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

In the story, "Music fills the air," on Page 7A, Ramble On is misidentified in the photo. The I-O regrets the error. 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

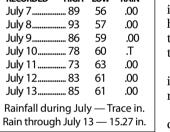
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WEATHER RECORDED HIGH LOW RAIN





Struggles with raising money is putting a Falls City tradition — July 3 fireworks — in jeopardy. The fire department decided not to put on the show next year without more support.

Donations not enough

Falls City Fire needs money to continue annual fireworks

By Jolene Guzman The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — Without more financial support, Falls City's July 3 fireworks show may not happen in 2016. Jenn Drill, a Falls City city

councilor, said at its latest meeting the Falls City Fire Department board decided it would not put on the show without more support from the city or other sources.

Drill said the department would need at least \$3,000 in outside support to make the show financially feasible in 2016. This year's display cost \$7,000, and donations taken on July 3 amounted to \$400. Gracie Drill, granddaugh-

ter of Falls City Fire Chief Bob Young, asked the Falls City City Council at its meeting Thursday to consider helping pay for the display to keep the Falls City tradition going.

"My grandpa enjoys doing

celebration had a few signif-

ing the city in the case. icant changes, including moving vendors out of Upper Park to North Main Street. The city's park and recreation department will review the event and may make recommendations for changes next year. The council also learned

the city would be dropping a long-standing code violation case against the owners of citation. Akha Farm. Farm owner Matthew McDaniel was appealing a conviction on seven code violations stem-

ming from citations issued in spring and summer of 2014. Since then, the city has lost its code enforcement officer, which further complicated the case for the city.

"We decided to drop the case on our attorney's advice," Mayor Terry Ungricht said.

He said the city's new attorney, Ross Williamson, reviewed the case and determined the city had a 50-50 chance to win and likely no it would take to proceed. At-

"He (Williamson) just felt it would be better to drop this case," Ungricht said. "Once we have a procedure in place, if there are still violations, (we should) better record them. One of the problems he had with this case is the pictures didn't always match the dates of the

In other business, the city passed a resolution setting its tax on medical and recreational marijuana products at zero. The city will keep that rate until the state determines if cities can charge taxes.

Sudoku solution

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Winners named of annual art show

MONMOUTH — The second annual Community Art Show at Monmouth's Fourth of July Festival was a success, said show coordinator Nancy Lehto.

Although the show garnered a lower number of entries from artists, it maintained the attendance numbers, she added.

Visitors to the show were encouraged to vote for their favorite pieces, which were displayed in the Monmouth Public Library through Tuesday.

People's Choice winners were: (ages 5-7) Jocelyn Locke, "Fireworks;" (ages 8-10) Kaylee Hatch, "Zentangled Hummingbird;" (ages 11-14) Nayeli Lopez Melton, "Rain Forest Iguanas;" (adult/amateur) Rachel Prescott, "Head in the Clouds:" and (semi-pro/professional) Jackie Digmann, "Telling Secrets."

Each winner also received a gift certificate to the Art Department Inc., an art supply store in Salem.

Blue Garden receives facade grant

DALLAS — Downtown Dallas' Blue Garden building just received \$30,000 in grant funding from two programs.

Dallas Urban Renewal District awarded building owner Bob Collins \$10,000, and a \$20,000 grant was awarded from the Oregon Historic Preservation Office.

The money is intended for restoring the iconic Blue Garden neon sign and replacing the blue tiles on the first floor exterior wall.

In addition to the Blue Garden, the Dallas locksmith building, 869 Main St., and House of Floors, 680 Main St., have received matching grants through the urban renewal district to improve facades. The program provides for improvements in the 500 to 900 blocks of Main Street.

For more information on the Dallas Urban Renewal Agency's Downtown Facade Improvement Program, contact Suzanne Dufner at 503-831-3572.

Dallas officers graduate from academy

DALLAS — Two Dallas Police Department officers will graduate this week from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) basic police class.

Officers Jordan Houser and David King were part of the department's 349th class.

The class is 16 weeks in length and includes dozens of training areas including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse and drug recognition.

The class will graduate Friday at the Oregon Public Safety Academy at 4190 Aumsville Highway SE in Salem at 11 a.m.



