

**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.  
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**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

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**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Sept. 22	71	46	.00
Sept. 23	75	42	.00
Sept. 24	80	49	.00
Sept. 25	68	54	.13
Sept. 26	70	50	.01
Sept. 27	72	40	.00
Sept. 28	80	40	.00

Rainfall during Sept. — 1.13 in.  
Rain through Sept. 28 — 17.12 in.

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Starting Thursday, anyone older than 21 will be able to legally purchase marijuana flower.

# Pot makes its way to Polk

Commission to look at land-use laws to allow drug

By **Jolene Guzman**  
The *Itemizer-Observer*

**POLK COUNTY** — The Polk County Board of Commissioners voted Sept. 16 to extend a moratorium on marijuana production and sales within unincorporated areas of the county for six months.

The moratorium will allow the Polk County Community Development Department to craft an amendment to the county's land use code creating regulations — mostly regarding location — for marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, retail sales and medical marijuana dispensaries.

That amendment would go before the Polk County planning commission and board of commissioners for approval.

The board held a public hearing Sept. 16 on extending the moratorium, after which it voted to approve it.

The move signals that the board is working toward allowing marijuana business-

es in the county, something Commissioner Mike Ainsworth, who provided the lone vote against the plan, isn't pleased with.

"I think we are on a slippery slope in regards to marijuana," he said, adding even though the law restricts the drug to those 21 and older, younger people will have more access, in his opinion.

The state has allowed counties that had a vote tally of 55 percent or more against Measure 91, the initiative that legalized recreational marijuana possession and use, to ban manufacture and sales of the drug. At 52.5 percent voting "no" on the measure, Polk County fell just short of that threshold.

Ainsworth said his opposition is representing those voters.

"On this one, I'm going to stand my ground," said Ainsworth, who also is involved with Polk County's Drug Court program. "I'm not in favor of it."

Austin McGuigan, the

county community development director, said with the moratorium in place, the planning commission will begin creating a legislative amendment to recommend to the board. He said that work should be completed by early next year.

McGuigan said the objective with the delay is providing plenty of opportunity to Polk County citizens to weigh in on the regulations. He said it's possible the new regulations could be completed before the six-month moratorium ends.

"The board wanted to hold more hearings," McGuigan said. "That gives ample time for board to hold its own public hearings."

## BUSINESS BRIEF

### Rec. marijuana sales begin Thursday

**INDEPENDENCE** — Two medical marijuana dispensaries, both in Independence, will begin selling marijuana flower to the public on Thursday.

Healing Green Dispensary, 769 N. Main St., suite C, and Blackbird Indica, 319 S. 10th St., will expand their clientele from medical marijuana patients to the general public.

The legalization of recreational marijuana was passed by Oregon voters in the November 2014 general election. A 10 percent sales tax from the city of Independence will be charged at the register beginning Thursday. A statewide sales tax will be charged beginning in January 2016.

For more information on recreational marijuana: [whatslegaloregon.com](http://whatslegaloregon.com).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to conduct comprehensive evaluation of OHSU Nov. 2-4, 2015**

As part of the regular accreditation cycle, Oregon Health & Science University will undergo a site visit by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Nov. 2-4, 2015. The visit is part of OHSU's Year Seven Evaluation, a comprehensive review of the university's compliance with accreditation standards. The NWCCU last reaffirmed OHSU's accreditation in 2012. During its visit, the team will tour the OHSU campus, review documents and interview students, alumni, faculty, staff, leadership and members of the Board of Directors. The public is invited to submit written comments regarding OHSU's qualifications for accreditation. Comments must be in writing, signed and received by Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at the address below.

NWCCU  
8060 165th Avenue N.E.  
Suite 100  
Redmond, WA 98052

For more information, visit the NWCCU website: [www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org)

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David Harrison joined the family business of insurance sales at a young age before moving to Salem where he was hired as a Sales Manager with Advanced Selling Techniques. With additional training and a better understanding of the four simple steps in the sales process, he transitioned to the mortgage industry, including helping homeowners save their homes during the recession. Now a full time business coach, David specializes in effective sales training, coaching, and mentoring.

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Register by noon Oct. 5, 2015.

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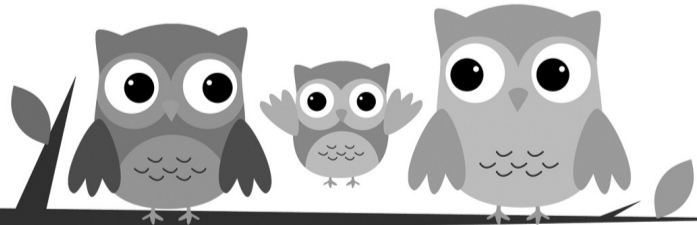
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\$20 ticket includes authentic Asian dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. No host wine/beer available.

### When? Saturday, Oct. 10th at 6:00 pm

**Where? Eola Hills Wine Cellars**  
501 S Pacific Highway 99W, Rickreall, Oregon

### Why? Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship in support of the Bambinos ministry!

For additional information: Beth 503-508-6043

**Solution on Page 11A**

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

### Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★

Row →

4	3	2	8	1	6	7	5	9
5	6	9	7	4	3	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 →

Column ↓

### 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.