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Wendi Uselman, right, packs an order of doughnuts Thursday while her sister, Jennifer Stan, makes another batch.

## Little treats pack big punch

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — In urgent need of a little something sweet?

A Little Donut Therapy has just the thing for you: mini doughnuts.

Don't worry — the tiny pastries still pack plenty of flavor.

"They are kind of addicting. I think they are more addicting than the regular-size doughnuts. They stay softer and they have more flavor to them," said owner Wendi Uselman, adding, "but that is just my personal opinion."

Others may agree. A Little Donut Therapy, a drive-thru doughnut stand located in the parking lot of Dallas Fuel & Foodmart, 430 Main St., already has quite a few repeat customers.

Since opening on May 21, Uselman said she's even had people return on the same day to buy more of her mini treats.

With nine flavors to choose from — plain,

### Something sweet?

**What:** A Little Donut Therapy  
**Where:** In the parking lot of Dallas Fuel & Foodmart, 430 Main St.  
**Hours:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

chocolate, maple, vanilla, lemon, cinnamon sugar, powdered sugar, sprinkles, and chocolate with coconut — return trips may be necessary.

Uselman said the cake doughnut recipe is a mix she buys, but A Little Donut Therapy adds its personal touch in the homemade glazes and toppings.

"We put it on there just enough that you can still have the cake doughnut taste and the good flavor," Uselman said.

Her personal favorite? "I like the chocolate and coconut, but the maple is up there, too," she said.

Uselman, her sister Jennifer Stan, and fellow doughnut enthusiast Dave Rabe joined forces to bring the drive-thru idea to Dallas. It's a concept they are familiar with — though the current operation is on a smaller scale in terms of store and pastry size.

"My parents owned their own bakeries in Spokane, Wash.," Uselman said. "We were raised in bakeries."

Not only that, Uselman said they recently sold three restaurants in the Salem area, White's Restaurant, Don's Restaurant, both in Salem, and Mommy & Madie's in Keizer. She's used to

arriving early — like 3:30 a.m. — to open by 6 a.m.

At that point, she may have customers waiting to pick up a sweet treat before heading to work or out of town.

Lunch is also a popular time — A Little Donut Therapy offers hot dogs and chili dogs in addition to doughnuts.

So far, Uselman said customer feedback has been positive and the reception from other businesses in town overwhelming.

"It's been busy and I'm right on the Main Street. It's been good," she said. "Everybody is helping. It's been a great welcoming."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Eola Drive to be closed for upgrade

POLK COUNTY — Eola Drive Northwest will be closed to southbound (downhill) traffic from Kingswood Drive Northwest to Edgewater Street Northwest Thursday through Sept. 2, for road improvements.

A detour route will direct motorists to Glen Creek Road Northwest. One northbound lane will remain open. At times, flaggers will be present to control traffic and pedestrians.

The road work will create traffic congestion within the area, and motorists should expect delays.

For more information: Aaron Edelman, project manager, 503-588-6211.

### Monmouth PD looking for reserves

MONMOUTH — The Monmouth Police Department is accepting applications for reserve police officers to augment full-time staff.

Successful candidates will attend the Mid-Valley Reserve Training Academy from November through May, receiving more than 300 hours of Department of Public Safety Standards and Training certified training. While attending the training, participants may be eligible for credit toward a degree from Western Oregon University or Chemeketa Community College.

The reserve training academy includes classroom and hands-on survival skills training, with topics ranging from criminal law, crash investigation, major crimes investigation, firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operation and confrontational simulations.

The deadline to apply is June 26 at 5 p.m. Applications may be found at the Monmouth Police Station or online at [www.ci.monmouth.or.us](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us). For more information: Officer Mark Hamilton, 503-838-1109.

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Steve Coffman runs Coffman Apiary in Dallas Oregon and is the Oregon State Bee Association Regional Representative for North Willamette Valley. He provides bees for California almonds and local crops in our area.

Mark Griswold Wilson has managed a professional practice in restoration ecology, landscape design, and environmental education for over 30 years. He makes educational presentations and trainings on behalf of the Xerces Society and the Pacific Northwest Urban Meadow Group. He will speak on attracting native pollinators to Willamette Valley meadows and backyards.

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1	5	9	8	3	7	4	2	6
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