



**Kadell Kalpakoff Bishopink Russell Gentry**

## Corrections posts 'most wanted'

DALLAS — Polk County Community Corrections lists these individuals as “most wanted” for April. Citizens with information on the whereabouts of any of them can call Community Corrections at 503-623-5226.

• **Phillip Andrew Kadell**, born Aug. 15, 1985, 6-0, 180 pounds, brown hair,

brown eyes. Charge: Harassment.

• **Paul William Kalpakoff**, born Jan. 27, 1983, 6-2, 151 pounds, brown hair, green eyes. Charge: Fourth-degree assault.

• **Duncan James Bishopink**, born Feb. 16, 1985, 5-4, 185 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes.

Charge: Larceny.

• **Scott Anthony Russell**, born Sept. 3, 1965, 6-2, 160 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Charge: Burglary, possession of methamphetamine.

• **Beth Gentry**, born April 1, 1965, 5-4, 120 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Charge: Possession of methamphetamine.

## Loss: Budget to be revealed April 25

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“We keep hoping that we will see some increase because of new construction or families moving to town, but we are just not seeing it,” Montague said.

She said the district will have several employees retire this year and is in a wait-and-see mode on hiring replacements.

“At this point, we have a

plan to have a balanced budget for next year even with this decrease,” Montague said.

That plan will be presented in full to the district’s budget committee on April 25. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the district office board room, 111 SW Ash St., Dallas.

“We are not seeing an end to the declining enroll-

ment anytime soon,” Montague said.

In other business, the district:

• Learned it had received a \$1,492,900 grant for a seismic upgrade at Whitworth Elementary School.

For more information the Dallas School District enrollment losses and the budget, see the April 20 edition of the *I-O*.

## Wagons: Students trek simulated Oregon Trail

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Not all groups gave details about what would be packed for the trek. The wagons were built from plywood — including the wheels, unfortunately, Creson said — paid for by the IES parent-teacher club.

Thomas said she was contacted about the project by Brian Ross, fourth-grade teacher at IES, and CHS Principal Greg Mitchell was supportive of the woodshop students taking it on.

This is the first year of this collaboration.

“Not all the kids have the same thinking process or help at home,” Thomas said. “They’re trying to make it more fair. It’s been fun watching them work with kids.”

Dustin Sparks and David Wilson, both seniors, worked together to put the finishing touches on their wagon.

“We’re trying to make it easy for them, or easier,” Sparks said.

The actual assembly got a little messy as Gaby Rodarte and Mackenzie Butler glued the sides onto the base of their wooden cart.

Gaby said construction was going well, in spite of getting glue on her fingers.



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Gaby Rodarte (left) and Mackenzie Butler secure the front of the wagon to the base.

“I think it’s going to make it on the trail,” she said.

Madison Walker was not so sure.

“My dad builds things like this,” she said. “He’s a welder. He built something like this and it completely tore apart — and he’s a professional.”

Each wagon will be covered and include wooden wheels, which had to be

carefully sanded so they would roll properly.

Once the wagon kits are complete, the names of the groups of pioneers will be spray painted on the sides, but any more decorating will be left to the pioneers themselves.

For a video of students working together, see the *I-O*’s Facebook.

## Veterans: Local support needed

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Cameron Smith, director of the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, also attended the hearing to speak in favor of the opening a Polk County office.

Hansen said the money approved will start the new program, which should become permanent, with an opening target date of Jan. 1, 2017.

He said the county still needs to hire a service officer and find a location for the office.

“That’s why we need to have a Jan. 1 start, not a July 1 start,” Hansen said. “We will iron all those things out.”

Wheeler said ideally, the

office would be a place for vets to find assistance with their claims, but also meet and connect with each other.

“I think it’s time. I’m really happy that the budget committee approved the position,” Wheeler said.

She said not being a veteran, she isn’t familiar with the complicated system vets have to navigate to claim benefits, but something Crowder said stuck with her.

“He said the words veteran and homeless should never be used in the same sentence,” she recalled. “For people who have given their time and sacrificed for our country, he’s absolutely right.”

Hansen said a full-year

program will cost about \$140,000, with \$60,000 to \$65,000 of that coming from the county.

Crowder said he’s excited that he can now tell the veterans he works with through the support group Battle Buddies that a service officer is on the way. He said he will assist the county in any way he can as it hires staff and finds a location.

“I’m ecstatic that they are taking this step,” Crowder said. “There is going to be a lot of happy veterans and I will be one of the first. I still have not gotten through with my claim. I want to help them be successful and the commissioners be happy they did this.”

## Street bond meeting set for Thursday

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Proponents for a \$10 million street bond in Dallas that will be on the May ballot will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St. in Dallas.

Citizens For A Better Dallas, a political action committee, will provide information and answer questions about the bond measure. The measure

seeks voter approval for a property tax increase that would fund residential street repairs in Dallas.

Those attending the public meeting may enter from the Jefferson Street side of the

Courthouse.

For more information about the campaign, go to [www.citizensforabetterdallas.com](http://www.citizensforabetterdallas.com) or visit Citizens For A Better Dallas’ Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/1Mfc8IY>.

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