

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Rogue Farms begins hop harvest

INDEPENDENCE — The seventh annual Rogue Farms hop harvest kicked off in Independence on Monday morning.

This year's harvest began with Rogue Farms Freedom hops. From cutting the vines off the trellises to picking, separating, sorting, kilning, cooling and baling the cones, it takes at least 24 hours to process one variety of hops, according to a press release from Rogue.

Rogue grows seven varieties of hops. People may watch the harvest from the tasting room patio at the farm, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence.

### Federal disaster loans available

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Small, nonfarm businesses in Polk County may apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought in Clackamas and Marion counties that began June 16.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

The deadline to apply is April 12, 2016. For more information or to apply: [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](http://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela).

### Driver may have been impaired

WILLAMINA — A Portland man was killed in a single-vehicle car crash on Saturday morning on Highway 18 near mile post 28.

Jose Bernudez Gutierrez, 30, of Portland was driving a white Chevrolet Malibu eastbound on SR Highway 18 near mile post 28 when he veered off the road and struck a tree. Alcohol and marijuana use are being investigated as contributing factors of the crash.

The right front passenger, Juan Bernudez Gutierrez, 21, of Portland, was pronounced dead at the scene. Jose Bernudez Gutierrez was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The right rear passenger, Brian Quintana, 22, of Portland was transported to Oregon Health & Science University with critical injuries.

Oregon State Police troopers are leading the investigation. OSP was assisted by West Valley Fire, the Polk County District Attorney's Office, the Polk County Medical Examiner and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

### MPD cracks down on traffic laws

MONMOUTH — Beginning Monday, Monmouth Police Department officers will participate in a statewide traffic enforcement blitz, on extra alert for proper safety belt and child car seat use, as well as looking for people speeding or violating the "hands-free" cellphone law.

This enhanced enforcement is paid for by dedicated funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Officers will be working extra hours, dedicating their time to traffic enforcement and education.

## Fair changes prove positive

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

RICKREALL — Anna Scharf, chairwoman of the Polk County Fair Board, could tell something was different — in a good way — within hours of opening at the annual fair.

By 11 a.m. on Aug. 6, the first day of fair — typically not a gate-buster — she noticed more people, including quite a few families, were coming in. Soon, overflow parking was being used, again not a normal occurrence that early in the fair's run.

"I instantly knew Thursday morning that something was working," Scharf said at the fair board's monthly meeting Thursday.

With a number of changes this year — including moving from four days to three, raising admission prices, and not having a traditional carnival — fair managers were understandably nervous.

It turns out, Scharf's early gut feeling was backed up by the gate tally, sales statistics and exhibit participation.

Attendance was up, about 8 percent, even though the fair was one day shorter. Gate revenue was up more than 25 percent, as well. Food vendors made nearly 10 percent more than last year, and the fair's cut was up 45 percent.

There were more exhibitors (12.5 percent) and exhibits (15.5 percent). Replacing the carnival with inflatable attractions was another highlight, with a 160 percent jump in revenue to the fair.

Worries about moving the Polk County Livestock Association youth livestock auc-



A calf nurses during the 2015 Polk County Fair. He enjoyed his first year being shown at the fair.

tion to earlier on Saturday proved unwarranted. The auction posted a 36 percent increase, pulling in more than \$209,000. Also, there were numerous new bidders.

"Across the board, everything was up," Fair Manager Tina Andersen said.

Suzi Busler, with the Polk County Extension 4-H Program, said club exhibits were up in numbers and in quality this year.

"We are going to kick some butt at the (Oregon) State Fair," Busler said.

She added that with schedule changes necessary because of the move to a three-day fair, there were a few bumps in the road. Overall, though, she was pleased.

"There were challenges, but we were able to meet them," Busler said.

Andersen said another new addition, the Roughstock Rodeo on Thursday night, was such a success bigger bleachers were needed. American Thunder Monster Truck rides on Saturday were a hit, as well.

"The monster truck gave free rides for five hours Saturday," Andersen said, noting that some families came to the fair solely for the free rides, which other fairs charge for.

Board members noted a

few things needed to be tweaked, namely the location of the main stage and beer and wine garden.

This year, the stage was near the playground area in the back, a placement that one board member thought, "looked like an afterthought."

Also, on the brainstorm list is how to make the beer and wine garden more visible. This year, it was in the old 4-H building near the Umpqua Ice Cream stand. Attendance in the beer and wine garden wasn't high, but it wasn't too bad either, Scharf said.

She said the issue could be fixed with a different location, more signs, or perhaps putting it under a tent instead of inside a building. "I don't think it was an epic fail," Scharf said. "It's the first year."

She said Eola Wine Cellars has already said it would like to return next year.

The fair board, representatives from the livestock association, FFA, 4-H, and other organizations that participate in fair will continue to review the 2015 fair at the board's annual recap meeting on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in Building B at the fairgrounds.

Given that 2015 had so many changes, fair managers were more than happy with the outcome.

"The attendance numbers were amazing," Scharf said. "And everybody was having fun."

## 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.

## CORRECTIONS

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## WEBSITE

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## WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 11	89	62	.00
Aug. 12	91	61	.00
Aug. 13	87	56	.00
Aug. 14	75	59	.00
Aug. 15	79	62	.00
Aug. 16	86	52	.00
Aug. 17	91	54	.00

Rainfall during August — 0.00 in.  
Rain through Aug. 17 — 15.28 in.

## RECYCLE!!

**Music in the Park**  
Main St. Park - Monmouth  
Every Wednesday through August 26 - 6:30pm  
MUSIC, FOOD, BEER & WINE GARDEN

Look for Music in the Park Series on Facebook for more information about this year's artists.

**Performing Tonight August 19**  
**Ramble On Led Zeppelin Tribute Band**  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bring your chairs and blankets and we'll see you in the park!

For More Information Contact: Mark Fancey 503-751-0147

**RIVERS EDGE SUMMER SERIES**  
10 Year Anniversary!  
presented by  
capitol SUBARU and RUMOBILITY SERVICE

**Performing August 21st**  
Show begins at 7:30  
**Chance McKinney**

Lawn Seating — Bring blankets & chairs

**This Week's FREE MOVIE:**  
Showing August 19 • 8:45  
**GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY (PG-13)**

NEXT WEEK Concert: SHOOT TO THRILL  
AC/DC Tribute Band - 7:30 PM  
MOVIE: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day! (Comedy, Family) - 8:45 PM

• VENDORS • BEER & WINE GARDEN  
Riverview Amphitheater, Independence, OR  
Visit our website: [independenceamphitheater.com](http://independenceamphitheater.com)

### Sudoku solution

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

**INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8**  
450 S. 2nd St., Independence  
Showtimes 503-606-3000  
[www.IndependenceCinema8.com](http://www.IndependenceCinema8.com)

**Friday Aug 21 through Thursday Aug 27**  
Matinees are all shows before 6pm.  
New pricing for matinees are:  
• Adult \$7.25 • Children \$6.75 • Senior \$7.00  
Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

RICKI AND THE FLASH (Digital) (PG13)	(12:15 2:35 4:55)	7:15	9:35
AMERICAN ULTRA (Digital) (R)	(12:30 2:45 5:05)	7:25	9:40
SINISTER 2 (Digital) (R)	(12:10 2:30 4:50)	7:10	9:25
STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON (Digital) (R)	(12:25 3:35)	6:45	9:45
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ROGUE NATION (Digital) (PG13)	(1:20 4:10)	7:00	9:50
HITMAN: AGENT 47 (Digital) (R)	(12:20 2:40 5:00)	7:20	9:35
MINIONS (Digital 2D) (PG)	(12:25)		
ANT MAN (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(2:35)	7:30	
FANTASTIC FOUR (Digital) (PG13)	(5:10)	9:55	
MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E. (Digital) (PG13)	(1:50 4:25)	7:05	9:40

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**Dallas Sounds Summer**  
July 9 - August 27, 2015  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Rotary Performing Arts Stage  
Corner of Main & Academy Streets  
Hosted by the Dallas Area Visitors Center  
503-623-2564, [www.dallasoregon.org/livemusic](http://www.dallasoregon.org/livemusic)

This week: Rock  
**Big Money**

Final concert next week: Oldies Show  
Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts

Professional and Local Food Trucks will be on site each week serving by 5:45pm

PREMIERE SPONSORS:  
Dallas Area Visitors Center, Itemizer-Observer, James W. Fowler Affiliates, West Valley Hospital

**Music from the Redgate Winery & Vineyard**  
Fri. August 21, 6-9 PM  
featuring  
**Ted Vaughn Blues Band**  
\$5.00 cover  
Must be 21 • Food Available  
Tasting fees & glasses of wine \$5.00  
8175 Buena Vista Road  
Independence • 503-428-7115 • [www.redgatevineyard.com](http://www.redgatevineyard.com)

**THE NATIONAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW**  
Portland Expo Center | Aug. 28th-30th  
[NATIONALTRAINSHOW.ORG](http://NATIONALTRAINSHOW.ORG)

**TWO & PACKED Full o' Fun!!**  
POLK COUNTY BOUNTY MARKET  
Locations:  
DALLAS: Thursdays May - September 10:00am - 3:00pm at Academy Lawn 182 SW Academy St, Dallas, OR  
Sponsors: Old Mill Feed & Garden, Oregon State CU, Polk County, Brixius Jewelers, Citizens Bank, Dallas Retirement Village, Fowler Affiliates, Home Comfort, Cash & Company 11:30 - 1:00pm, Itemizer Observer, Liberty Concrete, Squirrer's Tax, The Car Doctor, Wall Insurance, West Valley Hospital, White's Collision Service

MONMOUTH: Tuesdays May - October 10:00am - 3:00pm at Main Street Park 120 Main St E, Monmouth, OR  
Sponsors: City of Monmouth, Petals & Vines, PCL (Partnership in Community Living), Veal Bikes Plus

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