

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.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 28.....	61	46	.05
March 29.....	56	46	.21
March 30.....	57	38	.02
March 31.....	58	34	.00
April 1.....	61	43	T
April 2.....	59	39	.00
April 3.....	57	31	.00

Rainfall during March. — 7.69 in.
Rain through April 3 — 26.50 in.

Forest River expands to Sheridan

By **Jolene Guzman**
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — From the vantage point of Jim Sieber's office window, you see no room to spare on the production floor of Forest River's R-Pod and Surveyor plant in Dallas.

"We've picked up more business, and it got to the point that we have outgrown this building," said Sieber, the plant manager. "We are at max capacity. We actually need to be building more product, but we are in a space constraint."

The plant has about 49,000-square feet of capacity. There, it can build 26 R-Pod towable recreational vehicles or 11 of the larger Surveyors in a day.

Sieber said the company was on the hunt for a facility with more space — and it found it in Sheridan.

"We purchased the buildings out in Sheridan about a month ago," Sieber said.

The formerly vacant manufacturing complex has two buildings, each with approximately 107,000-square feet of space.

The R-Pod and Surveyor lines will move out to the new property in July, a quick



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Forest River Surveyors recreational vehicles will now be produced in a facility in Sheridan. The building in Dallas formerly used for the RVs will now produce other models.

timeline considering the remodeling that needs to be done at the new facility.

"They've been sitting vacant for six years," Sieber said.

With the move, Sieber said there will be plenty of room to hire more workers

and increase production. Now the plant employs 160 people.

He isn't sure how many more need to be hired at this point.

"Some of that hinges on who will be following from here out there," Sieber said.

"Obviously, we're optimistic that all of them will stay and follow us out there, but how realistic that is, I don't know."

Sieber said Forest River's other Dallas plant may have plans to move into the space once Sheridan is open. That

facility builds Wildcat and Salem Wildwood travel trailer models across Uglow Avenue from the R-Pod and Surveyor plant.

"When we vacate this building, the folks in that building have plans for this one, but what they are I do not know," Sieber said. "I know they were interested in making sure we left the mezzanines and scaffolding and things like that."

Paul Eskritt, the manager of the other plant, said his facility will be taking on another assignment soon, building Vibe travel trailers.

That model is now produced in the Harrisburg plant, which he manages as well.

Harrisburg will focus solely on producing Cherokee models once the Vibe line is moved to Dallas.

R-Pod and Surveyor moving to Sheridan will allow more space for that expanded operation.

Eskritt said all the moving and shifting is market driven.

"We continue to grow," he said. "With the market being as good as it is, our plants have gotten pretty tight. This will enable us to be a little more efficient with how we

Dallas Fire reminds public of burn rules

Itemizer-Observer staff report

POLK COUNTY — As the weather continues to get better, Dallas Fire & EMS along with SW Polk Fire District, wants to take this opportunity to go over a few rules if you plan to do any backyard burning. According to the 2014 Oregon Fire Code, those wishing to burn must follow these rules:

- The location of the open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure and provisions shall be made to make sure the fire does not spread within the 50 feet.

- The minimum required distance from a structure shall be no less than the 25 feet providing that the pile size does not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in overall height.

- All fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A fire extinguisher (2.5 pound minimum) or a water source is also required to be on site while the burning is taking place.

Check the burn information phone line prior to any burning: 503-588-6420.

Monmouth man convicted of drug charges

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Colin Matthew Lynch was sentenced in Polk County Circuit Court on March 29 to serve 40 months in prison

after being convicted of delivering methamphetamine in three separate cases. Lynch, 27, of Monmouth, was the subject of an investigation led by the Polk

Inter-Agency Narcotics Team.

The case was prosecuted by the Polk County District Attorney's Office.

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Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★

Solution on Page 7A

	3	8		5	9			
1				6		4	8	
4				6		7	1	3
6		3	1					
				9			5	6
				6	2	4	3	
				9	3	4	8	

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.

The Christian Science Monitor

INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8

450 S. 2nd St., Independence
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www.IndependenceCinema8.com

Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$8.00 Children \$7.00 • Senior \$7.25 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

Friday - Sunday • April 7 - 9

LOGAN (Digital) (R) (12:05 3:10) 6:15 9:20*

GOING IN STYLE (PG13) (12:25 2:45 5:05) 7:30 9:50*

SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE (Digital) (PG) (12:45 3:00 5:15) 7:25 9:40*

BOSS BABY (Digital) (PG) (11:30 12:10 2:30 4:50) 7:10 9:30*

BEAUTY & THE BEAST (Digital) (PG) (12:40 3:35) 6:30 9:25*

GHOST IN THE SHELL (Digital) (PG13) (11:45 2:15 4:45) 7:20 9:50*

POWER RANGERS (Digital) (PG13) (1:00 3:50) 6:40 9:30*

LIFE (Digital) (R) (4:35)

KONG: SKULL ISLAND (Digital) (PG13) (1:40) 7:10

CHIPS (Digital) (R) 9:55*

*Not showing Sunday, April 9.

Monday - Thursday • April 10 - 13

LOGAN (Digital) (R) (3:10) 6:15

GOING IN STYLE (PG13) (2:45 5:05) 7:30

SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE (Digital) (PG) (3:00 5:15) 7:25

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*Not showing Thursday, April 13. **Begins Thursday, April 13.

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