

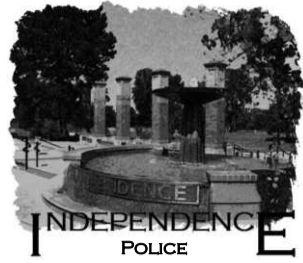
Police 'academy' open to Indy residents

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Independence Police Chief Bob Mason announced a new community police academy, which will start in February 2016.

"This concept is not necessarily new, but it's new to Independence," Mason said at the Nov. 10 Independence City Council work session.

In other cities, police departments hold a citizens' academy, where residents may learn more about the inner workings of the department. Mason said IPD is



not using the term "citizen" because not all residents of Independence are "citizens." "The program is about bringing people who are not in law enforcement and spending a good amount of time showing them what we do and why we do it," he said.

Mason added that he hopes the program will help ramp up volunteer programs for the PD, as well as for the city.

"We very much hope to make it fun and that people will enjoy it," he said. "We hope to get some people in here who want to volunteer."

He said he may require volunteers to participate in the academy.

Mason noted that the department occasionally has retired law enforcement or others who want to come in and help with cold cases or give advice on investiga-

tions. Because this is the first time IPD has run an academy program for residents, Mason said the class will be limited to 15 participants.

It will be on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. starting Feb. 3. There will be three Saturday classes also, for a total of 48 hours of instruction.

Graduation will be held in April.

Applications are due Jan. 8, 2016. Participants must be 18 years or older, have a valid driver's license, have no felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests in the 12 months prior to the

academy, must live or work in Independence city limits, and cannot miss more than eight hours of class time to graduate.

Topics will include community crime prevention, confrontation and firearms situations, body worn cameras, emergency vehicle operations, patrol and traffic control, and dispatch/communications systems.

For more information or to apply: Lyle Gilbert, 503-838-1214, email lgilbert@ci.independence.or.us, or apply online at IPD's website, www.ci.independence.or.us.

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer*:

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Community events — Noon on Friday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Monday.

Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Monday.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES
Retail display ads — 3 p.m. Friday.

Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Monday.

Classified line ads — Noon on Monday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.

Public notices — Noon on Friday.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 11 story, "College Application Week helps 70 students sign up," it was not made clear that Gear Up stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. Also, Warner Pacific College was the only Oregon university that removed application fees for the event, said Dana Beck, communications specialist for the organization.

In the Nov. 4 story, "Photographic Adventurer" the phone number to contact photographer Ron Mittag should have been listed as 602-448-3636.

The I-O regrets the errors.

If you see anything that requires a correction or clarification, call the newsroom at 503-623-2373 or send an e-mail to nadams@polkio.com.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Nov. 9	54	36	.01
Nov. 10	53	34	.T
Nov. 11	56	44	.16
Nov. 12	50	40	.07
Nov. 13	58	49	.07
Nov. 14	61	54	.T
Nov. 15	58	38	.77
Nov. 16	49	38	.37

Rainfall during Nov. — 2.64 in.
Rain through Nov. 16 — 23.43 in.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Motor home fire results in death

DALLAS — Southwest Polk Fire and the Dallas Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 4000 block of Van Well Road Friday at 2:40 a.m.

Upon arrival, responders found a motor home fully engulfed in flames. The fire department took action and determined there was a deceased person inside, identified as 36-year-old Tobias Schulson, who was living in the motor home at the time along with his dog.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office was called and responded to the scene.

The Oregon State Medical Examiner determined the cause of death was accidental due to smoke inhalation.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office is being assisted by the Oregon State Police and the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

An investigation is ongoing, but foul play is not suspected. Detectives learned an electric heater was being used in the motor home during the night. The heater is the suspected source of the fire, according to arson investigators.

Polk Extension to hold sewing classes

DALLAS — Polk County 4-H will host STEP (Short Term Educational Programming) sewing classes for youth on Tuesday and Dec. 7.

Beginners attending the class will learn to make small sewing gifts. More experienced sewers will make pajama pants.

The class sessions, open to students in third through 12th grade, are from 3:30 to 5:50 p.m. at the Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas. Admission is \$2 for 4-H members and \$3 for non-members. Preregistration is required by Monday.

You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend. For more information or to register: 503-623-8395.

Boondocks to hold weekly workshops

FALLS CITY — Want to try your hand at painting? The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. in Falls City will give you a chance every Wednesday through the rest of the year, starting this evening.

Admission to "Painting, Canvas and Cocktails (or soda pop)" is \$30 and including all the supplies required, paint, canvas and instruction. No experience is necessary. Your first beverage and a snack is included in the cost.

For more information: The Boondocks, 503-787-2700.

Falls City defines 'meeting'

Council also 'hits a wall' in deterring marijuana shops

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — The charter of Falls City states that city councilors cannot miss more than five council meetings in a year.

It left it up to interpretation what should be considered a "meeting." Thursday, the Falls City Council cleared up that ambiguity.

The discussion was prompted by the number of absences Councilor Julie Bishop has logged during the year. She has missed two regular meetings, a special council meeting and a two-day workshop.

Bishop, a bus driver for the Falls City School District, said her work schedule can conflict with meeting times, especially if they are scheduled during the day.

In his report to the council, Mayor Terry Ungricht said he believes she has missed four meetings, based on the legally required notices provided. The two-day workshop had just one notice.

Councilor Tony Meier said he wanted to be clear on the definition of a meeting for future reference.

"The reason being, when we put this in, it was so it wouldn't be political — that somebody missed a certain amount of meetings, it was just automatic, they are



gone," Meier said.

Councilor Jenn Drill suggested the council use Ungricht's definition, calling a meeting any that required public notice for the purposes of the charter requirement.

"I think we make this black and white and say it's five posted meetings," Drill said. "If you don't make five throughout the year, then you are off the council."

Bishop said that could cause problems for anyone with a job.

"There are times when I will have trouble getting here because of my work," Bishop said, adding the council should avoid scheduling meetings during the day. "I think down the road you are going to run into some real problems."

Ungricht said the council will have to be aware of that issue in the future.

"We are going to have to make a more concerted effort to make sure everyone will be available," he said.

On another issue, recre-

ational marijuana dispensaries, the council is back to square one. The council's position was to prevent dispensaries from opening in town without having to send the issue to voters.

After consulting with the city attorney, Ungricht said that may be the only option left to the city.

The council directed Ungricht to explore proposing that dispensaries not be allowed within a 1,000 feet of a city park, essentially leaving no locations in town.

"The attorney advised me that there's a difference between making it difficult to locate and making it impossible," Ungricht said. "If you are making it impossible, you are implementing a ban."

According to the state law governing recreational marijuana use, the only way for Falls City to implement a ban is to let the citizens vote on it.

If a ban proposal is successful, the city would receive no tax revenue from marijuana sales, Ungricht said.

He said without the park restriction, there are two areas in town where a dispensary could be located. The city doesn't have any method of rejecting an application at this time.

"I know what the intent of council is," he said. "I'm saying I've hit a wall."

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MARTIAN (Digital 2D) (PG13)		6:30 9:25
THE NIGHT BEFORE (Digital) (R)	(12:15 2:40 5:05)	7:30 9:55
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Wednesday - Thursday Nov. 25 - Dec. 3 *

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