

Observer's Livick honored

The Village Board honored retiring Observer reporter Bill Livick with a proclamation at Monday's meeting, recognizing him "for his commitment to responsible and fair journalism, which are both essential to a well-informed public and an effective democracy."

"The Observer is the newspaper of record for the Village of Oregon," the proclamation read in part, "Bill always performed his duties for the Oregon Observer for many years as a true professional and objective reporter; and ... Bill will be missed by Village Board members, Village Staff and the entire Oregon community."

Livick retired Nov. 5 after 18 years covering the community and said he's done yoga and mountain biked every day since he stopped working. He's looking forward to spending time at a cabin he recently purchased near the shore of Lake Superior and will be missed by everyone at the Observer.

Board president Steve Staton said he knows Livick to be a "very diligent and hardworking" journalist who earned his trust after years of keeping off-the-record material truly off the record.

"And in the process of those communications, we became good

friends," Staton said.

Livick thanked the board for the kind gesture and said he'll miss the Oregon community.

First Pres accepts debt agreement

First Presbyterian Church has told the village it will accept the terms of a debt agreement presented at an October Village Board meeting, and the village has directed attorney Matt Dregne to draft the document.

First Pres has an outstanding debt of around \$150,000 with the village dating back to its 2010 annexation agreement. The money is to cover its share of road and bike trail improvements from when it moved into its present location at 408 N. Bergamont Blvd.

While the board didn't waive the fee entirely, it offered the church a 30-year extension with no interest, which would work out to payments of just under \$5,000 a year.

TDS pedestal complaints

Rau said he had been receiving complaints about TDS placing "utility pedestals" in the terrace area between the sidewalk and curb on residents' property.

The small silos – some rectangular, some cylindrical – contain equipment for fiber optic service