



Emma Roth, 8, and her sister Ellie, 7, of Lebanon, pour \$805 in change into a donation jar.

## Menonite Fest draws big crowds

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The suitcase very likely weighed more than both Emma and Ellie Roth. The Lebanon youngsters were pretty happy to lighten its load, however.

Emma 8, and Ellie 7 were pouring the contents into a large donation jar at the Oregon Menonite Festival for World Relief Saturday at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany. When they had finally scooped the final coins from the suitcase the contribution raised by the Albany Menonite Church was \$805.

That money along with all the other funds taken in Saturday will go to the Menonite Central Committee which will disperse it to relief projects throughout the world.

"We're in 60 countries," said Bob Buxman, a representative from the central committee. "The donations go to disaster relief, community development, medical help or whatever our local partner says they need."

Buxman was taking in the annual event to answer questions and provide assistance. The festival is one of 40 held nationally during the year but just one of five on the West Coast.

Most people knew what they were doing. Regular visitors are common.

"It is a typical crowd," said Cathleen Hockman-

Wert, one of the event organizers. "It's really something to see people respond in these times. They realize that there is still a great need around the world."

Hockman-Wert said the event usually raises between \$80,000 and \$100,000 during its day in Albany.

Auctions, food, kids activities and a country store were among the many displays for people to take in.

"Dozens of churches are represented here," said Hockman-Wert. "Everyone is a volunteer."

She said quilts are always big sellers at the festival and she noted several new food booths and a massage table were additions this year that seemed popular.

Mark Leichy and Ann Dettweiler who own Fry Road Nursery in Albany had a large variety of plants for sale which caught the attention of Dee Whyte. Whyte was with a large group from Centralia, Wash. that had come down on a tour bus.

"This is part of our tour. It's really nice. Our driver told us there is all kinds of room under the bus so we shouldn't be shy about buying anything," said Whyte.

Leichy said he had seen a steady stream of people throughout the morning on Saturday.

"We're hoping to raise around \$1,500 for this," he said. "We've been doing it for at least 7 or 8 years now."



Sam Dettwyler, 8 of Salem, wheels a load of fresh cauliflower to sell Saturday morning at the Menonite Festival for World Relief at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center.



Books for sale at the Menonite Festival for World Relief at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center.

Carol Kauffman of Scio was hoping grandsons Kyle and Ryan could find their way back to her. They were

maneuvering through the maze of hay bales that attracted throngs of children. "They've been coming

here since they were born," she said. "They have a good time and a lot of good things come from this event."

## Hunter's body is recovered

The body of Dustin Gibson was recovered from a rural area in south Polk County Saturday.

Polk County Sheriff Bob Wolfe said recovery personnel went into the location at about 8 a.m. Saturday and had the body out at about 2:30 p.m.

Gibson, 67, was reported missing on Oct. 3. The Lincoln County resident was hunting with a friend near Little Grass Mountain and never showed up to their rendezvous spot.

A multi-agency search and rescue operation took place over about four days over.

The official search was called off on Oct. 7. But friends and family of Gibson who were familiar with the area kept looking and found his body Friday morning.

The cause of death won't be known until the medical examiner's report is complete.

"The family wishes to express appreciation to all the searchers and recovery people and all the agencies that were involved," Wolfe said.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office assisted with the recovery of the body.

## OREGON NOTES

### Rose Garden event canceled after object found

PORTLAND — A suspicious object found in a restroom at the Rose Garden arena led to the cancellation of an event for Christian women.

The Oregonian reports Portland police responded to calls of a suspicious object Friday evening.

The arena was hosting a two-day conference for Women of Faith, a Christian women's organization. According to the group's Web site, Saturday's event was scheduled to go on as planned.

It wasn't immediately known what the object in the restroom was.

### Salem Man arrested on explosives charges

SALEM — A Salem man has been indicted and arrested nearly four months after an explosive device blew off his left hand.

Court records show 42-year-old Patrick Eugene Hibler was accused of growing marijuana, recklessly endangering two members of the bomb squad, and making a destructive device.

Police say he lost his hand while he was working with explosives June 17 at his home.

The bomb squad officers spent more than two days removing explosive powders, liquids and devices from the house.

At the time of the explosion, police said Hibler told them he was making fireworks.

## Fishermen missing off Oregon coast

ASTORIA (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard says it has found an overturned skiff but not a Washington state fisherman lost off Oregon's north coast.

The Coast Guard says it searched an area two miles from Nehalem Bay for five hours Friday for the fisherman.

The Oregon State Police identified him as 62-

year-old Robert Shaw of Washougal.

A Coast Guard helicopter found the 12-foot boat about two miles from the bay.

Tillamook County authorities say Shaw and his wife were staying on the bay at Wheeler, and she reported him missing after he didn't return from fishing Thursday.

## OBITUARIES

### Death notice

**Dolores Robertson, 79,** of Albany died Friday night at her home. Fisher Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### Service notice

**Dolly Louise Teater** of Corvallis died Friday. A graveside service will be

at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Crystal Lake Cemetery. McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## F.Y.I. Best bets for the week

### SUNDAY

**19th Annual Great Pumpkin Run** — 9 a.m., Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 S.W. 53rd St., Corvallis.

**Immigration forum**, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Martha Room B-19, First United Methodist Church, 1165 N.W. Monroe Ave., Corvallis. The third in a six-week series. This forum will focus on social perspectives regarding education and health care, presented by guest speakers and followed by a question-and-answer session. Sponsored by the Corvallis Coalition for Immigration Reform, Active for Peace and Justice Group, Just Peace Group, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Oregon Coalition for Immigration Reform. Information: 541-619-1379.

### MONDAY

**School's Out Swim** — 1 to 3 p.m., Albany Community Pool, 2150 36th Ave. S.E., Albany. Cost: \$3 up to age 18; \$3.50 for over 18; and \$10 for

family up to 6. Info: (541) 967-4521.

**Mid-Willamette Valley Friendship Force**, 3 p.m., community meeting room, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. Featured speaker: Lia Danelishvili, a native of Tbilisi, Georgia, and a medical research scientist at Oregon State University. She will share information about her country and culture. The club is preparing for an exchange trip to Georgia in May. Visitors are welcome. Information: <http://www.orgsites.com/or/ffo/region/>.

### TUESDAY

**Waist-a-way Luncheon for Ladies** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lebanon Community Schools Administration District Office, 485 S. Fifth St. Lebanon. Cost: \$8.50. Info: (541) 367-5387.

### WEDNESDAY

**Random Review**, noon to 1 p.m., Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave., Corvallis.

Retired Benton County circuit judge Robert Gardner reviews Jeffrey Toobin's "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court." Admission is free. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### THURSDAY

**Music a la Carte:** Diane and Laura, noon, Memorial Union Lounge, Oregon State University. Diane Hawkins and Laura Zaerr perform "Music of Marie Antoinette (1755-1793)." Information: [oregonstate.edu/cia/music](http://oregonstate.edu/cia/music).

### FRIDAY

**Albany Friends of the Library book sale** — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Linn Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road E. Thousands of books for adults and children.

### SATURDAY

**Fall Festival and Bazaar** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 930 Queen Ave., Albany.

## Paperwork mess may lead to adopted teen's deportation

PORTLAND (AP) — A lawsuit filed by the mother of an adopted Mexican teenager now in danger of deportation says the state failed to advise the adoptive parents they needed to file a citizenship application.

The Oregonian reports Lisa Catt's \$1 million lawsuit says state child-welfare workers told her and her then-husband their daughter would be automatically be a citizen once they adopted her.

But now Blanca of Vancouver, Wash., faces de-

portation because she is not a citizen. She was smuggled into the country by her biological parents, then seized by the state because of abuse. She's now 19. Because of her status, she can't obtain a driver's license or be eligible to financial aid for college.

The lawsuit filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court names the Oregon Department of Human Services and alleges the agency did file residency paperwork for Catt, but those failed.

## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

*People arrested are innocent unless proven otherwise in court. Initial charges often change as a case progresses.*

### OREGON STATE POLICE (OSU)

**Locker break-ins** — Three locks

were cut on lockers in the Memorial Union basement Friday. Two other locks were cut, but not all the way through. Nothing of value was taken, but there have been other incidents of theft in the basement recently, leading the building operator to think someone is targeting the location.

## LOTTERIES

### POWERBALL (SAT.)

13-32-45-49-50  
Powerball 30  
Power Play 3

### OREGON PICK 4 (SAT.)

1 p.m. 3-3-6-2  
4 p.m. 7-7-4-5

### OREGON MEGABUCKS (SAT.)

7 p.m. 4-4-2-0  
2-3-4-9-11-20

### OREGON WIN FOR LIFE (SAT.)

19-22-65-75

### OREGON LUCKY LINES (SAT.)

1-7-12-14-20-21-25-30

## Coachway Tours

**Columbia River Sternwheeler**  
November 6th-7th

**Reno Silver Legacy (Thanksgiving)**  
November 24th-27th

**Singing Christmas Tree**  
December 5th

**Destination San Antonio, TX**  
January 12th-20th, 2010



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