

SCHOOL NOTES

Rotarians distribute dictionaries

DALLAS — The Rotary Club of Dallas has donated more than 4,000 dictionaries to fourth-grade students in the city of Dallas in the last 20 years.

The Rotary Club of Dallas has provided dictionaries to all fourth-grade students in Dallas public schools since 1995. Since 2013, Webster's Student Dictionaries have been presented to all private, charter and home-schooled fourth-graders.

In 1995, 100 dictionaries were distributed. This year, 350 were given to students. The primary fundraiser for the dictionary project is the annual Rotary Club of Dallas Breakfast in the Park during Summerfest.

KVCS class sells art at coffee shop

KING VALLEY — Student-run coffee shop, Kings Crossing, in Kings Valley is now selling Kings Valley Charter School's first- and second-grade class' horseshoe art.

Teacher Jannet White's students used individual horseshoes to make designs that they traced onto white paper, voting for their favorite designs.

Those designs were taken to a welder, White's father, who donated his time. Then students selected colors to paint them.

The class decided on the price and made the price tags, as well. Horseshoe art will be for sale at Kings Crossing, located at the church across the street from the school, open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds go to the class fund for field trips and an iPad.

Clyne earns OSBA's bronze award

INDEPENDENCE — Central School Board member Peggy Clyne was one of 22 locally elected board members to earn a bronze award. Members earned the award for completing course work through the Oregon School Board Association's Leadership Institute.

The OSBA presented the awards on Nov. 14 at its annual convention in Portland.

There are four levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

The OSBA is a member services agencies for more than 200 locally elected boards serving school districts, education service districts and community colleges. It also provides services to charter schools and their boards.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man arrested on sex abuse charges

WEST SALEM — Hugh Reeves of West Salem was arrested Friday on sex offense charges while he was awaiting a February trial on other sex abuse allegations.

On Friday, Polk County deputies charged Reeves, 58, with second-degree rape, four counts of third-degree rape, two counts of second-degree sodomy, seven counts of third-degree sodomy, one count of first-degree sex abuse, three counts of second-degree sex abuse and four counts of third-degree sex abuse. The charges involve a juvenile female unrelated to Reeves.

The sheriff's office believes there may be more victims.

If you have information, call Detective John Williams at 503-623-9251.



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE / for the Itemizer-Observer

Citizens of Independence may trap and euthanize nutria with pellet guns, but it is more humane to drown them, according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Nutria exception to rule

Pellet guns may be used to euthanize creatures after they have been caught in a live trap in the city of Independence

By Emily Mentzer

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Discharging a firearm in Independence city limits is against the law, but there are a few exceptions, including dispatching nutria with a pellet gun.

That's not to say property owners may go around with a rifle hunting nutria, said Independence Police Chief Bob Mason.

To be in compliant with city codes, a nutria must be caught in a live trap before being dispatched with a pellet gun.

Also, property owners must notify the Independence Police Department prior to shooting the animal.

And, honestly, shooting a nutria is not the best way to go about it, Mason said.

"The most humane thing to do, that we are told from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, is drown them," Mason said. "You can shoot them with a pellet gun and kill them, but it's hard. I have reports of people shooting



them with a .22 and hours later, they're still alive."

Nutria are classified as "unprotected, nongame wildlife" with the state of Oregon. The animal is native to South America, first released into the wild in the United States in the 1930s for fur production, according to ODFW.

It damages vegetation and destroys wetland habitat, and is a danger to Oregon's native muskrat. Population control is considered a "high effort," by the ODFW.

Nutria cannot be relocated if trapped.

Mason said nutria can be mean and angry — especially after they've been trapped.

"When cornered or cap-

tured, nutria are aggressive and can inflict serious injury to pets and humans," the ODFW website states. "Extreme care should be taken when handling captured nutria."

Once the animal has been trapped, a property owner or designee can legally euthanize it, but if it is done with a pellet gun, he or she needs to call the IPD first and let them know, according to the city's codes.

Nutria should not be approached, Mason said.

"They may not be friendly," he said. "We haven't had any nutria attacks in our area, but people should have caution when approaching them."

ODFW's website offers tips for hazing nutria, but states that not many types of harassment work for very long.

To catch one in a live trap, ODFW recommends using sweet potatoes or carrots placed along active trails or wherever nutria are seen.

For more information: www.ci.independence.or.us, search city codes.

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer* for the holiday weekend:

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Community events — Noon on Thursday 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 — Noon Thursday.

Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Monday.

Classified line ads — Noon on Monday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.

Public notices — Noon on Thursday.

CORRECTIONS

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* is committed to publishing accurate news, feature and sports reports. If you see anything that requires a correction or clarification, call the newsroom at 503-623-2373 or send an e-mail to nadams@polkio.com.

WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, www.polkio.com, is updated each week by Wednesday afternoon. There, you will find nearly every story that appears in the print version of the newspaper, as well as some items, including additional photos, that do not appear in print due to space limitations.

The *Itemizer-Observer* is also on Facebook and Twitter. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Dec. 15.....	42	35	.T
Dec. 16.....	46	40	.37
Dec. 17.....	55	44	2.31
Dec. 18.....	55	43	.52
Dec. 19.....	50	41	.03
Dec. 20.....	48	43	.30
Dec. 21.....	53	43	.67

Rainfall during Dec. — 13.71 in.
Rain through Dec. 21 — 39.14 in.

New Year's Eve Gospel Music Celebration
Featuring: **The Knox Brothers**
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Be ready for winter road hazards

Itemizer-Observer staff report

POLK COUNTY — Contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation are making progress on two emergency culvert repairs

that closed area roads earlier in the month because of the recent storms.

Among those roads was Highway 22 at milepost 12 in Polk County, which should

be open by Wednesday (today).

The storms caused landslides, sink holes and flooding throughout Northwest Oregon.

ODOT crews have kept busy cleaning and patching damaged roads. Also, crews continue to monitor locations on state highways where the record rainfall has caused unstable hills and some roads to sink in places.

ODOT encourages all travelers to be cautious while using all area highways, especially those on the Coast and in the Coast Range, where there are a number of hazards caused by record rainfall and strong winds.

Be prepared for winter conditions through mountain passes, always carry chains and be ready to use them.

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Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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

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
Showtimes 503-606-3000
www.IndependenceCinema8.com

Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$7.25 Children \$6.75 - Senior \$7.00 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

Friday - Dec. 25 Only

CONCUSSION (Digital) (PG13)	(1:05 3:55)	6:45	9:35
DADDY'S HOME (Digital) (PG13)	(2:40 5:00)	7:20	9:40
POINT BREAK (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(4:55)	7:35	
POINT BREAK (NEC DOLBY 3D) (PG13)	(2:15)	10:20	
*STAR WARS: (NEC Dolby 3D)			
THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13)	(3:20)	9:40	
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THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13)	(12:40 3:50)	7:00	10:10
ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE ROAD CHIP (Digital) (PG)	(1:10 3:20 5:30)	7:40	9:45
SISTERS (Digital) (R)	(2:05 4:45)	7:30	10:15
JOY (Digital) (PG13)	(1:30 4:20)	7:10	10:00

Saturday - Thursday Dec. 26 - Dec. 31

CONCUSSION (Digital) (PG13)	(10:30 1:05 3:55)	6:45	9:35
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* Starred attraction. No passes accepted.

Driver Education Classes

Dallas High School

January 12-March 8
Tuesday & Thursday
5:30-7:30 pm

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