

## Contract

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He said he would rather separate from Southwestern if that is the case, a sentiment that members of the council agreed with, though no vote was taken to that effect in the August or September meetings.

Young said the department is accredited and can operate without outside help. At Monday's meeting, Falls City Assistant Chief Mary Sykes said the department has 39 volunteers.

"We don't have to have anyone else helping us. So basically, we can run this department on our own if we have to," Young said. "Don't want to. I want to be involved in Southwest Polk because we've done that. We help them, and they help us in a way too."

About 45 percent of the Falls City station calls are in the Southwest district's territory. Reducing the number of calls could lead to a decrease in volunteers, Young said.

ISO ratings, which insurance companies use to determine fire insurance rates, could suffer if the agreement ends and Southwest pulls its equipment out of Falls City, Ungricht said.

Homes outside a 5-mile radius of the nearest station pay higher rates because it takes fire crews longer to arrive. Those people who live within in the district, but within 5 miles of the Falls City station could see a large difference in their insurance premiums if the agreement were to end, Ungricht said.

Hertel said he understands the concerns about

having an administrator from outside the city manage the department, but said the proposal is more about streamlining policy and keeping safety regulations up-to-date throughout the district.

"Southwestern would offer administrative services under that contract to the Falls City department," Hertel said. "It's hard for a volunteer department to administer all the regulations that fire service or EMS service is required to follow any more."

Hertel said if the contract expires, but the district and Falls City find agreement, they can operate under the current contract until formal approval.

If negotiations break down, either side can break the agreement.

## Accidents

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The driver of the Subaru, Anjali Singh, 25, of Lincoln City was not injured.

Use of a controlled substance by the deceased is believed to be a contributing factor in the crash, police said.

The highway was closed for about three hours. Oregon Department of Transportation workers established a detour. OSP was assisted on scene by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, North Lincoln Fire Department, ODOT, and Pac West Ambulance.

### Dallas woman killed in accident at Safeway

DALLAS — A Dallas woman has died following an accident the occurred in the Dallas Safeway parking lot on Thursday afternoon.

At about 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dallas officers were called to investigate the collision. According to police, a pickup moving through the parking lot struck at least two vehicles before stopping against a third vehicle.

Susan Matthies, 69, was apparently in the path of the pickup and adjacent to the second vehicle when it was struck, police said. She was taken to Salem Hospital by Dallas medics with life threatening injuries. She died late Thursday night, police said.

The driver of the pickup, an adult male who is a resident of the Dallas area, was transported to Salem Health West Valley with injuries that were not life-threatening. He is cooperating with the investigation, police said.

Dallas Police Department still is investigating and additional information will be released when available. Dallas PD is being assisted by the Oregon State Police and the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

### Riddell Road accident kills two

MONMOUTH — A Dallas man and Western Oregon University freshman were killed Friday night in a head-on collision.

At about 7:50 p.m., Polk County Sheriff's deputies

responded to a two-vehicle collision near the corner of Riddell and Whiteaker roads north of Monmouth.

Sheriff Mark Garton said the driver of a 2007 Acura was headed northbound on Riddell Road when it crossed the center line and struck a southbound 2017 Volvo head-on.

The driver of the Acura, Jacob Bailey, 24, of Dallas, and the driver of the Volvo, Elizabeth Hoke, 18, of Silverton, were both killed and pronounced dead at the scene.

"(Bailey) was ejected from the vehicle and ended up in a creek," Garton said.

Hoke was due to start her freshman year at WOU on Monday, Garton said.

Garton said the investigation into the accident continues, but the crash reconstruction indicates the Acura was traveling at a high rate of speed. The road was closed until 2 a.m. Saturday for the investigation.

Oregon State Police, Polk County Fire No. 1 and the Polk County Medical Examiner's Office assisted the sheriff's office on the scene.

## Cough

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The symptoms of the disease usually have two phases, according to a press release on Central's website:

The first stage begins like a cold, with a runny nose, sneezing and sometimes a low-grade fever. The second stage includes uncontrolled

coughing spells.

"It tends to start out like a cold," Kubista said. "When the issue starts is when it becomes that deep cough."

Kubista said the district is asking parents to be vigilant in keeping their children home when they are sick and following up with

a health care provider if there's concern about whooping cough.

For more information about pertussis: cdc.gov.

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