

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wyden to host town hall at Nesmith Readiness Center

DALLAS — Sen. Ron Wyden (D) will host a town hall at 10 a.m. on Friday at Nesmith Readiness Center, 12830 Westview Drive, Dallas.

Since elected in 1996, Wyden pledged to hold at least one town hall in each of Oregon's 36 counties each year. He has held more than 700 town hall meetings.

For more information: www.wyden.senate.gov.

Wingdingers RC Club host annual youth fun fly this Saturday

DALLAS — The Wingdingers Radio Control Club will host its annual Youth Fun Fly on Saturday at 1833 SE Miller Ave., Dallas.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with activities starting at 9.

The event is free to youths aged 11 and older.

Participants may build foam board flying models, compete in flying contests and learn how to use radio control transmitters. Instructors will be on hand to demonstrate how to fly an RC airplane.

Each participant will receive a free raffle ticket for prizes, which will include a flight in a full-scale airplane. Free lunch will be served.

POLICE REPORT

Information from the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS

Arrests/Citations

- Codie A. Wellman, 20, of Dallas in the 700 block of Southeast Ash Street on May 18 on charges of physical harassment and second-degree disorderly conduct. William W. Wellman II was also arrested during the same incident on a charge of third-degree criminal mischief.
- Heather Miller, 39, of Dallas in the 500 block of Southeast Uglow Avenue on May 18 on a charge of physical harass-

ment.

- Tyler J. Svendsen, 28, of Salem in the 1100 block of Southeast Miller Avenue on May 18 on charges of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, a parole violation, and possession of the a stolen vehicle. Also arrested was Cruzita M. McCartney, 28, of Salem on charges of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and a parole violation.
- Zachary Young, 24, of Salem at Safeway, 138 W. Ellendale Ave., on Thursday on a charge of third-degree theft.
- Leonard L. Fitzgerald, 53, of Dallas in the 300 block of Southwest Brandvold Drive on Thursday on warrants out of Polk and Linn counties.
- Jessica Newsom, 22, of Salem in the 100 block of West Ellendale Avenue on Friday on a warrant.

INDEPENDENCE

Arrests/Citations

- Alec Blanchard, 21, of Independence in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street on May 12 for failure to perform the duties of a driver in a hit-and-run.
- Medardo Antonio Garcia Diaz, 37, of Independence in the 400 block of Monmouth Street on May 14 for having dogs as a public nuisance.
- Sergio Jimenez, 20, of Independence at the corner of South Seventh and C streets on May 16 for minor in possession of alcohol.
- Kourtney Nichole Cooley, 19, of Keizer and Logan Genaro Hess, 18, of Dallas in the 0-99 block of South 16th Street on May 16, both for minor in possession of alcohol.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations

None available.

Falls City considers options

Intern, contract weighed for city manager candidate

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — Six candidates have applied for Falls City's part-time city manager position that opened when interim manager Jon Hanken accepted a job elsewhere in April.

The Falls City City Council will consider its next steps in a special meeting yet-to-be scheduled.

Falls City is looking for a manager to work 20 to 24 hours per week.

However, at its May 18 regular meeting, the council added more options to consider, including contracting the position instead of hiring someone or even bringing in an intern to lend a hand.

"I've heard the idea come up that instead of hiring a manager, we contact it, which could save quite a bit of money," said Councilor Tony Meier.

Meier said he would like the council to explore the option if it is both cost-effective and serves the purpose the city needs.



Mayor Terry Ungricht — who is now serving as "city manager pro tem" — said with a contract, the city would not have to pay "employer costs," payroll taxes or Public Employee Retirement System costs.

Ungricht said he only knows of one person who offers contracting, former Monmouth public works director Craig Johns, who was interviewed for the interim post, but didn't apply for the permanent job.

Councilor Jenn Drill added yet another facet to the discussion, saying she had been approached by a graduate student looking for a one-year internship who might be willing to work for only transportation costs.

"I know Tony's concern is cost, my concern is cost as well," she said.

If nothing else, bringing on an intern will offer much needed assistance at city hall, she said.

If the council proceeds with the more traditional approach — hiring a part-time manager — the candidates will most likely be narrowed down during a closed session meeting, but the interview and hiring process would have to be outlined publicly.



Drill

"Somebody who knows the infrastructure, knows city government, who can step back and kind of have an unbiased opinion," she said.

Ungricht said he would ask local city managers to sit in on interviews and if that wouldn't work, he would approach the Council of Governments with that same request.

No matter which direction the city decides to go with its next administrative leader, Ungricht said there are a few areas the city needs help with.

"Mainly the budgeting and the planning, that's where we are having the hardest time," he said.

OBITUARIES

Melvin John Hutt

March 29, 1926 – May 20, 2015

Melvin John Hutt, 89, of Dallas died May 20 in Dallas.

He was born in Estelline, S.D., to Joe C. and Wubena "Bena" Mulder Hutt.

Melvin's parents were farmers. After attending school, Melvin stayed home to help out on the farm. He was active in the Congregational Church and was active. The church youth groups and the local 4-H groups.



It was at church that he met his wife Esther Hooker. Melvin and Esther were married on Sept. 15, 1950. They lived in Estelline with Esther's father George Hooker until his death in August of 1954. At that time Melvin was working for Rasmussen Implement Company as a service and parts man. He was an active member of the Masons while living in Estelline.

Melvin and Esther moved their family to Newberg, where Esther had two brothers and one sister, to search for better employment.

The family settled in Dallas, where Melvin went to work for Willamette Industries on April 16, 1957.

He worked in the planer department and for the last 15 years of his career.

He was the set-up lead man.

Melvin also served as the treasurer of Union Local No.

2714 for 24 years. He retired on March 31, 1989.

After retirement, Melvin worked for Hayward Ford and McMullin Chevrolet driving cars for almost eight years. He was a very active volunteer for 25 years with the Dallas Emergency Food Bank and Marion-Polk Food Share.

In his earlier years, he was also the Sunday school superintendent at Dallas United Methodist Church. One of his greatest loves was reading the scriptures and serving the Lord.

Melvin was known for always treating people as having value, and he always thought of others before himself. He dedicated his life in service to others.

Melvin enjoyed gardening and growing beautiful flowers, watching sports, especially the Mariners, and going to the beach.

In his younger days he enjoyed square dancing with his wife and Friday night game nights with his neighbors. Melvin's greatest joy was his granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Es-

ther and grandson, Jacob.

Survivors include his daughters, Donna Sheron and Julie Hutt; sister, Margie (Hutt) Sylvis; brother, Don (Helen) Hutt; and one granddaughter.

Service is at noon today (Wednesday) at the United Methodist Church in Dallas followed by a reception. Visitation will be at the church from 11 a.m. until the start of the service. Interment will be at Dallas Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to Dallas Emergency Food Bank and the American Cancer Society.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Daniel D. Wiens

April 6, 1924 – May 18, 2015

Daniel D. Wiens, 91, of Dallas died May 18 in Dallas.

He was born in Dallas to Jacob and Mary Wiens who migrated to Dallas from Saskatchewan in the early 1920s.

Dan attended the little one room school house at

Polk Station with his future wife Gladys Mae Janzen. He graduated from Dallas High School in 1943.

Dan proposed to Gladys in the Dallas City Park, and they were married Aug. 13, 1948.

After high school he worked at the Dallas Mill and later at Caterpillar for 32 years as the lead welding fabricator. He retired in 1986.

Dan and his parents were part of the founding members of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church and now the Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas.

Dan and Gladys enjoyed their German-Dutch Mennonite heritage, training their children in the fundamentals of the Christian faith, leading by example.

Dan enjoyed cooking many of the delicious Mennonite foods and even got his grandchildren involved with making the traditional New Year's Day cookies.

Dan sang in the church choir for most of his life and was a strong bass voice in a gospel quartet which he truly enjoyed for many years.

His quartet buddies became some of his lifetime best friends. His love for his savior was expressed in music throughout his life.

Dan loved to fish, especially with his sons and grandsons as often as possible, taking an annual trip to Diamond Lake.

Dan was a handyman with an engineering mind. He was able to fix just about anything. In his later years, he enjoyed woodworking with a scroll saw. He also loved working on puzzles.

Survivors include his children, Monte (Terri) Wiens, Mike (Ann) Wiens, and Cheri (Ron) Jacobsen; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Celebration of life service is Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas. A reception will follow at the church. Private interment will be at Dallas Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to Brenda Friesen with Campus Crusade. Make donations payable to CRU in care of Evangelical Bible Church.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.dallastrIBUTEcenter.com.

Gloria Lee Johnson

Feb. 16, 1931 – May 5, 2015

Gloria Lee Johnson, 84, of Dallas died May 5 in Dallas.

She was born in Fruitland, Idaho, to Clayton and Norma Anderson, where she joined her brother Douglas Anderson.

Gloria spent most of her youth in Ontario. While in high school she was a drum majorette.

At the age of 17, she married the love of her life Robert "Bob" Johnson and they shared more than 66 years of marriage.

They had five children, Randy Johnson, Dann (Sue) Johnson, Kimmie (Al) Burmaster, Brigitte (Jeff) Yates, Jauna (Dale) Cole; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Bob and Gloria raised and showed Arabian horses.

Gloria loved to write, garden, paint, decorate, and entertain family and friends. Gloria loved her church family and had a passion for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Memorial service is Saturday at 11 a.m. at People's Church in Salem.

In lieu of donations please spend time with family and friends, as you don't know how long you have with them.

Jack Eugene Vollendroff

Jan. 20, 1956 – May 4, 2015

Jack Eugene Vollendroff, 59, of Independence died May 4.

He was born in Paradise, Calif., to Jack and Patricia Vollendroff.

Private interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery.

Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence handled arrangements.

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

C. Howard Wilson

Sept. 29, 1925 – April 28, 2015

Memorial service for C. Howard Wilson, 89, of Monmouth is Monday at 11 a.m. at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W.

Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence handled arrangements.

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

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