

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.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Jan. 10.....	42	33	.79
Jan. 11.....	35	31	.06
Jan. 12.....	35	23	.00
Jan. 13.....	31	20	.00
Jan. 14.....	34	19	.00
Jan. 15.....	36	18	.00
Jan. 16.....	38	23	.00

Rainfall during Jan. — 3.16 in.
Rain through Jan. 16 — 3.16 in.

Myrold pleads guilty in court

Sentenced to 30 days in jail, five years probation

By Jolene Guzman
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — Four months after his arrest on accusations of sex abuse involving a 17-year-old student at Dallas High School, former teacher and coach Kirk Myrold will be headed to the Polk County Jail.

Myrold pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree sex abuse, a felony, in Polk County Circuit Court Thursday afternoon.

A second count of second-degree sex abuse and luring a minor charge were dropped as part of a plea negotiation with the Polk County District Attorney's Office.

Judge Norm Hill sentenced Myrold to 30 days in jail and five years of probation among other conditions following the guilty plea.

Myrold pleaded guilty to count 2 of the Oct. 5 grand jury indictment, which read: "On or between June 1, 2016 and Sept. 12, 2016, ... the de-

fendant, being a person of 21 years of age or older, did unlawfully and knowingly subject (the victim), a person incapable of consent by reason of being under the age of 18 years, to sexual contact by touching her lips, mouth or sexual intimate part."

He was arrested on Sept. 12, 2016, following a report from Dallas School District of the inappropriate relationship between Myrold and the girl.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Jayme Kimberly said given his criminal history, the presumptive sentence under Oregon statute for the crime is three years of probation. Because the offense is a sex crime, the sentence could be stretched to five years, she said.

The District Attorney's Office recommended the longer probation term and the 30-day jail term.

Myrold also must undergo a sex offender evaluation and treatment. Hill ordered Myrold to have no contact

with the victim in the case and no contact with minors. He must register as a sex offender.

Myrold was ordered to report to the Polk County Jail on Monday morning to begin serving his 30-day sentence.

If he finishes probation successfully, Myrold can apply to have the charge reduced to a misdemeanor.

Kimberly said the DA's office notified the victim and her family about Thursday's plea and sentencing.

"The victim did not wish to attend or make a statement to the court," Kimberly said.

When asked, Myrold told Hill he didn't wish to address the court either.

Before sentencing, Myrold's attorney, Clark Willes, said his client "wishes to apologize to the victim and her family for problems he has caused them."

Through his attorney, Myrold apologized to his own family as well.

Dallas Senior Center plans approved

By Jolene Guzman
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — Plans to build a new senior center in Dallas cleared another hurdle on Jan. 10.

The Dallas Planning Commission approved the site design plan for the center's soon-to-be new home near the corner of Southwest Court and Church streets, behind the Carnegie Building.

Architect Rex Price submitted final plans to the city for review on Dec. 7, 2016.

The city deemed them complete and scheduled a public hearing before the planning commission for approval. Plans submitted on Nov. 17, 2016, were found to be incomplete and returned to the architect to finish.

Approved plans include a two-story, 7,248 square-foot center to replace the smaller space the Dallas Area Seniors use now, adjacent to the Dallas Public Library.

The project will include seven off-street parking spaces and 2,527-square-feet of landscaping.

More than two years ago, the city was awarded a \$1.9 million Community Development Block Grant to pay for development and construction of the center.

Since then, the project has taken more time to get off the ground than expected, but the list of roadblocks is getting steadily shorter, said Dallas City Manager Ron Foggin.

Planning commission approval leaves just waiting on the state to approve the environmental review, which began in June 2015, before construction can begin, Foggin said.

"We are hopeful that will be completed shortly," Foggin said. "As soon as the site is cleared by the state, the project can move forward. We are planning on the project starting late spring or early summer."

Polk No. 1 in good shape

By Emily Mentzer
The *Itemizer-Observer*

INDEPENDENCE — Polk County Fire District No. 1 volunteers responded to more incidents with fewer volunteers in 2016.

"We had 2,253 home responses with 44 volunteers," Chief Ben Stange said. In 2015, the home responses numbered 2,032 with 47 people. Stange said that while the district lost a few volunteers, the people who remained responded to more calls on average.

Stange presented an overview of 2016, as well as goals and challenges he saw coming in 2017, to the fire board at its Thursday meeting.

"We have a cultural shift," he said. "We have new volunteer firefighters, new pro-

fessionals; we have an opportunity to take a look and see if we are who we really want to be."

Stange said that the district is in good shape halfway through its fiscal year, but that next year will bring challenges, especially in the cost of the district's contributions to the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System.

"If there's an 8 percent return for PERS, in the next six years, we can expect a \$500,000 difference in what we're paying now," he said.

Stange told the board to consider renewing the levy soon. He said waiting until April 2019 to decide to renew the levy could put the district in a difficult position for the 2019-2020 budget if taxpayers said no.

The district has improved

service through equipment purchased with the general obligation bond and levy, including installing some computers in vehicles that show where hydrants are located, allowing firefighters to see where to set up while en route to a structure fire.

Efforts to recruit volunteers at Station 40 in Buena Vista have been successful, Stange said. Volunteers at Station 40 have been a struggle for the district for years.

Recruiting will begin at Station 80, in Airlie.

A new shift captain and new volunteers and volunteer lieutenants will be sworn in during a ceremony at Central High School's auditorium on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.



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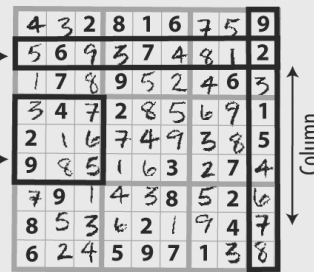
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By Ben Arnoldy

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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