Representative

4875 Cloudcrest Way

Fontana, CA 92336

MARK F. BIERLY

Attorney for Personal Representative
345 NE Sixth St.
McMinnville, OR 97128
503-472-9337
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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

In the Matter of the Estate of CHERIE A. ACKERET, Deceased.

Case No 19PB09530

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within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

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attorney for the Personal Representative, Catherine A. Wright. Dated and first published December 17, 2019

/s/ Linda Cowlthorp

Linda Cowlthorp

Personal Representative

s/s Catherine A. Wright, OSB #000831

Attorney for Personal Representative.

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In the Matter of the Estate of JOANNA BOLTON, Deceased.

No. 19PB09384

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Dated and first published: December 10, 2019

Kristi L. Graham

Personal Representative

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DONNA'S DAY, CREATIVE FAMILY FUN

PUT YOUR OWN "STAMP" ON THE HOLIDAYS



Whether we're children or adults, we all like to feel useful and part of holiday festivities. Now is the time to enlist the kids in some projects! Stamping is one of the easiest and rewarding. Here are some ideas that can be mixed and matched to put your own stamp on a new holiday tradition.

HANUKKAH NAPKINS

First, make a printing stamp. Draw and cut out a small 1-inch-by-1-inch or larger Star of David from an extra computer mouse pad or foam core. (To make a simple Star of David pattern, cut two triangles out of paper. Overlap the triangles to form the star. Place on the mouse pad or foam, outline the shape with a marker and cut out.) Glue the cutout to a block of wood using strong nontoxic glue or a glue gun.

On a newspaper-covered table, pour silver or white acrylic paint into a shallow dish. With a small brush, paint the star portion of the stamp. Blot the stamp on a paper towel, and then stamp the design on the outside of a blue cotton fabric or paper napkin. Continue stamping more napkins, adding paint to the stamp as necessary. If using cotton napkins, an adult should heat-set the paint with a warm iron.

CHRISTMAS TREE STOCKING

Make a stamp as described above in the shape of a Christmas tree. Stamp the design with acrylic paints on a plain purchased or homemade felt or cotton Christmas stocking. When dry, stamp stars to top the trees. Potato Stamp Make a stamp with a potato! Cut a potato in half, and an adult may carve a design on the cut surface with a paring knife. Sop up extra moisture from the potato with a paper towel before printing. Poke a fork in the opposite side of the potato for a handle to make printing easier for small hands. If your printers are ambitious, bring out craft paper and print up gift wrap and tags too. When your paper is dry, wrap your gifts. Accent with bright ribbon. ■

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SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTION

3	8	5	9	6	4	1	7	2
9	7	1	5	3	2	8	4	6
4	2	6	8	1	7	3	5	9
2	6	4	3	5	8	7	9	1
1	3	9	2	7	6	5	8	4
7	5	8	1	4	9	2	6	3
8	4	2	7	9	3	6	1	5
6	1	3	4	8	5	9	2	7
5	9	7	6	2	1	4	3	8

For puzzle, see Page B6.

King Crossword — Answers

PUZZLE FOUND ON PAGE B6
Solution time: 24 mins.

C	O	A	L	S	S	S	C	H	I	S	T
S	U	B	M	I	T	P	A	U	N	C	H
P	R	O	P	E	R	A	R	T	H	U	R
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F	R	E	N	C	H	Q	U	A	R	T	E
T	E	S	T	T	U	G	S	S	O	Y	
S	H	E	E	M	I	T					
O	R	E	A	L	E	E	I	S	L	E	
G	E	N	E	V	A	N	A	T	I	O	N
R	E	E	V	E	S	T	W	A	N	G	S
E	L	D	E	S	T	S	E	N	S	E	

QUIGLEY CROSSWORD — Answers



M	A	M	A	S	P	U	B	P	R	I	Z	E		
A	V	I	L	A	E	N	E	C	O	N	E	D		
G	O	L	F	L	E	A	D	E	R	B	O	A	R	D
O	I	L	B	R	I	N	E	T	T	W	O	A		
G	R	I	S	W	O	O	A	S	S	E	S			
H	A	N	S	A	C	H								
E	F	F	I	G	Y	G	A	T	E	F	O	O		
G	R	I	P	E	F	E	H	L	A	T	E	R		
G	O	E	S	W	I	L	O	S	L	I	C	E	S	
A	D	O	B	E	A	T								
C	A	R	B	R	A	G	O	D	C	H	I	L	O	
A	L	E	E	H	O	O	H	A	K	O	I			
F	I	V	E	G	O	L	D	E	N	R	I	N	G	S
E	V	E	N	T	G	E	M	E	B	O	O	K		
S	E	L	E	S	A	L	E	D	O	W	N	S		

VAL, FORTER'S BY GIANNI AND SCHLITZ


Prince Valiant

Our Story:
VAL IS RESCUED FROM THE CLUTCHES OF A GIANT MOLLUSK BY THREE HULKING, MISSHAPEN BOWMEN WHO GLIDE OUT OF THE MISTY WEED.


WITH REMARKABLE AGILITY, THE STRANGERS ARE OVER THE DERELICT'S HULL BEFORE THE PRINCE AND HIS FRIENDS CAN REACT.

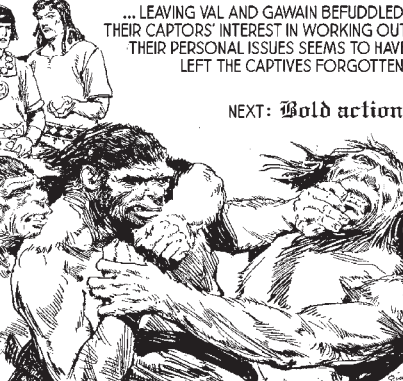
THEY ARE BEASTLY AND ROUGH IN FORM AND DRESS, BUT VAL NOTES THAT THEY ARE, NONETHELESS, HUMAN. SHOWING MORE RUDE CURIOSITY THAN HOSTILITY, ONE SNIFFS AT VAL AS WOULD AN ANIMAL...



...AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVES A SHARP ELBOW TO THE THROAT FROM HIS FELLOW, WHO DISPLAYS A JEALOUS POSSESSIVENESS TOWARD THESE FASCINATING NEW CREATURES.



WITH MUCH ANGRY GRUNTING AND GROWLING, THE THIRD BEAST MAN JOINS THE DISAGREEMENT...



... LEAVING VAL AND GAWAIN BEFUZZLED. THEIR CAPTORS' INTEREST IN WORKING OUT THEIR PERSONAL ISSUES SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT THE CAPTIVES FORGOTTEN.

NEXT: **Bold action**

LAFF-A-DAY

SANTA CLAUS DAILY 2:30



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"Do you mind? I just had to sit down for a minute or two."

BREAKING CAT NEWS

BY GEORGIA DUNN

The children are writing their letters to Santa tonight!

Choo-choo! Blocks!



There's no conclusive evidence that Santa even exists.



WOW. I would like to publicly distance myself from the toxic rubbish Elvis is spewing right now.



Santa, it's your boy Lupin. I've been mostly good this year—



Not, like, Puck-good, but pretty good...



Elvis, why don't you believe in Santa?




I only believe what I can see with my own eyes. The rest is just idealistic nonsense.

YEAH, LIKE MAILMEN



Well, letters to Santa mean a high possibility of cookies and MILK.



It also means a good chance of the Big Man himself dropping by!

Don't count on it.

I believe!

