

Talmadge to host 11th annual health fair Thursday

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INDEPENDENCE — See a 3-D printer at work at the 11th annual Talmadge Middle School Community Health Fair Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

All community members are invited to the event. Local health professionals and businesses that provide health-related services to

the community will be there.

Oregon State University's entrepreneurially designed Mobile Makerspace has teamed up with Community Services Consortium to offer a nine-week class involving hands-on exposure to how 3-D printing works, how to create 3-D objects, engrave, create custom T-shirts, and an introduction to business plan development and entrepreneurship.

The public may take a tour of the Mobile Makerspace during the health fair, and then the unit will be parked at the Independence Public Library from Monday until May 20.

Independence Library director Robin Puccetti will oversee a program where elementary students are introduced to the world of 3-D printing.

The public is again invited to

tour the Makerspace on May 20 during the annual Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce's Discover MI Town event.

The TMS community health fair also will have interactive exhibits, dental and medical information, fitness and recreation booths, physical therapists, local health and fitness events, and other fitness professionals and health care service providers.

School-aged children will have the opportunity to win prizes.

The Central Lions Club will have its mobile screening unit there to check vision and blood pressure. The American Red Cross will have a blood drive.

A therapy pony will be available to pet, and community members may meet Pup the Fire Dog.

Dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Indy council to decide on pot business

Organic Investment's application has been appealed to planning commission, council

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INDEPENDENCE — The Independence City Council will decide what will happen next for Organic Investments, a production and processing facility for cannabis.

The council will deliberate toward a decision to either affirm the planning commission decision approving the request and adopt findings/conditions in the staff report; affirm the planning commission decision approving the request with findings and/or conditions as amended by the city council; or reverse the planning commission decision, with amended findings that the request does not meet applicable approval criteria.

The council heard testimony from both the applicant and two appellants at a public hearing on March 22.

Additionally, more than a dozen community members from the Independence Airpark community spoke in opposition to the applicant's business moving in on Stryker Road.

The hearing lasted four hours and ended with the applicant using his right to submit a final written argument within seven days. That argument was due Tuesday.

Joey Shearer, Independence city planner, said the issues in the appeals, one submitted by Bruce Patten, a resident of the airpark, and one submitted by the Independence Northpark Homeowners Association, boiled down to noise and odor concerns, the procedure followed for approval and appeals, as well as compliance with federal regulations.

Shearer said marijuana is a politically charged issue.

"However, at this time, the city is obligated to apply the same criteria to marijuana as any other use in the industrial zone," he said. "Based on the criteria at the time the application was submitted — it's not what you want the rules to be, it's the rules on the books when the application was submitted."

Organic Investments' application was submitted in 2016, Shearer said. Site design review plans were complete in August 2016. In October, the applicant opted to extend the period by 120 days, which was granted.

The application was approved administratively before it was appealed and sent to the planning commission for a public hearing. The planning commission approved the plan, which was again appealed and sent before the city council on

March 22 for another public hearing.

Opponents suggested that the process from the beginning was not transparent. Neighbors in the airpark said they never got noticed that the business had applied to locate on Stryker Road, within line of sight to their homes.

Some said the business would intrude on their peace and quiet because fans used to ventilate the greenhouses would be too loud. Others said the smell of the business would be comparable to the constant smell of "dead skunks."

Some residents of the airpark said their property values would plummet and crime in that neighborhood would increase. Others were concerned about the possibility of marijuana residue leaving the production facility and contaminating them

or their children.

The applicant's attorney, Ross Day, showed reports that stated the fans used would make less noise than an average home.

He said the applicant agreed to additional conditions that a carbon filtration method would control odor.

Day stopped short of agreeing to submit an operation or maintenance schedule, as no other business would be required to submit those kinds of plans.

Councilors Michael Hicks and Ken Day both live in the Independence Airpark and pay dues to the HOA. Both said they were able to make an impartial and reasoned decision.

The council will make that decision at a special meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 6:15 at the Independence Civic Center in the room downstairs.

Two graduate from DPSST

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SALEM — Robin Burch and Randy Henderson, Polk County Community Corrections parole and probation officers, will graduate from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on Friday at the academy, 4190 Aumsville Highway SE, Salem.

The graduation ceremony will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a reception.

The DPSST operates the Oregon Public Safety Academy, which spans more than 235 acres in Salem.

The department implements minimum standards established by the board for training and certification of more than 40,000 city, tribal, county and state law enforcement officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, fire service personnel, telecommunications, emergency medical dispatchers, and private security providers.

Polk County Worship Directory

DALLAS

Bahá'í Faith - "Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship." - Bahá'u'lláh. All are warmly invited to an interfaith devotional gathering followed by casual discussion and a light dinner on April 30 at 2:00. This month's theme will be "True Education." You are welcome to share any related quotations, prayers, poems, and songs. For details contact 971-804-5943 or 503-269-3333. More about the Bahá'í Faith: www.bahai.org or www.bahaisofsalem.org

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: Darin 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 dalpreschurch@gmail.com.

Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ensz. 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 Derek Olson, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, 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.faith-freechurch.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.salt-creekchurch.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 - Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry)

503-623-8522. Email: stthomasdallasor@gmail.com www.stthomasdallasor.org 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. Interim Pastor - Al Berg. 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. Wednesday evening Contemporary Service 6:30 pm. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. www.dallaslc.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@qwestoffice.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.falls-citycc.com

Falls City United Methodist Church - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 a.m. All denominations are welcome. www.falls-cityumc.org

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.

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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 and Children's Church 9:20 a.m. Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30 p.m.. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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