

Next PCFD chief will be more manager-oriented

By Emily Mentzer The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Polk County Fire District No. 1 will have a new fire chief on July 1 who will be more like a CEO, or manager, said Joost Vanderhave, PCFD board of directors chair- man.

“We’re not looking for a working foreman,” he said at Thursday’s board meet- ing. “He’s not going to climb ladders. He should be fit enough to do those things, but he should be the one who manages.”

Interim Chief John Stein said it can be confusing to people when a fire chief gets on an apparatus, and rec- ommended the next chief be more of a manager.

Emergency Services Con- sulting International will lead the search for Polk County Fire’s new chief. Vanderhave said the cost es- timate for the search is be- tween \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The district has half of that money already in its 2014-15 budget. The other half will have to come from 2015-16, or be redistributed from another source.

The company was chosen because it specializes in



helping emergency depart- ments with hiring officers, Vanderhave said. Also, ESCI will cast a “larger net” to search for applicants.

“This group, this organi- zation, will interview the community,” he said. “They will do an extensive search and establish a template.”

The exact requirements for the new chief will be ironed out between ESCI and the fire board at a 3 p.m. meeting on Jan. 22.

“That’s when they’ll iden- tify those qualifications,” Stein said.

Questions the board will have to answer about the new chief include: what level of certifications should he or she hold in fire and emergency medical services, and what level of education will he or she need to have.

Also at Thursday’s meet- ing, Stein, whose contract as

interim chief will expire June 30, submitted four pro- posals for Buena Vista Sta- tion 40. Board members will review the proposals and discuss Station 40’s future at the Feb. 12 meeting.

The proposals include:

• Parking the fire district’s rehab trailer next to the sta- tion for a volunteer to live in temporarily. The person would ideally try and recruit more volunteers in the com- munity and improve re- sponse time from Station 40.

• Place student volunteers as residents of Station 40. This would present some problems, particularly with time available and lack of di- rect supervision from an offi- cer or experienced firefighter.

• Apply for a SAFER grant for six full-time firefighters for a two-year period for Station 40. The drawback would be finding money to support the additional posi- tions once the grant ran out after two years. Either the positions would have to be cut, or a levy would have to be approved by voters.

• Close Station 40. Either use it as storage or sell it to someone who may want to use it as a small repair shop, manufacturing facility or business.



Corrections posts ‘most wanted’

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POLK COUNTY — Polk County Community Correc- tions lists these individuals as “most wanted” for Janu- ary. Citizens with informa- tion on the whereabouts of any of these individuals should call the Community Corrections department at 503-623-5226.

• Marcus Cordell Crockett, born March 18, 1992, 6-0,

140 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Charges: Theft II, resisting arrest.

• Robert S. Broadwater, born May 1, 1993, 6-1, 170 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes. Charges: Robbery III, burglary II.

• Audra Bentley, born April 11, 1969, 5-3, 125 pounds, red hair, hazel eyes. Charges: Possession of methamphetamine.

• Richard Dewayne Pow- ers, born July 16, 1966, 5-8, 150 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charges: Sex abuse I, delivery of metham- phetamine, failure to register as a sex offender.

• Ronald Len Selby, born Oct. 12, 1969, 6-1, 290 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charges: Assault III, possession of methamphet- amine.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police re- port comes from law enforce- ment agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investiga- tion. Individuals arrested or sus- pected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS

Arrests/Citations • Shane Gayle, 31, of Dallas in the 100 block of Southwest Clay Street on Jan. 7 on a charge of theft of services. Gayle was arrested again on Friday on a charge of unlawful possession of methampheta- mine.

• Monique S. Somora, 30, of Dallas in the 1300 block of Southeast Holman Avenue on Jan. 7 on charges of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

• Lee H. Ross, 47, of Dallas on Southwest Walnut Street on Thursday on a charge driv- ing while suspended or re- voked.

• Frank A. Sherman II, 22, of Dallas in the 100 block of Northeast Fern Court on Thursday on a probation viola- tion.

• Jeremiah H. Lometo, 28, of Dallas in the 600 block of West Ellendale Avenue on Saturday on charges of second-degree criminal mischief and a failure to appear warrant.

INDEPENDENCE

Arrests/Citations • Brenda Sue Kuhlmann, 55, of Independence in the 100 block of North Gun Club Road on Jan. 4 for unlawful posses- sion of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of less than one ounce of mari- juana.

• Irene Elizabeth Callison, 56, of Independence in the 800 block of North Main Street on Jan. 6 for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Felipe Rodriguez Jr., 30, of Independence in the 600 block of G Street on Friday for felony fourth-degree assault.

• Reynaldo Arroyo III, 23, of Monmouth at the corner of North Log Cabin and Grand streets on Saturday for unlaw- ful possession of metham- phetamine and a warrant for probation violation.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations • Robert Lee Jeske, 26, of In- dependence in the 1300 block of Bentley Street East on Jan. 1 for first-degree burglary of a residence and first-degree theft.

• Donna Marie Vevers, 49, of Monmouth at the corner of Clay Street East and Broad Street South on Jan. 3 for fail- ure to carry or present an op- erator’s license.

• Frances Deone Carrillo, 39, of Independence at the corner of Pacific Highway North and

Hoffman Road on Jan. 4 for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Ryan Robert Fortmeyer, 33, of Newberg at the corner of Monmouth Avenue South and Ackerman Street West on Jan. 4 for depositing lighted ma- terial on land/highway.

• Benjamin M. Nichols, 19, of Keizer at the corner of Stadium Drive North and Monmouth Avenue North on Jan. 5 for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Kaitlyn Danet Massing, 22, of Monmouth in the 100 block of Monmouth Avenue South on Jan. 5 for unlawful posses- sion of less than one ounce of marijuana.

• Syndey Paige Bighaus, 19, of Oregon City and Andrew Thomas Etzel, 19, of Mon- mouth at the corner of Main Street East and Broad Street South on Jan. 5, both for minor in possession of alcohol.

• Cathy Lynn Porter, 47, of Monmouth in the 1400 block of Main Street East on Jan. 6 for a probation violation.

• Kirsten Ranae Thompson, 20, of Independence at the corner of Craven Street South and Madrona Street East on Saturday for failure to carry or present an operator’s license.

• Isaias Munoz Rodriguez, 22, of Monmouth in the 700 block of Monmouth Avenue South on Monday for misde- meanor strangulation and physical harassment.

Falls City city attorney resigns

By Jolene Guzman The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — The Falls City City Council accepted the resignation of City Attorney Lane Shetterly on Thursday.

Shetterly’s resignation was effective Dec. 31.

“It has been my pleasure to work with you and the council and staff at Falls City, but circumstances in my practice necessitate the termination of my services as city attorney at this time,”

Shetterly wrote in his resi- gnation letter addressed to then-mayor Amy Houghtal- ing.

He said he will be avail- able on an on-call basis until Feb. 12 to assist the city through the transition to its next attorney.

Shetterly, also the attor- ney for the cities of Dallas and Monmouth, had served in the Falls City position since July 2011.

Interim City Manager Jon Hanken said it may take until well after February to

find a new city attorney. The council approved having city staff prepare a “request for proposal” to begin ad- vertising Jan. 23. According to Hanken’s proposed time- line, a new city attorney wouldn’t be on board until April.

Hanken said the city could operate on a limited time without an attorney, but the council also asked him to inquire whether Moe Brown, the city’s prosecutor on code issues, would step in if needed.

Dallas award nominations sought

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DALLAS — The Dallas Area Chamber of Com- merce is accepting nomi- nations for the 58th annual Community Awards, “Com- munity Champions.”

Each year, the chamber recognizes individuals and businesses in the Dallas area that have a positive influ- ence on the community at the awards ceremony, to be held this year on Feb. 20 at the Oregon National Guard’s Nesmith Readiness Center.

Nominations can be sub- mitted online at www.dallasoregon.org/awards, by printed form available in the chamber office or via email to chamber@dalla- soregon.org.

The awards are: First Citi- zen, Junior First Citizen, Outstanding Organization, Good Samaritan, Lifetime Achievement, Exceptional Family, Small Business of the Year, Most Improved Business of the Year, Ag Business of the Year, and Business of the Year.

A selection committee consisting of previous award winners will choose this year’s award recipients. Winners will be notified be- fore the ceremony.

Information about past winners and award descrip- tions are available on the chamber’s website at www.dallasoregon.org/awards.

FAIRGROUNDS CALENDAR

POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W) Rickreall 503-623-3048 www.co.polk.or.us/fair

- JANUARY 15 — Fair Board meeting 18 — Square dance lessons 24 — Critter Campus 24 — Polk County Livestock Association meeting FEBRUARY 1 — Polk Flea Market 1 — Square dance lessons 7 — PSWCD Plant Sale 7 — Rickreall Roundup

Tickets for the awards ceremony are now available at the chamber office, 119 SW Court St., Dallas, and

Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. Cost is \$40 each.

For more information: 503-623-2564.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

The Oregon Public Utility Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink’s basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$12.80-\$14.80 per month and business services are \$26.00-\$30.50 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5Mbps for \$9.95* per month for the first 12 months of service. Please call 1-866-541-3330 or visit centurylink.com/internetbasics for more information.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-888-833-9522 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program — Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or independently purchase a modem/router, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer’s modem/router. General — Services not available every where. Have not been subscribed to CenturyLink Internet service within the last 90 days and are not a current CenturyLink customer. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply. Terms and Conditions — All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at centurylink.com. Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges — Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates.



Sudoku Solution

9x9 grid containing the solution to a Sudoku puzzle.

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INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8 showtimes for January 19 and 20, listing movies like Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies, Wild, and Into the Woods.

CONCEAL CARRY PERMIT CLASS Oregon - Utah - Valid 35 States Thursday, January 29th 1 pm & 6 pm class Best Western 250 Orchard Drive, Dallas OR/Utah-valid in WA \$80 or Oregon only \$45 FirearmTraining.com ~ FirearmTrainingNW@gmail.com 360-921-2071