

Center: Noise plays into concerns

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Voges declined further comment on the proposal. Jim and Judith Voges are the conditional-use permit applicants.

Before the planning department approved the permit, neighbors and other groups expressed opposition and concerns, mostly about traffic, noise and safety.

The Polk County Farm Bureau voted to oppose any event centers on farm land. Neighboring farmer Paul Villwock asked whether a traffic study would be done, citing the possibility that his field access might be blocked by traffic.

Kerns Homes opposed the proposal because of "the inadequacy of Polk Station Road to support existing and pending residential development and event center traffic." Twenty-nine neighbors in the Polk Station subdivision signed a petition opposing the center.

Planner Mark Bernard said the department tried to answer concerns of those who commented on the requirements for establishing the permit. Conditions of approval include:

- Activities "shall be substantially conducted within the accessory structures" described in the application.
- No more than five full- or part-time workers shall be

employed.

- Prior to opening the event center, the owner should make all necessary improvements to comply with state and local codes, and apply for the required permits to do that work.

- Events are permitted from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week, with cleanup activities allowed until 11 p.m.

- No more than 100 guests shall be allowed at any one event.

- Applicants must improve property's water connection to commercial standards.

- A single lane driveway shall be expanded to two lanes from Polk Station Road to the event center parking lot. Applicant shall obtain an encroachment permit from the city of Dallas for that expansion.

- Applicants shall hire a professional acoustical engineer to study and establish "ambient statistical noise levels in the vicinity of the subject property." Event center structures should be soundproof so noise levels do not exceed 60 decibels measured at the property line, or exceed ambient noise levels by more than 10 decibels in any one hour.

- Applicants shall provide a parking lot with a minimum of 55 parking spaces, four ADA parking spaces and two loading areas. A

parking lot plan must be submitted to the Polk County Building Division.

The appeal hearing was on June 6, held before Polk County Hearings Officer Leslie Howell.

Richard and Vickie Boer, who live on Polk Station Road, filed the appeal on May 11, along with 26 others who signed it.

"We believe the Polk County Planner Director failed to address the business' interference with the existing uses on nearby land," the appeal read. "We believe the impact of traffic on Polk Station Road was not adequately addressed."

The appeal said that traffic from Holiday Avenue, Fern Avenue, Evergreen Avenue and Dogwood Court already feed onto Polk Station, and more development is to come.

"The noise impact is also a concern, and while we realize conditions are in the conditional approval regarding noise, we believe that seven-days-a-week events from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. will impact neighbors," the appeal continued. "Also, while events are to take place primarily inside, we do not believe that this will realistically reduce our noise concerns."

The record on the appeal closed on June 26.

Brewster: Will give talk at Monmouth Senior Center

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"One of the fun things is the patterns on the ground," Jon said.

When the sun shines through the trees, it isn't just light going through, Jon said.

"Those are actually pinhole cameras showing you images of the sun," he said. "During the partial phase, all those little dapples are going to turn into crescents."

"It's really neat," Susan added. "You could use a Ritz cracker. You could use a sieve."

Jon has been asked to present about the eclipse and how to best view it at various places in the valley, including a presentation at the Monmouth Senior Center at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

"As we've gone to these, and people have asked questions, some of the questions are kind of scary," Susan said. "Like, 'I'm just going to watch it with my tanning glasses.' No. You can't do that."

Eye safety is a big deal. During the roughly two hours of the partial eclipse — as the moon moves in front of the sun — certified solar glasses, solar filters, or welders lenses rated 14-plus must be used to protect eyes and equipment. Only for the less than two minutes while the moon eclipses the sun completely is it safe to view with the naked eye.

"There's nothing weird about it," Jon said. "It's just the sun like always. We never stare at the sun. We don't stare at the sun this time. During totality, there's no sun to stare at. It's safe."

However, Jon and Susan have banned the use of binoculars at their viewing party.

"As long as you're not using binoculars, at the end of totality, as the sun begins to come back, it's not going to kill you. You're going

Learn more

What: Jon Brewster presents details on the Great American Eclipse.

Where: Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S.

When: 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Admission: Free.

Of note: Brewster will share history, what to expect, and how to stay safe. The city of Monmouth has some certified solar eclipse-viewing glasses at city hall.

For more information: The Itemizer-Observer will be printing regular stories on the Great American Eclipse now through Aug. 23.

to turn away," Jon said. "We glimpse the sun all the time when we're outside or driving. It's not that bad. Unless you're using binoculars, telescopes or cameras."

The magnification that comes with those tools can mean permanent damage to eyes in seconds, Jon said.

"We want people having a good experience and knowing how to protect themselves and their children, but also not terrified that the sun's going to kill them," Susan said.

Wherever you choose to view the Great American Eclipse, Susan said it will be amazing.

"You get a feeling for the vastness and where we live, because this is the shadow of the moon on the earth, and it makes it real for me," she said. "Like seeing Saturn. It's like, wow."

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POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

DALLAS

Bahá'í Faith - "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. Whatsoever hath led the children of men to shun one another, and hath caused dissensions and divisions amongst them, hath, through the revelation of these words, been nullified and abolished." - Bahá'u'lláh. All are warmly invited to an interfaith devotional gathering followed by casual discussion and a light dinner on July 30 at 2:00. This month's theme will be "Family" 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 and 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. 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 and 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 dalpreschurch@gmail.com.

Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe. 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; Lead 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.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 and 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. Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890. www.livinghopecitychurch.org

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.

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 - Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: sthomasdallas@gmail.com www.stthomasdallas.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 - Jim Nestingen. 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.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@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 am. 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.

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 and Children's Church 9:30 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, 503-838-1242. Father Francisco Bringuela. Saturday Masses: 5 pm English Vigil & 7pm Spanish. Sunday Masses: 9 am English & 11:30 am Spanish. Daily Masses: Monday 9:30 am Communion Service. 9 am Tuesday and Thursday Spanish, Wednesday and Friday English. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment. Faith Formation: Monday 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm Middle & High School. Tue: 6:45 pm-8:15 pm. Grades 1-4. Youth Group Thur. 6:30 pm. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sunday 5 pm at 315 Knox St., Monmouth. Tuesday 7 pm Fellowship.

MONMOUTH

Ash Creek Bible Church - 1483 N 16th, Monmouth, OR 97361. Located at corner of 16th and Hoffman Rd. Pastor/Teacher is Doug Burch. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Family AWANA. A conservative Baptist church. Our goal is to glorify God by growing together in Christ's likeness. www.ashcreekbible.wordpress.com

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.ckmonmouth.com

Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay St. W, 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 - through Sept. 3: Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

Monmouth Christian Church - (503) 838-1145; www.MyMcc.cc. 959 Church St W, Monmouth. Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Two Sunday Services; 9:20 am and 11:00 am. Children 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.

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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 503-837-0300.

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