

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer* for the holiday weekend:

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Community events — Noon on Thursday 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 — Noon Thursday.

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 Thursday.

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
Dec 22	46	40	.19
Dec 23	43	36	.77
Dec 24	42	36	.07
Dec 25	45	34	.01
Dec 26	38	28	.00
Dec 27	41	35	.41
Dec 28	46	37	.07

Rainfall during Dec — 15.23 in.
Rain through Dec. 28 — 40.66 in.

Your local news source:
www.polkio.com

Review: Look back on the news in 2015

Continued from 1A

April
April 1: "Downtown eyegore being sold; Deal nearly complete for 'Blue Garden' site in Dallas" — Bob Collins announced his plans to purchase and restore The Blue Garden. Since April, blue glass tiles have been replaced and the sign has come down to be refurbished and renewed to its former glory.

April notables:
April 22: "WOU leader chosen" — Rex Fuller is selected out of four finalists to be Western Oregon University's 23rd president.

May
May 20: "A new home; Residents tour MPD's bigger, more secure place" — Monmouth Police Department unveiled its new home, off Highway 99W, to a crowd of hundreds during an open house. The building, which was renovated for the MPD, cost taxpayers roughly \$4.5 million when it was all said and done, and was paid for through a voter approved bond.

May notables:
May 27: "A welcome home" — Sgt. Bradley Holbrook surprises his son, Landon, 6, while at Lyle Elementary School.

June
June 3: "Pulling her weight; Metzgar-Deacon accepts honor" — Western Oregon University's Director of Sports Performance Cori Metzgar-Deacon was named a master strength and conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association, a rare honor, particularly for a woman.

June notables:
June 10: "Sheriff Wolfe set to retire" — Polk County Sheriff Bob Wolfe announces his plans to retire at the end of the year.

July
July 8: "The heat is on; June shatters records for hottest in 90 years" — It seems like a distant memory in these cold days of December, but summer of 2015 shattered records for both heat and days without precipitation, causing some to have their water rights revoked, including Daryll's Nursery.
July notables:



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer file

Little dancers aren't deterred by a little rain on their parade during "Krazy Dayz" in July. It was some of the only rain the county saw this month.

July 22: "Deputy pulled from burning car; Latty OK after Saturday accident on Monmouth Cutoff" — Polk County Deputy Shon Latty crashed his patrol car into a ditch while responding to a call for backup. His car caught fire. He was pulled to safety by Dallas officers and Polk deputies.

August
Aug. 26: "Quake is coming?" — With much talk about "everything west of Interstate 5" falling into the ocean because the Cascadia subduction zone is overdue for a large-scale earthquake, reporter Jolene Guzman takes a look at what an earthquake of that magnitude really means for Polk County and those living in it, including follow-up coverage on how to be prepared and how prepared local governments are.

September
Sept. 23: "Full-day kindergarten means long days for kids, teachers" — As schools throughout the county accept kindergarteners for a full day, that means extra tired teachers as well as kids. Schools continue to struggle

with enough classroom space and desks for youngsters as they made the switch to full-time students.

September notables:
Sept. 30: "Hot season, big wines; Warm growing season should translate to flavorful wines in 2015" — The dry, warmer summer meant a bumper crop and good development of grapes for Polk County vineyards.

October
Oct. 7: "Steps to recovery; Mass casualty shooting in Roseburg touches everyone; would we be ready?" — A mass casualty shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg spurs a candlelight vigil at Western Oregon University. While

school officials say you can never be truly prepared for that kind of tragedy, they have the policies and procedures in place to handle a situation like that, should the need arise.

October notables:
Oct. 7: "Meadow Creek property tax up 56 percent; market values increased, assessor says, while seniors are outraged" — The manufactured homes in Meadow Creek Village in Dallas went up in value this year, so much so that it increased the property tax on these homes by roughly 56 percent, the highest jump in Polk County anywhere.

November
Nov. 4: "Familiar face, new

job" — Polk County Sgt. Mark Garton is chosen from two candidates as the interim Polk County sheriff, effective Dec. 1. Garton was selected because of his knowledge of the department, County Commissioner Mike Ainsworth said. Garton and the second candidate, Todd Whitlow, both said they'd be on the November 2016 ballot for sheriff.

November notables:
Nov. 18: "Dallas reacts to city councilor's posts" — Dallas residents packed the Dallas Civic Center for a Dallas City Council meeting to discuss a city councilor's points of view and his rights to express them via social media.

December
Weather took center stage once again this year, only this time for regular wind advisories and warnings, coupled with heavy rains and flooding. On Dec. 16, "The weather outside is frightful," we saw an otherwise healthy oak tree fall, barely missing two buildings on Southwest Oak Street in Dallas. Roads flooded throughout the county, causing schools to cancel classes or bus routes (Dec. 9). Alas, the temperatures did not drop far enough to give most residents of Polk County a white Christmas.

Don't see your most memorable moment on our list? Send us a letter to the editor and let us know what your favorite story of 2015 was. See the Opinion page, 4A, for the letters to the editor policy.

LUCKIAMUTE DOMESTIC WATER COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
Monday 7:00 p.m.
January 11th
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Location: Business Office
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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.

Friday & Saturday Jan 1 - Jan 2

CONCUSSION (Digital) (PG13)	(10:30 1:05 3:55) 6:45 9:35
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* Starred attraction. No passes accepted.

JANUARY 2016
MONMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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January 1 — Happy New Year from all the businesses with the Monmouth Business Association.

January 4 — **BACK TO SCHOOL!** Hope you all had a great winter break.

January 8 — **Smith Fine Arts Series: BodyVox** Based in Portland, Oregon and led by the Emmy Award-winning choreographers Jamey Hampton and Ashley Roland, BodyVox is a world renowned touring dance company. Humor, athleticism and breathtaking imagery are hallmarks of a BodyVox performance. This January, BodyVox brings its most beloved production, "Reverie" to WOU. With music ranging from Paganini, and Delibes to Danny Elfman, and Aphex Twin, this unforgettable union of dance, theater, and film will forever change your idea of what dance can be. 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University Corner of Knox and Powell Streets, Monmouth. \$25 in advance, \$28 at door, \$11 students. For more information or to order tickets, call Sandy at 503-838-8333.

January 13 — **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Forum: Annual State of the Cities Address.** Join us as on the campus of Western Oregon University for the Annual State of the Cities Address featuring Mayor John Oberst from the City of Monmouth and Mayor John McArdle from the City of Independence. Both mayors will share remarks on successes from 2015, as well as look ahead to 2016 projects, programs, and services. 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Doors Open: 6:30 PM. Program Starts: 7:00 PM. Location: Columbia Room, Werner University Center Western Oregon University (Corner of Monmouth Avenue and Church Street) Parking: Lots H or F (no permit needed) Registration: Register online at www.micc-or.org. Light refreshments provided; registration is preferred. Please Note: This evening program is in lieu of our regularly scheduled monthly forum at noon.

January 15 — **Smith Fine Arts Series: Ten Strings And A Goat Skin.** Winners of the 2015 East Coast Music Association award for World Music Recording of the Year, multiple nominees for the 2013 Canadian Folk Music awards, 2015 ECMA's and Music PEI Awards, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin are having the time of their lives immersed in the music they love as a trad/folk/fusion trio. Playing Irish, Acadian, French & original creations, infused with modern and world rhythms, they have created a fiery, contagious & unique sound that has them touring Canada, the U.S. and Europe. 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University Corner of Knox and Powell Streets, Monmouth. \$25 in advance, \$28 at door, \$11 students. For more information or to order tickets, call Sandy at 503-838-8333.

January 16 — **SNOBALL** for Central High School

January 18 — **MLK Day!** No school Grades k-12

January 20 — **Who's Who in Polk County** publishes in the *Itemizer-Observer*. Don't miss out on your copy. Interested in advertising? Call the Display Dept. at 503-623-2373

January 29 — **Secondary Grade Day** for Central School District — No School for Grades 6-12

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