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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

In "Indy Police earns accrediation from OAA" on April 22 Page 2A, the Dallas Police Department has not been accredited with OAA, but was involved in the program. Also, 61 agencies are involved in the OAA, but only 39 are accredited with the agency. The I-O regrets the confusion.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
April 21	65	43	.04
April 22		38	.00
April 23	55	35	.03
April 24	56	45	.24
April 25	60	41	.02
April 26	60	40	Т
April 27	80	47	.00

Rainfall during April — 2.08 in. Rain through April 27 — 13.86 in.



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An especially warm winter and spring means more vegetables — and even some berries — at Tuesday's Polk County Bounty Market Monmouth.

Festivities to fill park

Monmouth market kicks off Tuesday on Main

By Emily Mentzer

The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — On Tuesday, Main Street Park in Monmouth will come alive with the Polk County Bounty Market.

Last year, the market performed better than expected for a first-year affair, said Chelsea Metcalfe, executive director of the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and Dallas Area Visitor Center, organizers of the market.

'We averaged seven vendors per week," Metcalfe said. "Our goal was five, with our highest at 11."

The Monmouth Bounty Market kicks off on Cinco de Mayo, and vendors are looking forward to the event, Metcalfe said.

Western Oregon University jazz students will provide the musical entertainment on the day, said program manager Bonnie Dreier.

The city will continue to have a booth there every week, where the public will have easy access to information ranging from public works to the senior center to asking City Manager Scott McClure questions, Dreier added.

New this year, Polk Counplanned throughout the ty Community and Healthy summer, including a return Families will have a booth for information, also.

"They do all the preventative (health) things for Polk County," Dreier said.

Because the season has been so warm, market-goers will find things not usually found until the third or even sixth week of the market, she noted. "We have produce that we

usually start in June," Dreier said. "We'll have some berries to start, and all your early spring veggies will be there.'

The Monmouth Bounty Market will again accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cards, as well as both debit and credit cards. These cards are swiped at the market information booth in exchange for tokens which may be used at both the Monmouth and Dallas bounty markets.

"They (market tokens) can be given as gifts, too,' Dreier said. "We've had people come purchase them for employee appreciation or birthdays. Instead of gift certificates, we have tokens."

Special events will be

appearance by Reptile Man. Dreier said the market is still accepting vendors and is seeking sponsors.

For more information: bonnie@bountymarket.org. For updates on market events, find the market on Facebook.

No fix near for Hwy 99W, Clow Corner

By Jolene Guzman The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — Highway 99's intersection with Clow Corner Road, always a concern for its rate of fatal and serious crashes, may not see safety im-

provements for some time. The Oregon Department of Transportation recently informed the county funding for the project may be pulled due to budget concerns.

The intersection was one of six that ODOT included in a 20-year plan for safety fixes between Rickreall and Monmouth.

Tim Potter, ODOT's area 3 manager, sent a letter to Polk County Public Works Director Todd Whitaker stating the preferred option, an offset-T intersection, would cost \$2.9 million, more than the project's \$1.46 million in funding. Potter said the plan in late 2014 was to use funding from other canceled safety projects to fill the gap.

That has since changed, according to letter.

"Unfortunately at this time all safety funds for the

current (funding) cycle have been allocated to other projects, and there are no remaining funds available for this project," Potter wrote. "As a result, I regret to inform you that this project

will be canceled." An offset-T intersection would move the eastern portion of Clow Corner's junction with 99W away from its current location, creating two "Ts" instead of one four-armed intersection.

Doing so prevents vehicles from crossing all lanes of traffic to continue on Clow Corner and would prevent some types of crashes.

However, there's still a chance the intersection will be included in the next funding cycle, which will begin later this year, Potter

Originally, ODOT had wanted to install a roundabout at the intersection, but that idea lost traction when county officials objected, saying the 55 mph speed limit and large amount of truck and farm equipment traffic made that option impractical.



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Local EMS and Fire cannot respond in a timely manner without police protection in an emergency when an unsafe scene is jeopardizing those first responders!

Since March of 2014, more than 2000* calls for assistance to the 911 call center resulted in either a delayed-response, or NO response at all.

Without adequate funding there will not be enough staff in the Polk County District Attorney or Corrections system to hold criminals accountable for their actions. We have 499* people (59* Sex Offenders) on parole in Polk County.



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