

# CASA opens new home

### Organization outgrew old office, moves to its own building

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — CASA of Polk County has a new home and is ready to show it off during an open house on Wednesday.

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) pairs trained volunteers with abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes. The volunteers advocate on behalf of children as they move through the court system.

CASA's new office is at 580 Main St. in Dallas. Until a few months ago, the organization was housed in the Polk County District Attorney's Office.

With the DA's office and CASA both expanding, that arrangement was becoming cramped.

"We have grown to the point that we needed our own place," said Mike Barnett, CASA's assistant director. "Before we had (space) a little bit bigger than a cubicle in the DA's office."

Barnett said now CASA



has easier access for the public and longer office hours. He added the move wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Polk County commissioners and Administrator Greg Hansen helping the organization find and pay for the new office.

"The county really went to bat for us," Barnett said.

With a new home to grow into, CASA also will hold another training session beginning Friday. Training will be held each Friday for 10 weeks from 4 to 7 p.m. The first session will include an orientation describing the role of a CASA in a child's life.

Wednesday's (Sept. 23) open house, which will in-

## See CASA's new digs

**What:** CASA of Polk County's open house.

**When:** Wednesday (Sept. 23) at noon.

**Where:** CASA's new office, 580 Main St.

**Of note:** Want to volunteer? CASA will begin its next 10-week training session on Friday at 4 p.m. at the new office.

**For more information:** 503-623-8473.

clude the office "ribbon cutting" is from noon to 1 p.m. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Barnett said with a new office and a growing number of volunteers, the next task is moving CASA of Polk County Director Katey Axtell from part time to full time. The organization is seeking grants to enable her to work more hours.

"We are trying to make it happen," Barnett said.

# More money needed for project

### Concrete removal to add \$166,000 to grading of site

By Emily Mentzer  
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INDEPENDENCE — Independence city councilors, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, approved a contract with Willamette Valley Concrete for the mass grading of the old Valley Concrete site in downtown Independence.

The contract is for an additional \$166,085 for a total of \$403,930, which will be paid for using money from the economic development fund and wastewater enterprise fund, depending on the outcome of an internal budget review scheduled in October, according to City

Manager David Clyne's memo to the urban renewal agency.

The grading project is part of the preparation the city has done to market the 20-acre riverfront parcel to developers. The city bought the property from Valley Concrete in December 2014 for \$800,000.

The additional \$166,085 was added to Willamette Valley Concrete's contract at the urban renewal agency's Sept. 8 meeting.

"It has become clear to us that the geotechnical work, which focused on the prospective building pads and development area, failed to disclose the pres-

ence of significant amounts of covered concrete placements primarily adjacent to the shoreline," Clyne noted in his memo.

He said that paying for the work to be done now would make park development on the shoreline easier and would lower the risk to prospective developers and ultimately help market the parcel.

"At the end of the day, we think this is work that will be a return on our investment," Clyne said at the meeting.

The work will not remove concrete slabs below the elevation of 152 feet, which floods on an annual basis.

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**Sudoku**  
Difficulty: ★★★★★

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**How to do Sudoku**  
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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# POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

**DALLAS**

**Calvary Chapel Dallas** [www.calvarydallas.com](http://www.calvarydallas.com)  
Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. Last Sunday of the month Jubilee Service, old time hymns and bluegrass music, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Community invited. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

**Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings** - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Raul Lopez, 971-209-0452. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. (bi-lingual) Bible Study 6:00 p.m. presently studying the book of Ezekiel. We welcome all. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

**Church of Christ** - North Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We are a Bible Based Church. Visitors welcome. For information call 503-420-4010. If no answer, please leave a message and we'll return your call as soon as possible.

**Dallas Alliance Church** - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email [office@dallasalliance.org](mailto:office@dallasalliance.org), Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; and Youth/Children's Pastor Lance Baker; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: [dallasalliance.org](http://dallasalliance.org).

**Dallas Church** - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. [www.dallaschurch.org](http://www.dallaschurch.org)

**Dallas Foursquare Church**—Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hausler. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at [dallasfour.com](http://dallasfour.com).

**Dallas Presbyterian Church** invites you: Warm, spirit-filled fellowship with traditional Sunday worship 10:30 am, engaging discussion study groups, prayer "chain" and a loving spirit.—Adult Sunday School 9 am, men's breakfasts Tuesdays at 7 am, women's groups, needle crafts group and Indoor Play Park (for children with accompanying parent). Sensitivity to older adult accessibility and needs. 789 SW Levens, Dallas. 623-3397 [dalpreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dalpreschurch@gmail.com).

**Evangelical Bible Church** - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ensz. Sunday: Worship \*8:00 a.m.; \*10:45 a.m.; \*6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS \*9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies \*9:00 a.m. & \*7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. \*Nursery care provided.

**Faith Evangelical Free Church** - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Senior Pastor Al Perkins, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. [www.faithfreechurch.org](http://www.faithfreechurch.org)

**First Baptist Church** - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; [www.gofbc.org](http://www.gofbc.org); Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 2:30 pm; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

**First Christian Church** - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

**Grace Community Church** - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Student & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Ministries-Ben Pottloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org). All are welcome!

**Living Hope City Church** - 1156 SE Holman, Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. [www.livinghopecitychurch.org](http://www.livinghopecitychurch.org) Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

**Living Word Faith Fellowship** - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: [www.proclaimhim.org](http://www.proclaimhim.org)

**Salt Creek Baptist Church** - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at [www.saltcreekchurch.org](http://www.saltcreekchurch.org).

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Larry Brown

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: [stthomasdallas@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallas@gmail.com) 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Eucharist. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship, Sundays 1:30-3:00 all ages FREE singing lessons. St. Thomas Episcopal Church 1486 SW Levens Dallas. Call Rebecca 503-559-5205 with questions. The Episcopal Church and St Thomas Welcomes you —please join us.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Pastor - David Pederson. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Wor-

**Falls City**

**Falls City Christian Church** 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; Website: [www.fallscitycc.org](http://www.fallscitycc.org)

**Falls City United Methodist Church** - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. [www.fallscityumc.org](http://www.fallscityumc.org)

**Mountain Gospel Fellowship** - 303 N. Main, Falls City, 503-787-8037. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome just as you are. Join Us!

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

**Independence**

**Buena Vista Community Church** - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 10 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church of God** - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Nursery available.

**First Baptist Church** - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. **Sundays:** Worship Service 11 am **Wednesdays:** AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). **Thursdays:** Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. *First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at [www.independencfirstbaptist.com](http://www.independencfirstbaptist.com)*

**Life Center Foursquare Church** - 437 D Street, Independence, OR Phone: 503-838-6507. Pastor Larry Gratreak. Worship Service and Sunday School starts at 10:30 a.m. Various Studies, Prayer Groups and Home Fellowships available throughout the week. Call for more information. You are welcome! Find us on Facebook.

**St. Patrick Parish, Catholic** - 1275 E St., Independence, 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen Nursing Home: Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**WOU Campus Ministry:** Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox St., Monmouth followed by a social hour.

**MONMOUTH**

**Christ The King Christian Church** - Meets at 959 Church St. W., Monmouth 7:00 pm Saturday Night. Christ The King Christian Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ the King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. [www.ctkmonmouth.com](http://www.ctkmonmouth.com)

**Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United** - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay Street West, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

**Church of Christ** - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Dan Brewer, Youth Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m., Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church** - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). School Year Schedule: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. [www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org](http://www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org); 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

**Monmouth Christian Church** - 959 Church Street W, Monmouth, OR 97361; Office: (503) 838-1145; Fax: (503) 838-1162; Email: [mcc@mymcc.cc](mailto:mcc@mymcc.cc); Website: [mymcc.cc](http://mymcc.cc); Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer; Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Mary Weinbender, & Seth Halligan; Sunday Worship Service: 10 am, English & Spanish; children's programming for birth to 6th grades also available. Momentum (7th & 8th Grades) meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm MCC; Join us this Sunday in person or live online at [www.mymcc.tv](http://www.mymcc.tv).

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**Praise Assembly** 189 Monmouth Ave S., Monmouth (locations in McMinnville and Willamina as well). Our English worship gathering is 11 am on Sundays, followed by a Spanish service at 2 pm. Kid's church available for 12 and under. Youth group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. Other ministries include: Celebrate Recovery (Tues, 7 pm), College Bible study (Wed, 7 pm), and Spanish Bible study (Thurs, 7 pm). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information, [www.praiseonline.net](http://www.praiseonline.net), or call us at 503-837-0300.

**St. Hilda's Episcopal Church** 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildaschurch.org Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!