

Guthrie: Plate has become full

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Guthrie said he enjoyed learning how government works from a fiduciary viewpoint, finding out how parks are planned and paid for, and where the money comes from to pay the street sweepers.

"It's something, as a citizen, you get to be blissfully ignorant about because it just happens that your taxes take care of that," Guthrie said. "But if you get more involved, you appreciate (city services) more."

And get more involved he did.

Guthrie was promoted to director of the TRIO program, or the student enrichment program that helps students with documented disabilities or those who are like Guthrie was himself: from low-income families and first generation college students.

In November, he was elected to the Monmouth City Council after having been appointed Aug. 6 to fill a vacancy. Around the same time, he was nominated for and appointed to the new board of trustees for Western, charged with organizing the new form of government and hiring a new president of the college.

Being so involved is satisfying for Guthrie.

"I'm so much happier about where I live because I understand what goes into it (the community) and what my investment — time, energy, tax dollars, generally being a positive person in the community — I understand how I benefit from it



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Marshall Guthrie of Monmouth doesn't bother getting off his bike after a long day of riding. He simply puts his feet up on his pedals and feels like he's in a recliner.

and how I provide for other people," Guthrie said. It isn't purely altruistic, he noted.

"Anybody who does crap like this and tells you it's not about ego is a big fat liar," Guthrie said. "On some level, people get involved because they want to feel they are valued, or they are good at something, or people will miss them when they're gone."

With so many hats, his biggest focus is on the Western board.

"This is a major sea change for the entire univer-

sity system and Western," Guthrie said. "The confluence of a new funding structure, a new government, a new president — this is a make or break moment."

The dramatic shift at Western trickles out to its community in Monmouth, Guthrie said.

"My biggest goal with the board is to take this moment ... and redefine how Western operates for its students, for its staff and for its faculty, but also redefine how Western works for the larger community," he said. "I'd like us

better defining the relationships with our own city that we live in."

At the end of the day, his work on all these boards is self-serving, Guthrie insists.

"I want to live in a city with high employment," he said. "I want to live in a city that's safe. I want to live in a city where people have opportunity regardless of how much money their family started with. I want to live in the best city that I can possibly live in. There's a reason I live in Monmouth — because I think it has huge potential."

Dallas Fire honors department leaders

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — The city of Dallas Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) held its annual Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday evening at Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar in Dallas.

The event honors members of the organization, but also thanks members' spouses/significant others for their support.

The volunteer fire depart-

ment was organized in 1878 and is the oldest and largest civic organization in the community. During 2014, the EMS responded to 2,883 incidents while fire personnel responded to 960 incidents within its 125-square-mile service area that includes the city of Dallas and the residents of the surrounding Southwestern Polk County Rural Fire Protection District. The following awards were

presented at the banquet:

- Recently retired Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Unger was recognized with a plaque in honor of his more than four decades of service.
- Sheldon Schmidt was recognized as the Rookie of the Year.
- Gary Hibbeler was recognized with the Excellence of Service Award for his countless volunteer hours given as a member of the department's

Support Services Division.

- Capt. Sean Condon was recognized with the Officer of the Year Award.
 - Paramedic Thoren Sode was recognized with the EMT of the Year Award.
 - Firefighter/Engineer Jesse Friedow was recognized with the Firefighter of the Year Award.
- To become a volunteer or for more information: April Welsh, 503-831-3532.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Health agencies conducting survey

POLK COUNTY — Health departments in Polk and Marion counties are asking the public to participate in a comprehensive community health survey.

The two departments are joining a group of other care providers in conducting the survey, which will help create a local health care assessment.

In addition to data about health issues, the assessment will include information about the local health care system and two surveys to help describe the health of the community from each individual's perspective.

A survey of health, education and social service providers serving Polk and Marion county residents will seek information about health trends and unmet service needs. A second survey will ask residents about their experiences in obtaining health care and what they believe are health issues for their community.

Input from all residents of Polk and Marion counties is encouraged, said Katrina Rothenberger, community health supervisor at Polk County.

The surveys can be found at www.co.polk.or.us/ph. Paper copies are available by calling 503-623-8175.

Tours of Cooper Building planned

INDEPENDENCE — The Cooper Building on the corner of Main and C streets in downtown Independence will be open for tours Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.

The building is not finished, but much progress has been made. Walls are framed but not sheet rocked; windows for the storefronts have been installed.

The historic structure is taking shape to house offices and apartments upstairs and retail space on the ground floor.

For more information: Shawn Irvine, 503-837-1191.

Dutch Bros.' food drive is Saturday

POLK COUNTY — Dutch Bros. Coffee locations in Dallas and Monmouth will join all other outlets in the chain in collecting nonperishable food items on Valentine's Day on Saturday.

Each Valentine's Day, Dutch Bros. Coffee participates in "Dutch Luv Day," where franchisees come together to collect food for their local food banks. Donations made at the Dallas and Monmouth locations will benefit the Dallas Food Bank and Ella Curran Food Bank.

The Dallas Dutch Bros. Coffee is located at 515 SE Jefferson St. The Monmouth Dutch Bros. coffee is located at 165 N. Pacific Ave. (Highway 99W).

For more information: 503-623-3900 (Dallas) or 503-606-0534 (Monmouth).

WOU internship, volunteer fair set

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University will host its annual internship and volunteer fair Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pacific Room of the Werner University Center.

Organizations seeking interns or volunteers will find students ready to apply their education and enthusiasm to serving. The fair is open to community members seeking volunteer opportunities as well.

For more information or to register: online at www.wou.edu/student/career/intern_fair.php.

Art exhibition seeking submissions

INDEPENDENCE — The city of Independence, Ash Creek Art Center and the River Gallery will host a juried exhibition at the Independence Civic Center from April 14 through Sept. 9.

There will be purchase awards of \$2,000 made by the city for art that will become part of the center's permanent display. Several monetary jurors awards also will be available. A gala reception is scheduled April 18.

Both two- and three-dimensional work will be considered. Deadline for submissions is March 14.

For more information: The River Gallery, 503-838-6171.

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James Lloyd Kutz

May 24, 1965 - Feb. 6, 2015

James Lloyd Kutz, 49, of Dallas died Friday.

He was born in San Antonio to Jerry and Jan (Ottenwess) Kutz.

James moved to Oregon and worked as a mechanic, painter and, at one time, a logger.

He married Becky (Peel) in Salem in 2005.

James enjoyed many things and had a great love for wood crafting, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include his son, Michael; stepsons, Daniel, Sam and Zach McKeever; wife, Becky; mother and stepfather, Jan Holler and Frank Holler; sisters, Debbie Orr and Kim Jensen; and

OBITUARIES

brother, Ronnie Leming. Service is pending with Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. To send an online condolence: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Michael Darrah Young

Aug. 17, 1969 - Feb. 5, 2015

Michael Darrah Young, 45, of Monmouth died Thursday. He had bravely faced the challenge of epilepsy throughout his life.

He was born in Portland and was raised on the family farm in rural Buena Vista, where he learned to buck hay and speak to and charm the animals in the field.

Although a farmer to his core, he was also an athlete of note at Central High

School, especially in wrestling and football. During his senior year in 1986, his classmates voted him "Mr. Football" during their homecoming game.

Survivors include his wife, Irma; children, Darrahlyn, Michael II and Mikayla; father and stepmother, Dr. Paul and Linnda Young; mother, Sylvia Lee Young; sisters, Kathy (Tony) Heide and Jenni (Bruce) Carter; brother, Aaron (Amy) Young; stepsister and brother, Deena Fitts and T.J. Smith; and extended family.

Viewing is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence. Celebration of life is Saturday at 2 p.m. at Central Baptist Church in Monmouth.

Contributions are suggested to Epilepsy Foundation Northwest in care of Farnstrom Mortuary.

To send an online condolence: www.FarnstromMortuary.com.

Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the newspaper. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of people who served in the armed forces.

Obituaries — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to nadams@polkio.com.

For more information: Nancy Adams, 503-623-2373.

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