

Falls City to show ‘pride’ at picnic

By Jolene Guzman
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FALLS CITY — Polk County's LGBT pride festival is back for a second year in Falls City this weekend, adding a second day to the schedule.

Polk Pride begins at noon on Saturday with a picnic and barbecue at Faye Wilson Memorial Park (Lower Park) next to city hall, 299 Mill St.

Event co-host The Boondocks will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, but people are encouraged to

bring their own drinks, side dishes, plates, cups and utensils.

Music and games will keep the celebration lively. It's forecast to be hot, so think about bringing a swimsuit to play in the nearby Little Luckiamute River.

The celebration continues with “Bingo on the Patio” at co-host The Bread Board from 5 to 7 p.m. Bingo is free, but donations to Polk Pride will be accepted.

After bingo, the party moves to The Boondocks for pool, brews, and karaoke at

7 p.m. until closing at 2 a.m. A karaoke dance party begins at 8.

The festival will conclude Sunday with a pizza fundraiser, “Piñatas and Pizza” at The Bread Board from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for the wood-fired pizza buffet, serving thin-crust pizza, salad, iced tea and lemonade. Beer and wine will be sold separately.

Polk Pride organizer Laura Britton said the 2015 celebration was put together at the last minute, and she wasn't able to let as many

people know about it as she would have liked. About 50 people attended.

This year, planning began earlier in hopes of letting more people know it's happening.

“We didn't get the word out very well,” she said. “This year, we had a booth at Summerfest and talked to people. We got the word out more that way.”

Britton added that the event isn't just for people in the LGBT community.

“Everyone is welcome to attend,” she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ty Curtis benefit concert on Aug. 24

WEST SALEM — Ty Curtis will perform in a benefit concert on Aug. 24 for the Rep. Paul Evans campaign at Redhawk Winery, 2995 Michigan City Road NW, West Salem.

Admission is \$20. Wine will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

The concert begins at 7 p.m., with the gates open at 6:15. RSVP at paulevans.org. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Dallas approves cable franchise

DALLAS — The Dallas City Council approved a 10-year franchise agreement with Charter Communications for cable TV service only on Aug. 1.

The previous agreement expired in September 2015.

The agreement was established on behalf of 15 small cities, including Dallas. It took four years of negotiations with Charter to establish the agreement, said City Attorney Lane Shetterly.

The contract is for 10 years and charges 5 percent of Charter's gross revenue. Council members expressed concerns about the contract, especially that it doesn't commit Charter representatives to attending a public meeting where comments about service will be taken from customers.

Shetterly said the city is welcome to negotiate further or charge a franchise fee without it.

“I'm skeptical of Dallas going back by itself and negotiating further and getting a substantially better deal,” Shetterly said.

This agreement does not address cable modem services for phone and internet.

Call before you dig

POLK COUNTY — Public works departments remind consumers to call 811 prior to any digging projects.

The number provides homeowners with a free service that identifies and safely marks underground utilities to avoid accidental outages and disruption of critical services.

By calling 811 three days before digging, homeowners and contractors will be connected to an organization that notifies the appropriate utility companies of the plans to dig. Professional locators are sent to the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both. For more information: www.call811.com.

Rep. Evans to moderate TeleTown Hall

POLK COUNTY — Rep. Paul Evans will moderate a TeleTown Hall discussion on Monday at 6 p.m. The main topic of the panel will be small business development. Evans will be joined by Executive Director of the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Jean Love and Co-Founder of the Latino Business Alliance and owner of Tu Casa Real Estate, Jose Gonzalez.

The event is free and open to the public. To register to receive a call invitation to the panel: www.paulevans.org/summer_small_business_panel.

Stange contract OK'd

By Emily Mentzer
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INDEPENDENCE — Polk County Fire District No. 1 board of directors approved a contract for Chief Ben Stange, who will take the reins at the district on Aug. 29. The contract runs through June 2018 at \$97,000 a year.

Also at the meeting, the board approved an increase to Assistant Chief Neal Olson's salary at its Thursday meeting.

The proposal came because Olson has been serving as interim fire chief for two months.

Based on the salary of the former fire chief, Al Alcalde, Olson will get paid one-12th of \$99,360 for July and August.

“We need to be clear that this is for Neal, for this position and for this situation,” board member Mike Lippsmeyer said.

Joost Vanderhave said that Olson “stepped up to the plate. He didn't say, ‘I'm not going to take that responsibility.’”

BLM plan draws more litigation

By Jolene Guzman
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POLK COUNTY — As promised, the 17 members of the Association of O & C Counties, including Polk County, filed a lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management upon adopting its new Western Oregon management plan.

On Aug. 5, the agency issued its “record of decision” on the 2.5 million acres the BLM oversees west of the Cascades, also called “O & C lands.”

The proposed plan would increase logging to a target of 278 million board feet a year, but also put 75 percent of the lands in reserves. Polk and the other 16

counties disagree with both the cut target and the amount of land set for reserves

The suit was filed on Aug. 5, the day the plan was approved, and two more groups have done the same.

The American Forest Resource Council and a coalition of conservation groups have filed lawsuits against plan.

Oregon Farm Bureau seeks photos for annual calendar

Itemizer-Observer staff report

POLK COUNTY — Through Sept. 15, Oregon Farm Bureau invites the public to submit their best photos of Oregon agriculture for possible inclusion in the 2017 Oregon's Bounty calendar.

The calendar celebrates all aspects of Oregon agriculture: the products, the people, the crops, the cultivation, the land-

scape, anything that depicts the beauty, culture, enjoyment, technology, or tradition of family farming and ranching.

Horizontal-format, high-resolution (at least 300 dpi) images are needed of all types of agriculture in all seasons. Detailed photo specifications and contest rules are available at www.oregonfb.org/calendar.



Polk County Worship Directory

DALLAS

Calvary Chapel Dallas Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. www.calvarydallas.com 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. 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 Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

Church of Christ - 691 N.E. Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 A.M. Worship Service 10:30 A.M. Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 P.M. Thursday evening Bible Study 7:00 P.M. We follow the New Testament Plan of Salvation in becoming a Christian and the Pattern of the N. T. Church. We would be glad to study the Bible with you and answer any of your questions. We would like to present a very helpful one hour overview of the Bible. Call 503-831-4886.

Dallas Alliance Church - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email 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.

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

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 you can visit us online at 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 dalpresbchurch@gmail.com.

Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ens. 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; Interim Pastor Dennis Beatty, Associate Pastor Ed Suter, 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

First Baptist Church - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; www.gofbc.org; Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 am - 11:30 am; 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 Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Potloff. 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. All are welcome!

Living Hope City Church - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. www.living-hopecitychurch.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

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.

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: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church — 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Chery) 503-623-8522. Email: stthomasdallas@gmail.com www.stthomasdallas.com 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has formally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church's longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. 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. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. www.dallastlc.org. Catch us on Facebook.

United Methodist Church – A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Rev. J. Quinton Kimbrow, Minister. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Youth, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children during worship service. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: dallasumc@questofice.net Website: www.sites.umcdallas.com

Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children's Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at www.valleylifecenter.com

FALLS CITY

Falls City Christian Church 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; www.fallscitycc.com

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

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 10:00 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.independencefirstbaptist.com*

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

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 - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church – 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the “S” curve). Summer Schedule thru Sept. 4: Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. School Year Schedule begins Sept. 11: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

Monmouth Christian Church - (503) 838-1145; www.mymcc.cc. Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Sunday Service: 10am in Monmouth (959 Church St.), 11am in Independence (301 S. Main St.); Children's programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email info@mymcc.cc. Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at www.mymcc.cc.

New LIFE Ministries – we're growing in Polk County! CHILDREN'S CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE! We are a God-loving, Bible-believing, non-denominational church body. This church is a little different, in that it's not just a church service, but is all about being a “service church”. We strive to seek out and serve the needs of the community. It is our hope that God will use us to make a difference. Come join us! We meet at Henry Hill School 750 S. 5th St. in Independence every Sunday morning at 10:00-11:00 am. Our minister is Marion Seick. Feel free to call us at (503) 871-5207. Please come visit and worship with us this Sunday!

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, or call us at 503-837-0300.

St. Hilda's Episcopal Church 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildas.church.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!

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