

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

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 503-623-2373 or send an e-mail to nadams@polkio.com.

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
Oct. 6	77	51	.00
Oct. 7	66	55	.03
Oct. 8	71	53	.00
Oct. 9	75	47	.01
Oct. 10	74	57	.16
Oct. 11	69	48	.00
Oct. 12	74	45	.00

Rainfall during Oct. — .20 in.
Rain through Oct. 12 — 17.32 in.

Local businesses to take part in Speed Pitch

Polk County businesses to participate in an event featuring a travel writer from Salem

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — Why is the Pink House pink? What made Maggie Triplett want to open a flower shop? What is the story behind Brixuis Jewellers?

All of these stories can be shared with a travel writer in a speed-dating sort of format between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center.

"It's trying to get businesses to think a little outside of the box and realize what

they're doing is really cool, and it's not being done everywhere and anywhere," said Chelsea Metcalfe, executive director of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.

Business owners may come to the fairgrounds and have a 15-minute "date" with a travel writer from Travel Salem, "our big sister for tourism," Metcalfe said.

"They have connections with all the national magazines and statewide magazines," she said. Those magazines look to Travel Salem for information. "They

Business speed dating

What: Speed Pitch, 15 minutes to talk about your business' story to a Travel Salem writer.

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Where: Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall.

Admission: Free.

Of note: Everyone has an interesting story to tell. This is a chance to get that information out there for wider coverage and possible press.

For more information or to RSVP: www.dallasoregon.org, or call 503-623-2564.

Chamber of Commerce on this "Speed Pitch" event.

"We're trying to do more cooperation with each other," Metcalfe said. "We don't want our individual communities invited, we want all of Polk County businesses to come have this opportunity."

Once the interviews are completed, Travel Salem will have a "little mega database about our cool businesses here," Metcalfe noted.

"If someone calls, or if it's a slow time in the news, they can say, 'Oh that was kind of cool. Let's do a feature on that,'" she said.

would like to get information about our local businesses to pitch out. You never know who might pick

up on that story." Dallas Chamber of Commerce is working with Monmouth-Independence

David Clyne steps down from MINET board

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Independence City Manager David Clyne requested replacement on the board for Monmouth Independence Networks (MINET).

Clyne, who has served as the board chairman for MINET since July 2014, said in a memo to the Independence City Council that he would like to change his status on the MINET board

from voting to nonvoting.

"My decision comes after long consideration of my ability to be an effective advocate for the city's positions," he said in the memo to the council. "There are several barriers to that effectiveness, not the least of which is the difficulty in having a key employee of the organization also serving on the city council. This makes the same person both a subordinate and a supervisor, obviously a challenging

situation even with extreme care and separation of roles."

Marilyn Morton, Independence city councilor, works as an administrator at MINET.

Clyne also cited other responsibilities for his request to step down.

He has recently been appointed to the governance board for the Local Government Personnel Institute and has spent a lot of time overseeing the reconstruction of the Valley Concrete site. He said negotiations have been difficult with the Teamsters, along with other ongoing efforts.

"Reducing my role with MINET will allow me to put more focus on these very important responsibilities," Clyne said.

Mayor John McArdle recommended filling Clyne's position with Greg Ellis, former Independence city manager. Ellis, of Independence, has a long history with MINET, back to its founding

in 2004.

The intergovernmental agreement, signed by both Monmouth and Independence city councils, allows the appointment of some-

one other than the city manager to the MINET board, at the council's discretion.

The council made a decision at its Tuesday meeting after press time.

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