

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

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
April 14.....	53	37	.19
April 15.....	58	33	.00
April 16.....	71	36	.00
April 17.....	73	40	.00
April 18.....	76	40	.00
April 19.....	76	42	.00
April 20.....	79	43	.00

Rainfall during April — 1.75 in.
Rain through April 13 — 13.53 in.



Dan Clark, Grayson Mann and Harrison Eberly help dig a hole for a dawn redwood.

Monmouth plants trees

Volunteers celebrate Arbor Day in Madrona Park Saturday

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — In the cool, sunny morning on Saturday, about 50 people picked up shovels in Madrona Park.
"Let's go plant some trees!" Monmouth Mayor John Oberst exclaimed.
It was Monmouth's celebration of National Arbor Day, and the 13th year the city has been named Tree City USA.
Volunteers young and older planted 26 trees in Madrona Park, including two large trees. Community Development Director Mark Fancey gave tree-planting instructions before everyone got started.
"A lot of these are small trees, street trees," Fancey said. "They'd work well in city planter strips or front yards. They're relatively small trees when fully grown, so they're power-line friendly."
Holes had already been started for these smaller

trees, Fancey noted. But for the two large trees, such as the dawn redwood, he advised to measure the hole before placing the tree.
"Once it goes in the hole, it's not going to come back out," Fancey said, adding that multiple strong backs would be needed for these 100-pound trees.
Grayson Mann and Harrison Eberly, both Boy Scouts, helped Dan Clark and Michael Mann work on a 20-inch deep hole for the dawn redwood. They each took turns digging a few inches until the hole was deep enough to support the plant.
Michael Mann said he gets involved in community service projects with his son, Grayson, a Life Scout.
"Volunteer community service is always good," he said.
Once the hole was to the

diggers' satisfaction, the pot was cut off the redwood to reveal a giant root ball, so thick no soil could be seen. Troy Eberly came over to help loosen the roots.
The men rolled the tree into the hole. While Clark made sure it was straight, Grayson and Harrison filled in the dirt.
The tree planting efforts were a success. In fact, because of additional work in planting trees throughout 2014, Monmouth was recognized with a Tree City Growth Award for the first time this year.
"If you have a significant addition to your tree program, you qualify for this award," Fancey said.
In total, 121 trees have been planted at Madrona Park since fall 2014, and 49 trees were added to the Monmouth Dog Park.

EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas city budget stays 'status quo'

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Dallas' 2015-16 budget increased slightly from the current fiscal year, but will essentially offer a "status quo" level of service.
City Manager Ron Foggin provided an overview of the city's proposed approximately \$39 million budget Monday night during a Dallas Budget Committee meeting. About \$10.4 million is in the city's general fund, which includes police, fire, finance, administration and community development departments.
"We are trying to keep up with current service levels," Foggin said.

added one full-time police officer position and created a new fund for stormwater, separating it from the sewer fund. The new stormwater fund amounts to \$273,000.
The budget committee will meet again on Monday at 6 p.m. to discuss in detail public safety and public works-related department budgets. A third meeting on May 4 at 7 p.m. will include administrative and building and grounds-related budgets. A final meeting of the budget committee will be May 18 at 7:15 p.m.
A copy of the budget is available for review at the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
For more information: 503-623-2338.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Polk Fire No. 1 honors personnel

INDEPENDENCE — Polk County fire district No. 1 honored personnel for their efforts at an event on March 21 at Green Villa Barn in Independence.
The awards banquet honored engineer Allen Lindsog for 35 years of service; Lt. David Weston, Cpt. Dell Weston and Cpt. Mike Case for 20 years; Cpt. Mike Rusher and Chaplain Bob McMillian for 15 years; engineer Kevin Crutsinger and firefighter Pattie Walz for five years.
Also honored were Firefighter/Paramedic Jennifer Wanger, Instructor of the Year; firefighter Rick Fletcher, Rookie of the Year; Jacqueline Shellito, Support Member of the Year; Chief John Stein, IAFF Local 4196 Award; firefighter/paramedic Chris Paulsen, Emergency Medical Technician of the Year; engineer Stuart Edgar, Chiefs Award; Cpt. Mike Kissell, Officer of the Year; firefighter/EMT Dustin Anderson, Resident Volunteer of the Year; Division Chief Mike Mayfield, Employee of the Year; and firefighter Stephen Hoem, Firefighter of the Year.

2015 PEP Talks Series
Promote Enterprising Performance

Writing a Marketing Plan
Tuesday, May 5, 12 PM to 1:30 PM
Independence Public Library • 175 Monmouth St.

- Definition and purpose of a marketing plan
- Components of a successful marketing plan
- Tips and benefits for using a marketing plan

Dr. Keven Malkewitz: A tenured associate professor in the Division of Business and Economics at Western Oregon University, Keven received a Ph.D. in Marketing from the University of Oregon. Prior to WOU, a life-long interest in product design led Keven to a fifteen-year global career with Adidas.

Cost per workshop: \$15 for MI Chamber members \$20 for non-members. Fee includes lunch.
Register by noon May 4, 2015.

The 2015 PEP Talks Series features six workshops led by local leaders in their respective fields of expertise and are designed to strengthen businesses and organizations in our community.

For more information and to register, contact the
Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center:
www.micc-or.org or 503-838-4268

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West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Wednesday April 29, 2015 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 29, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting.

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at www.wvpha.org. The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.



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Ken Braun
Dallas, Oregon

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