

Most read online, on Facebook for 2015

Top 10 stories that our readers viewed online at www.polkio.com or on the I-O's Facebook page this year

Itemizer-Observer staff report
POLK COUNTY — The Itemizer-Observer staff picked what they thought were the most important news stories in 2015, but here is what you, our readers, thought, as voted on by your likes, clicks, shares and comments.

On Facebook, the posts with the most reach were:

No. 1: 25,537 reached; Nov. 29

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather warning for the Willamette Valley. Read about it here: (link to weather service's facebook page)

No. 2: 19,968; May 1
Falls City on Discovery Channel? Yep! Airs tonight! (link to story)

No. 3: 17,288; July 30

It is 75 and climbing in Dallas today, and we are trying an experiment. Forget frying an egg, we are going to bake cookies in the car. In at 10:40. (photo)

No. 4: 15,504; April 8
Police are looking a Dallas couple for check fraud. Read about it here: (link)

No. 5: 15,136; May 15

Dallas School District has announced there is a confirmed case of pertussis, or whooping cough, at Whitworth Elementary School.

No. 6: 12,952; Jan. 2

BREAKING NEWS — West Valley Hospital in Dallas and its sister hospital, Salem Hospital, have announced that effective immediately they are limiting visitors to protect patients from the flu virus.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer file

Facebook and the Itemizer-Observer's website went crazy with the announcement that Bob Collins had plans to purchase and renovate the famous Blue Garden.

No. 7: 12,902; Sept. 17

DALLAS — Polk County Public Health identified two cases of pertussis, or whooping cough, one at Whitworth Elementary School and another at Oakdale Heights Elementary School on today.

No. 8: 12,168; April 3

Bob Collins is in the process of buying the Blue Garden. The sale is currently in escrow, but with rumors running around town about its possible purchase, he decided to come forward about his plans for the landmark. Read more about it here: (link)

No. 9: 10,144; Feb. 27

Monmouth and Jackson streets are still closed on Western Oregon University's

campus. The Natural Sciences Building, Health and Wellness Center and Belamy Hall have been closed and evacuated. WOU public safety officers said they can't



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer file

Students from Central High School helped demolish old walls inside what is now the Central Health and Wellness Center in March.

say any more about what's going on right now. We'll update as we can.

No. 10: 9,527; Oct. 3
Candlelight vigil at Western Oregon University in

memory of those who were killed in Roseburg. #StandWithUCC (photo)

Most read stories on www.polkio.com

- 1) Downtown Eyesore being sold
- 2) Burger fans rejoice: An oldie but a goodie is back
- 3) Police stop man without deadly force
- 4) Dallas couple sought for check fraud
- 5) District considers options to expand
- 6) Unearthed follows truffle hunters in Falls City
- 7) REACH air ambulance responds to wounded boy
- 8) Burglar suspect arrested hiding in crawl space
- 9) Paranormal Activity
- 10) Dallas SD to clarify gun policy for staff

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS

Arrests/Citations

• David S. Tabler, 53, of Dallas on Southeast Oak Street on Dec. 16 on a charge of misdemeanor driving while suspended or revoked.

• Sean P. Kiel, 50, of Dallas in the 500 block of Northeast Polk Station Road on Dec. 18 on a charge of misdemeanor fourth-degree assault.

INDEPENDENCE

Arrests/Citations

• On Dec. 6 in the 1400 block of E Street, the following were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol: Makenzy Cate Bellwood, 19, of Independence, Harley K. Hai, 19, of Stayton, Megan A. Keith, 19, of Independence, Cameron Michael Lester, 18, of Forest Grove, Maressa N. Milat, 19, of Independence, Chandler Sand, 19, of Eugene, Hailey A. Shuey, 19, of Portland, and Logan Robert Wilson, 19, of Sherwood.

• Travis Jay Hutcheson, 36, of Monmouth, on Dec. 13 at the intersection of Williams and North Walnut streets for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangering and second-degree disorderly conduct.

• Bobby Edward Hill, 44, of Salem, on Dec. 18 at the intersection of Independence Highway and Halls Ferry Road for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Colt J. Davies, 32, a transient, on Dec. 20 at the intersection of Evergreen Drive and South Fourth Street for unlawful entry of a vehicle and second-degree criminal trespass.

• Cody R. West, 23, of Monmouth, on Dec. 20 at the corner of Jackson Street East and Ecols Street North for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

• Amanda Sue Walker, 28, of Independence, on Dec. 22 at

Hi-School Pharmacy, 1357 Monmouth St., for third-degree theft.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations

• Cody Madison Fletcher, 19, of Monmouth, on Dec. 4 at the intersection Monmouth Avenue North and Church Street West for unlawful possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

• Rick Lee Banfield, 55, of Monmouth, on Dec. 10 in the 1400 block of Monmouth Street for driving under the influence of intoxicants, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and giving false information, liability insurance, to a police officer.

• Bryant Garcia Garcia, 21, of Independence, on Dec. 12 at the intersection of Jackson Street West and College Street North for driving while suspended or revoked.

• Carlos Leos Jr., 34, of Monmouth, on Dec. 12 at the intersection of 16th Street North and Marigold Drive for failure to carry or present a driver's license.

• Waylon Kalani Silva, 23, of Salem, on Dec. 13 in the 100 block of Main Street West for second-degree criminal mischief — vandalism.

• Joseph Andrew Orgovan, 63, of Monmouth, on Dec. 16 in the 500 block of Main Street East for second-degree criminal mischief — vandalism and second-degree disorderly conduct.

• Matthew Alan Hale, 26, of Independence, on Dec. 18 at the intersection of Pacific Highway South and Main Street East for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

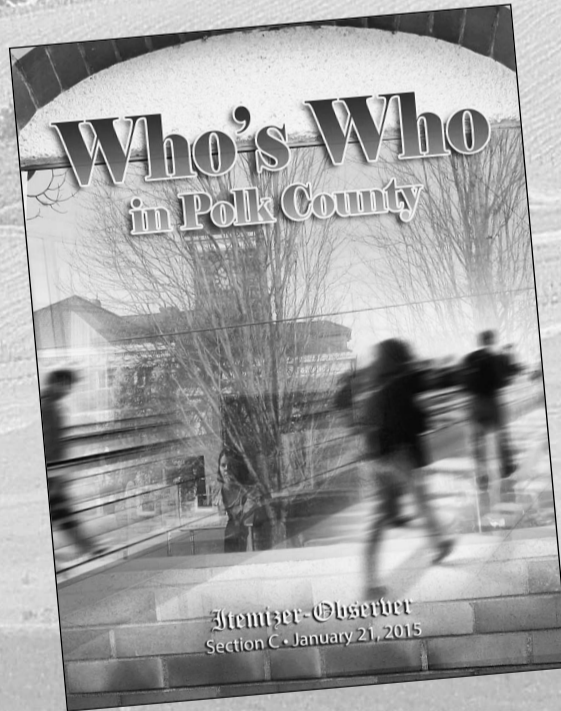
• Yuhang Li, 24, of Monmouth, on Dec. 18 at intersection of the corner of Monmouth Avenue South and Main Street West for failure to carry or present a driver's license.

• Kevin Graham, 53, of Monmouth, on Dec. 20 at the intersection of Main Street East and Catron Street South for third-degree theft.

• Hassan Mohammed Alqalaf, 26, of Monmouth, on Sunday in the 200 block of White-sell Street West for physical harassment and strangulation.

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