

**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](http://www.polkio.com).  
**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

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**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 30.....	95	59	.00
July 1.....	98	63	.00
July 2.....	100	60	.00
July 3.....	99	61	.00
July 4.....	97	59	.00
July 5.....	96	60	.00
July 6.....	92	59	.00

Rainfall during June — 0.67 in.  
Rain through July 6 — 15.27 in.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer  
**Frink's General Store co-owner Cathy Frink rings up a customer during Friday's July 3 celebrations in Falls City. Frink, and her husband, Kirby, opened the new store on July 1.**

**Frink's store offers more**

*General store moves to larger location on Main Street*

**By Jolene Guzman**  
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — Kirby Frink spent a lot of time greeting customers at Frink's General Store — formerly A&N Home-town Grocery — on Friday. That's the day Falls City celebrates Independence Day, so it's typically busy at the market, but this year's celebration also marked the store's first week under new ownership. The new Frink's General Store opened July 1 combining its two locations — grocery, deli and hardware stores — into the bigger store at 319 N. Main St. "We closed (the other store) at noon on June 30 and opened here at 6 a.m. July 1," Frink said. He said the new location still is a work in progress, but has been well-received by the community. "We are still moving in," he said. "We still have a lot to do." Frink and his wife, Cathy, worked for weeks cleaning and preparing the store for opening. That included a

**The (new) Frink's General Store**

**What:** Frink's General Store  
**Where:** 319 N. Main St., Falls City  
**Hours:** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week  
**Contact:** Find the company on Facebook

new coat of paint on the outside before opening the doors last week. "We've been working day and night for the last month," Frink said. The location had changed hands twice in the last four years before the Frinks took over. Frink said before the store closed for the last time, business hours were inconsistent. He's hoping to draw customers back with regular hours and many of the items offered at his other stores. The deli will include pre-prepared items — not made-to-order food like the previous store. However, customers streaming through the doors Thursday just seemed glad to have the store up and running again. "I love the store!" one customer said to Frink as she came through the doors.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer  
**Laura Gilbert works Friday.**

On the blistering hot summer day, Frink said he had yet another reason to appreciate the move: air conditioning. His former location didn't have air conditioning, which meant even relatively mild summer days could become unbearable with the smaller space and coolers running. "That has been the nicest thing, it's cooler," he said.

**District considers tax on construction**

*New excise tax could mean more money for Dallas School District*

**By Jolene Guzman**  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dallas School District continues to gather information about possibly implementing a construction excise tax to help pay for capital improvements. Similar to systems development fees used to expand infrastructure — streets, water and sewer systems — and parks, the fee could only be used to acquire land or help pay for improvements or new school construction. In 2007, the Oregon State Legislature passed a law allowing school boards to charge the tax, which would become part of the permit fees on new residential or commercial construction.

The district considered implementing the tax shortly after it was approved, but the Dallas School Board decided it didn't want to impose the tax on the community during a recession. Now the area is in recovery and could be on the cusp of a building boom. That led the board to consider how it could accommodate enrollment increases as the community grows. "We are looking at what are we going to do if — when — we build out 500 (housing) units over in Barberry and bring in a (similar) number of kids, depending on what kind of demographics falls into that area," said Tami Montague, Dallas School District's business manager, referring to a large development planned near Fir Villa Road. "We don't have room for 500 elementary kids anywhere." Last week, district officials gave a presentation on the tax to members of the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce public policy committee. Montague

noted the board, which began discussing the idea this spring, is just in fact-finding mode. "They've not gotten very far in the decision-making process," she said of board members. "They are just collecting information at this point. They want folks to show up and talk about what the impacts would be." About 60 school districts in the state now charge the tax. In 2015, the tax is set at a maximum of \$1.17 per square foot for residential construction and 58 cents per square foot for commercial development. Adding the fee would have increased fees from 12.5 percent to a high of nearly 30 percent depending on the size of the home, based on a sampling of permits issued in Dallas this year. For most, the increase was below 20 percent. Montague said had the district approved the tax when it was first considered, it would have generated about \$433,000 in revenue from just residential construction. That stretch included a number of years when building was sparse in Dallas, she added. The idea was met with some concerns at the public policy meeting. "It seems like it puts a lot of onus or burden on a smaller group of shoulders instead of spreading it out communitywide," said committee member Mike Barker. "It's a community-wide issue, not just a new homeowners' issue." Jim Williams, who is also on the committee, noted imposing the tax may influence builders' decisions about where to develop. Montague said the board hasn't given itself a timeline to weigh the pros and cons. "They are really just looking for the input," Montague said.

**HEALTH DIRECTORY**

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