

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
Nov. 17	57	47	.51
Nov. 18	53	38	.25
Nov. 19	52	41	.48
Nov. 20	52	37	.00
Nov. 21	52	31	.00
Nov. 22	47	27	.00
Nov. 23	47	26	.34

Rainfall during Nov. — 4.22 in.
Rain through Nov. 23 — 25.01 in.

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Mike Ainsworth decides what silent auction items to bid on at last year's Monmouth Independence YMCA Christmas auction at Green Villa Barn.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE

Tickets to the annual YMCA auction are going fast

By Emily Mentzer
The *Itemizer-Observer*

INDEPENDENCE — It's still more than two weeks away, but tickets are going fast for the annual Monmouth-Independence YMCA auction, slated for Dec. 11.

"I have 25 tickets left," said Natascha Cronin, director at the Y. "It's a great problem to have."

Last year, Cronin said she sold 49 tickets to the event, noting that she and her employees have done a better job of marketing this year, selling 175 tickets so far. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table.

The annual fundraiser supports programs in Monmouth and Independence.

"The money goes toward the scholarship fund for youth and families," Cronin said. "So whether it's a child who needs help paying for a soccer program or a family who needs help paying for their membership, our mission is we want everybody to be able to participate in our programs."

"This fundraiser allows us to fulfill that part of our mission."

The auction will see a return of the wine pull, where people pay \$20 and draw a number which corresponds to a bottle of wine valued at \$20 or more, Cronin said.

"There will also be three different tastings available," she said. "One is worth \$200. It's a chance, but you'll get your \$20 worth."

The silent auction will feature about 150 items, and 14 big-ticket items for the live auction, including a tour of Bull Run distillery with the



Many Christmas gifts will be available for both the silent and the live auctions at this year's event, slated for Dec. 11 at the Green Villa Barn in Independence.

Attend the gala

What: Monmouth Independence YMCA annual Christmas auction.

Where: Green Villa Barn, 2315 Independence Highway, Independence.

When: Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 on Dec. 11.

Admission: Tickets are \$25 per person, or buy a table for \$200. Admission is limited, and tickets are going fast.

Of note: The event will include live music, socializing, a great meal and a chance to do some Christmas shopping, all while supporting the programs at Monmouth-Independence YMCA, director Natascha Cronin said.

For more information: Monmouth Independence YMCA, 503-838-4042, or online at theyonline.org.

owner and distiller, a private dinner and pairing for eight at Three Legged Dog, a custom bird tour in Bend, a handmade quilt, tickets to the Blazers, and a stay in Lincoln City.

The silent auction has a lot of toys, as well as certificates to local restaurants, handmade hats and a gift certificate to a local tattoo place.

"From distillery tours to birding, I feel like we're hitting all the age groups (and

interests)," Cronin said. New this year is a game called "Lucky Key," Cronin said.

"We'll have a door and a bucket of keys," she explained. "People will buy a key — or 10 — and at the end of the night, they can try their key. Whoever can open the door will win a big prize."

Everyone who plays the Lucky Key will end up with at least a cool keychain, Cronin said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

OHSU-Salem partnership official

DALLAS — West Valley Hospital's parent company Salem Health and Oregon Health & Science University have finalized an agreement to manage their respective clinical services as an integrated health system. The agreement creates OHSU Partners, a joint management company that became operational on Nov. 16.

OHSU and Salem Health will retain their existing hospital licenses, and employees will continue to work for their respective organizations. Salem Health retains its name, but will change its logo to the OHSU torch to reflect the affiliation.

The OHSU Partners management company will develop an integrated strategy and budget for the system, which will be approved by each board. The affiliation includes the clinical enterprises of each organization. In Salem, this includes Salem Hospital, West Valley Hospital, Willamette Health Partners, Salem Hospital Foundation and West Valley Hospital Foundation. OHSU's clinical enterprise encompasses OHSU Hospital and Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Help name Dallas' newest city park

DALLAS — The city of Dallas has a new park and it needs a name.

The now-untitled park is located south of Walnut Avenue across the street from the "Welcome to Dallas" fountain if you are headed downtown.

Have an idea? Submit possible names via email to jeremy.teal@dallasor.gov, by calling 503-831-3502, commenting on the city's Facebook page or dropping by City Hall in person, 187 SE Court St., Dallas.

After suggestions are collected, the city will post a poll on its website for people to vote for their favorite. Poll results will be given to the city's Park Advisory Board, which will forward its pick to the Dallas City Council for final approval.

Suggestions are due by Dec. 13.

Learn to be an NWS weather spotter

DALLAS — The National Weather Service in Portland is offering its fall Skywarn Spotter Training on Dec. 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The NWS Spotter program is a network of volunteers trained to identify irregular weather events and report abnormal weather conditions where they live.

The training will cover cloud identification, gauging rainfall, identifying types of severe wind, rating snowfall, NWS weather terminology and knowing when to call in a report.

The class will be held in the main conference room at the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St., Dallas. All you need to bring to the class is a notebook and pen if you want to take notes.

For more information: www.wr.noaa.gov/pqr/skywarn.php.

Monmouth man arrested for ID theft

MONMOUTH — Monmouth Police officers investigated a theft of a purse from a car in the neighborhood of Catherine Court and Stephanie Street in Monmouth.

The investigation led to the arrest of Casey Jones Wyckoff, 18, who was charged with 10 counts of identify theft, 10 counts of fraudulent use of a credit card and one count of second-degree theft on Nov. 17.

The victim's purse contained multiple credit cards. She was able to provide details on purchases made on her credit cards in Monmouth and Independence on Nov. 17.

One of those was made at Bi-Mart in Monmouth. The investigating officer contacted several stores in an attempt to identify the suspect.

At about 5:10 p.m., Bi-Mart employees contacted Monmouth PD because the suspect was back in the store.

Officers contacted Wyckoff, who was in possession of the credit cards belonging to the victim and her mother.

He was lodged in Polk County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing.

Think safety on Thanksgiving Day

SALEM — With Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, State Fire Marshal Jim Walker is reminding Oregonians to keep fire safety front and center when cooking and preparing holiday meals.

"When friends and family gather at this festive time of year, it shouldn't be marred by tragedy," Walker said in a press release. "By following a few fire prevention tips, you can keep yourself and loved ones safe."

From 2010 through 2014, there were more than 3,900 cooking-related fires in Oregon, causing seven deaths, 232 injuries and more than \$35 million in property loss.

Cooking safety tips:

- Keep a close eye on your cooking; never leave cooking food unattended. If you leave the kitchen, turn off the stove or set a timer. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, dishtowels and food packaging — away from your stovetop.
- If you have a cooking fire, use a lid to smother grease fires and turn off the burner. Never pour water on a grease fire.

For more tips: www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/kitchen-safety.aspx.

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★★★★

Solution on Page 6A

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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.

The Christian Science Monitor