

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

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WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, www.polkio.com, is updated each week by Wednesday afternoon. There, you will find nearly every story that appears in the print version of the newspaper, as well as some items, including additional photos, that do not appear in print due to space limitations.

The *Itemizer-Observer* is also on Facebook and Twitter. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
July 28	88	54	.00
July 29	99	61	.00
July 30	105	61	.00
July 31	103	62	.00
Aug. 1	100	60	.00
Aug. 2	82	63	.00
Aug. 3	84	63	.00

Rainfall during July — 0.01 in.
Rain through Aug. 3 — 15.28 in.

Who will be Queen of the Kitchen?

Exhibits in open class are judged and given prizes before fair opens Thursday

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — So many exhibits will be on display at the Polk County Fair, from fabric arts to home-grown veggies, crafts to food.

Oh the food. It seems almost cruel to have such a bounty of award-winning delights behind a glass, unable to sneak a taste of the best cookies, cakes, candies, breads and pies in Polk County.

Who is lucky enough to get to take a slice out of that blue-ribbon blueberry pie? “The judges,” said Evelyn Hubbard, superintendent of food at this year’s fair. “We just had one of our judges retire, so we have a new lady.”

Not just anyone can judge the taste, consistency, and doneness of canned and



Canned cherries have already been judged by the time doors open on the fair.

baked goods, Hubbard said. Judges must go to a special class and get certified.

“It’s kind of fun to be their

clerk,” she noted, “because if they find something good, they usually share it.”

As superintendent of

foods, it is Hubbard’s responsibility to oversee the judging all day on Wednesday before the fair, then

repackage it all to put on display for opening day on Thursday.

Entering food at the fair runs in her family. Hubbard is one of four generations that has won Queen of the Kitchen. Her mother took the title four times; she, herself, took it four times; her daughter won once; and two grandchildren each won once.

“We are a family of home canning and cooking and stuff,” Hubbard said. Her favorites?

“I like doing the quick breads,” Hubbard said. “I love to do carrot cake and peanut butter fudge. They all take blues (ribbons), usually.”

It is too late to enter any delicacies for this year’s fair, as the entry day was Tuesday. But don’t forget to take a walk through the exhibits and admire all the hard work of neighbors and friends.

Kester spent life giving back

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Wayne Kester had a mission in life: to give back.

In 2009, he received a gift and a new chance at life, the beneficiary of a kidney transplant. He wasted no time returning the favor. He volunteered for James2 Community Kitchen in Dallas and Falls City as a cook and later as a board member. He also coached youth sports in Dallas.

Friends say he exemplified the objective of James2, a Dallas-based nonprofit providing free meals to those in need in Dallas and Falls City.

“Wayne was a man with a mission, whether he stated it or not,” said Kim Conolly, a friend and colleague with James2. “He served everyone lovingly, equally and faithfully. Wayne was the head, heart, and soul of James2.”

On July 28, Kester died after suffering a heart attack, leaving a void in the organization and the community he served.

But Conolly said his mission will continue. “I believe Wayne would challenge us to keep creat-

ing and working towards the beauty of no hunger in our community,” she said. “Wayne’s vision for James2 must live on through us, as we love and serve one another.”

Gary Medsker, a volunteer and treasurer for Dallas Food Bank, shared Kester’s passion for feeding the hungry.

The food bank and James2 worked together on occasion to fulfill their missions, trading food items that might better fit the other organization’s needs.

“We were both working to help others in the community,” Medsker said.

In Kester, Medsker saw true devotion to that cause.

“He did a lot of good for the community,” Medsker said. “I think that was probably his mission. He was just dedicated to being useful to others.”

His work didn’t stop at helping prepare nourishing meals. He also took the role of serving at James2’s board president.



Kester

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POPK COUNTY BOUNTY MARKET

DALLAS

1st & 3rd Thursdays

• FREE Kids' Activities

Cash & Company 11:30 - 1:00pm

182 SW Academy St, Dallas, OR

Sponsors: Old Mill Feed & Garden, Oregon State CU, Polk County, Squair's Taxi, The Car Doctor, Wall Insurance, West Valley Hospital, White's Collision Service

POPK COUNTY BOUNTY MARKET

MONMOUTH

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

• FREE Kids' Activities

WOU Jazz Students - Noon to 1:30

120 Main St E, Monmouth, OR

Sponsors: City of Monmouth, Petals & Vines, PCL (Partnership in Community Living), Vest Bikes Plus

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WHEN: Thursday, August 20
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: BeckenRidge Vineyard
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Dallas

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	9			6	8
		8	2		
		1		8	
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3	8		7	5	
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	5				6
2	7			1	5

Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

Row →

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

Three-by-three square →

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