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JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer
 Jenna Tompkins, left, with Bolt listens to the advice of MaKayli Laizure before the start of the livestock auction.

GOING, GOING, GONE

Bolt the goat earns reserve champion, and good price at auction

By Jolene Guzman
 The Itemizer-Observer

RICKREALL — Jenna Tompkins, 11, had a very good three days at the Polk County Fair.

A first year 4-H goatherder with the "Mischief Makers" club, she was named a champion junior showman and reserved champion goat showman. Her project goats took reserve champion and fifth-place ranks.

Not bad for her first time. "She's pretty amazing," said Jenna's mother, Kathy Tompkins, Thursday afternoon following the market goat show.

The last day of the fair may have been both the highlight and the most difficult. Saturday is the day of



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Bolt, Jenna Tompkins' market goat, was named reserve champion at the Polk County Fair. He's the highest ranking goat she raised this year, and the one she took to auction.

the Polk County Livestock Association youth livestock auction, when the time and effort put into projects are

rewarded for the kids. But, it's also the day Jenna may have had to say goodbye to a friend she raised from the

time he was just a few months old. Jenna's market goat, Bolt, earned reserve champion honors in the goat show, making him eligible for the auction. Bolt is a big boy, tipping the scales at 136 pounds, nearly double Jenna's weight.

He's calm, contently chewing and sniffing anything within reach as the market goats line up outside the swine barn before the auction begins.

"He's always happy, really," Jenna said of Bolt.

This being the first time Jenna and her family tried raising goats, there was a bit of a learning curve, especially regarding keeping the goats where they are supposed to be.

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IN YOUR TOWN

DALLAS NEWS

The Dallas School Board took comments Monday on its option to adopt a construction excise tax, or school construction system development charge (SDC).

If adopted, a fee would be collected on new construction within the district.

The maximum the district could collect in the 2015-16 school year is \$1.20 per square foot on residential construction and 60 cents per square foot on commercial construction. About a third of the districts in the state have adopted the charge.

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FALLS CITY NEWS

Bad to the Bone is back and taking over Falls City's Lower Park Saturday.

The event, now in its eighth year, is a fundraiser for the Falls City Alliance. Bad to the Bone no longer features a barbecue contest, but does have plenty to keep people busy from noon until sundown.

Have musical or dramatic talent? Come on down to the entertainment stage in the park and participate in the open mic.

Food vendors, merchandise vendors, horseback rides and games will be open all day.

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INDEPENDENCE NEWS

A fleet of aircraft will descend at the Independence State Airport this weekend during the Independence Fly-in and Van's Homecoming.

While the fly-in runs from Friday through Sunday, the event is not just for general aviation pilots. The public is welcome to come have breakfast, bid on silent auction items, view classic aircraft, learn about aviation and stay for lunch.

"The biggest activity will be Saturday," said Marcia Noell, event organizer.

This year the club is focusing on classic aircraft — generally fabric-covered planes from the 1930s and 1940s.

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MONMOUTH NEWS

Angie Amos and Jan Warden have spent their lives volunteering in one way or another.

The two were honored recently for more than 20 years of service at the Monmouth Senior Center, but that just scratches the surface.

Amos, 82, said she remembers shoveling her sidewalk for her children to get to school.

"Once they were off to school, I shoveled my neighbor's walk so they could get out," she said. "I think I've always wanted to help others that needed it."

Giving to others runs in her family, Amos said.

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West Valley Hospital and its parent company, Salem Health, will soon be part of Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Partners.

The partnership, which was formed to streamline services and provide better care to patients of both organizations, will officially begin on Oct. 1.

However, the governing boards at OHSU and Salem Health last week announced the new name of the organization, OHSU Partners.

The board also named Peter Rapp, the executive director of OHSU health care and OHSU executive vice president.

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JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer
Workers with Robert Young Construction place a board on the roof of the new cover over the stadium at Falls City High School's football field on Friday.

Ready for rain this fall season

By Jolene Guzman
 The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — The sound of hammering and saws cutting boards filled the football field below Falls City School Friday afternoon.

A long-awaited goal of the district was taking shape: Mountaineer fans will finally have a grandstand.

In 2008, district officials began discussing a stadium, but it took the effort of volunteers to see it through, said John Gilbert, the district's facilities manager. What used to be a set of

modest bleachers, built with the help of students a few years ago, will now be a covered stadium, thanks to the donated labor of Robert Young Construction.

Before the start of football season, owner Bob Young and his crew will have spent a combined three to four days putting the cover over the bleachers.

This summer, the district purchased materials from Van Well Building Supply in Dallas and rented a lift to get workers and materials on the roof to finish the job.

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THE NEXT 7 DAYS PLANNING FOR YOUR WEEK

<p>wed</p> <p>Tonight into early tomorrow is the best time to catch the Perseid meteor shower, if the skies will stay clear enough to catch it.</p> <p></p> <p>Sunny Hi: 85 Lo: 56</p>	<p>thu</p> <p>Polk County Bounty Market is running strong each week with fresh fruits, vegetables and homemade goods. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free.</p> <p></p> <p>Mostly Sunny Hi: 78 Lo: 57</p>	<p>fri</p> <p>The annual Contest Powwow features Native American dancers competing for prize money in 20 categories. 7 p.m. \$1 parking.</p> <p></p> <p>Showers Hi: 74 Lo: 53</p>	<p>sat</p> <p>Pilots are flipping pancakes to raise money for teen aviation at the Independence Fly-in. 7-10:30 a.m. \$5.</p> <p></p> <p>Partly Cloudy Hi: 81 Lo: 54</p>	<p>sun</p> <p>Dallas First Christian will host its annual block party with food, fun and a chance to win school supplies. 3-6 p.m. Free.</p> <p></p> <p>Sunny Hi: 85 Lo: 54</p>	<p>mon</p> <p>Donate blood to the American Red Cross and help those in need during a drive at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas. 12:30-6:30 p.m. Free.</p> <p></p> <p>Sunny Hi: 83 Lo: 54</p>	<p>tue</p> <p>Independence Downtown Association hosts Art in the Park today at Riverview Park, arts and crafts for kids. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free.</p> <p></p> <p>Sunny Hi: 84 Lo: 55</p>
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