

**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.

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**WEATHER**

| RECORDED | HIGH | LOW | RAIN |
|----------|------|-----|------|
| Nov. 24  | 43   | 37  | .39  |
| Nov. 25  | 47   | 28  | .00  |
| Nov. 26  | 51   | 24  | .00  |
| Nov. 27  | 52   | 24  | .00  |
| Nov. 28  | 51   | 24  | .00  |
| Nov. 29  | 44   | 20  | .00  |
| Nov. 30  | 35   | 20  | .03  |

Rainfall during Nov. — 4.64 in.  
Rain through Nov. 30 — 25.43 in.

**RECYCLE**

**From sergeant to sheriff**



Polk County Circuit Judge Sally Avera swears in new Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton on Monday during a ceremony at the Polk County Courthouse. Garton was appointed to the office temporarily and is running for election to hold the job permanently.

JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

**Water plan begins to flow**

Grants help Falls City move forward with master plan

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — Piece-by-piece, the city of Falls City is finding ways to pay for the plan to upgrade its water system.

Soon the city will be hiring an engineer to complete the new water master plan, a project that will cost around \$80,000.

The city already has a \$20,000 grant from Oregon's Infrastructure Finance Authority to put toward the project.

Falls City Mayor Terry Ungricht may have found another grant that would cover \$30,000 more of that cost.

The city council approved the application in November and Ungricht submitted it for the United States Department of Agriculture Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households grant program.

If the city is awarded the

grant, which Ungricht said a USDA representative told him was likely, it would reimburse the city after the plan is approved by the Oregon Health Authority.

"She was 70 percent confident we would get it," Mayor Terry Ungricht said. "We fit the income (standards)."

The city has budgeted \$60,000 to cover the remainder of expected costs for the plan. If they get the grant, it

would repay half of that amount.

"We would spend the \$30,000 out towards the master plan, and then document where that is, and then they would reimburse that once the plan is accepted," Ungricht said.

According to the water master plan schedule, the city's contractor will begin work on the plan in January. It should be completed in mid-2017.

**Indy civic center to host holiday movies**

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — It's the most wonderful time of the year, and to help bring the community together, Independence Civic Center will host a Christmas movie series in both English and Spanish.

"We're doing two separate movies at the same time," said Courtney Williams, coordinator of the event center. "We have a big enough space to have two movies at once."

The same film will be shown in one room in English and in another room in Spanish.

"We'll be offering popcorn and mini candy canes, too," Williams said.

The movies are free, kicking off on Friday at 6 p.m. with "The Grinch."

It's another way the city can get involved with celebrating the holidays, Williams said.

"It's a great way to get the community together, and also to ... show off the space," she noted. "It will be decorated for Christmas, too."

Three movies will be shown, each Friday in December, ending the week before Christmas.

The city had to pay licensing fees, but the toughest part was finding films that were translated into Spanish, not just subtitled.

Williams said volunteers are needed, particularly for the Dec. 11 showing, to help get the video started and be a presence in the room.



**Movies at the Civic Center**

**What:** Christmas movies in both Spanish and English. Friday, "The Grinch"; Dec. 11, "Arthur Christmas"; Dec. 18, "Elf."

**When:** 6 p.m. on Friday and Dec. 11. "Elf" starts at 5 p.m. on Dec. 18.

**Where:** Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main St.

**Admission:** A donation of two cans of non-perishable food is requested. Food goes toward the city's food drive.

**Of note:** The movies will be shown in two rooms simultaneously. In one room, the movie will be in English. In the other room, the movie will be shown in Spanish.

"We're hoping someone will be there as a welcome person, someone to run the popcorn machine, someone to hand out candy canes," she said.

To volunteer or for more information: Courtney Williams, 503-837-1195.

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