

# Heat: No end in sight to dry stretch

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He just began harvesting tall fescue, the earliest in the season. Quiring can remember. Other crops, peas and wheat will be ready early, too.

Quiring said this season gives him mixed emotions. "You're glad to get it done early, but when there's not much out there, it's kind of depressing," he said.

Nicole Anderson, who works with commercial farmers through Oregon State University Extension Service, said she's seeing the same pattern throughout the region. Harvests look to be two weeks ahead of schedule. Yields are 20 to 30 percent lower on dryland farms as opposed to irrigated.

"Irrigation will certainly pay this year," she said. Area vineyards would appreciate a little rain in the next few months, too.

Bruce Sonnen, vineyard manager for Van Duzer Vineyards, said the season started well as far as rainfall was concerned, then it dried out. The storm in early June was helpful in that it mitigated a mostly dry May and June.

Sonnen said an inch of rain in July and August would be ideal, but all is not lost if that doesn't happen. He said it would be reminiscent of 2012, which was a good year for dark, flavorful reds.

He said that is the result of "stressed" vines producing smaller berries, which elevates the grape skin-to-juice ratio in the wine.

"Stressed vines make the best wines," he said.

Hot, dry weather still has its risks though. Warm evenings create a more agreeable environment for powdery mildew.

"Our biggest concern as growers in the valley is fire danger," Sonnen said.

If fire season is especially intense this year, the smoke in the air could "taint" the grapes to the point it can be tasted in the fruit.

Locally, it's been so far, so good on the fire front. Since the countywide burn ban was called on June 16, firefighters in Dallas have yet to respond to any major fires. Dallas Fire & EMS spokeswoman April Welsh said crews have been called to assist on calls for other agencies, but nothing that has gotten too far out of hand.

Even over July Fourth weekend, it was fairly quiet. "People were being really responsible with fireworks," Welsh said. "People are taking it pretty seriously."

If this is to remain a quiet fire season, people need to remain vigilant. Welsh cautioned people to properly dispose of cigarette butts and use caution when working outdoors and barbecuing.

"Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose around when doing work outside, even mowing ... dry grass can catch fire," Welsh said.

## Beating the Summer Heat



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer  
**Two Junior Master Gardeners campers prepare for a refreshing blast of cool water on the last day of the three-day camp July 1. In addition to water games, they learned about insects, plants, forestry, pollination, germination and eating healthy.**

## Fundraiser honors Randy Whittaker

**By Jolene Guzman**  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Polk County Jail staff will mark the anniversary of losing Sgt. Randy Whittaker by doing something that would make him proud.

Whittaker, who worked at the Polk County Jail for 15 years, was killed in a car accident July 18, 2014. His colleagues couldn't let the date pass without doing something to celebrate who Whittaker was, said jail employee Jody Germond.

The department will hold a barbecue in his honor July 17, raising money for the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation, which provided support to Whittaker's family after his death. Also, Polk County employees will

hold a pet supply drive through the month of July.

Germond said Whittaker had many pets and loved animals, giving donations every Christmas to shelters.

"That was just his thing," Germond said. "He was a huge pet person and it just seemed like the right thing to do. He would be proud of us doing it."

The barbecue will be in the jail parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 17. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the sides and fixings will be on the menu for \$5 per person. People also can contribute to the pet supply drive that day. Those who drop off pet supplies will be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

For more information: 503-623-9251.

# Work: Variety of opportunities at fair

## Looking for Work?

**What:** Polk County Job Fair.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 15.

**Where:** Central High School's cafeteria, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence.

**Of note:** More than 100 jobs will be available at the job fair. Employers will be ready to hire, so participants should be ready to be hired. Bring a resume — or the information needed to put on together with WorkSource Oregon representatives — and dress the part.

**For more information:** inciteworks.org.

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"We can sit down and do a mock interview, give a critique about what to do better," Gibson said.

Be ready to interview, she said. Bring a resume and dress appropriately.

In today's Internet world, most companies require online applications. While representatives from Work-

Source Oregon will be on hand to help fill those out, one unique thing about a job fair is the old-fashioned face time.

"That's the beauty of having a job fair," Gibson said. "To meet the human resources person and look them in the eye, that's priceless. You don't get that very often."

With all the help and op-

portunities in one place, Irvine said people should be able to find help looking for work.

"People should walk out

of there, if not a job in hand, a very solid, 'show up on this day at this time for a final interview' sort of thing," he said.

## Dallas Downtown Association invites all to celebrate the

*Renaissance of the Blue Garden  
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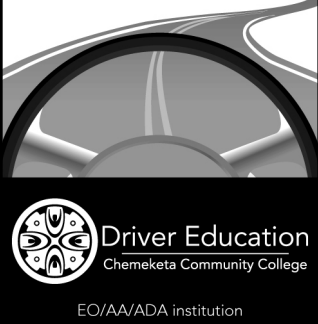
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**Fri., July 24th 2015** 6:00-9:00 pm.  
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**Sat., July 25th, 2015** 11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Parade in downtown Dallas 5:00 pm til ?  
Dinner: Hawaiian Theme. Come dressed for the occasion. DJ, dancing, video presentation and more.  
\$45 person, \$80 couple (advanced reservations needed),  
Evy Kristensen 503-816-9009 for tickets & info.

**Sun., July 26, 2015** 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
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Potluck Family Picnic 1:00 pm Dallas Park, Brandvold Kitchen, near footbridge.

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All proceeds for service projects.  
Tickets are available at Wal-Mart all Sundays in July, and at Postal Connections, Dallas on weekdays.

## Music in the Park

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Mark Fancey 503-751-0147

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and blankets and  
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the park!

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### Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★

Row →

Three-by-three square →

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

By Ben Arnoldy

The Christian Science Monitor

# AN ODE TO KRAZY DAYZ

# DALLAS Summerfest

# 2015

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

We're going back to the 80's and 90's  
with a tribute to "Krazy Dayz" for  
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