

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
Jan. 26	59	49	.09
Jan. 27	62	47	.03
Jan. 28	61	43	.71
Jan. 29	53	42	.49
Jan. 30	46	35	.22
Jan. 31	48	33	.12
Feb. 1	47	35	.11

Rainfall during Jan. — 7.82 in.
Rain through Feb. 1 — 7.82 in.

RECYCLE
this newspaper.

Honoring POWs



Randy Shipman, a Vietnam veteran, raises a flag honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action at the Dallas Aquatic Center on Monday. Shipman and the Independence American Legion Post 33 donated the flag to the center.

EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Indy streets need more money

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — The 27 miles of streets in the city of Independence are fair, for the most part, said John Duvall, president of Pavement Services Inc.

The company just finished a review of the city's streets and found that pavement condition is 56 percent good, 22 percent fair and 22 percent poor.

Duvall presented his findings to the Independence City Council at its Jan. 26 meeting.

Right now, Independence public works has \$100,000 a year to maintain streets. The money comes through the annual fund exchange program with the state for federal funds and specific amounts allocated by population, said Mike Danko, public works director.

Duvall said at \$100,000 a year, the streets projects would grow to a backlog of \$10.4 million by the year 2020. Overall condition would drop from the current rating of 70 ("fair" on a 1-100 scale) to 62. Increasing the



yearly budget to \$500,000 would create a backlog of repairs totaling \$9.5 million, Duvall said.

"To stabilize the condition of the street system at the current (rating) of 71, an annual budget of \$826,000 is required during the period 2016-2020," Duvall said in his report. This would create a backlog of \$7.5 million.

The arterial and collector streets in Independence are mostly fair to good, but 31 percent of the residential streets are rated as poor, with 60 percent rated good and 9 percent rated fair.

Duvall said that to eliminate all backlogs and repair all the streets right now, it would take about \$8.5 million.

He included in his report a table showing street utility fees in 24 cities in Oregon. The highest fee is \$7.94 in Ashland, with the lowest at 90 cents in North Plains. The average is \$3.74.

The city council will discuss the issue of how to maintain streets more at a future work session.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sheriff's Office seeks Reserve Deputies

POLK COUNTY — The Polk County Sheriff's Office is accepting Reserve Deputy Sheriff applications for the Reserve Academy. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. for the academy which runs from November through May of 2017. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and will be required to pass a written test, interviews, criminal background check, psychological evaluation, a physical fitness test and drug screening.

Applications are available online at www.co.polk.or.us/ms/volunteer-application.

Applications may be turned in to Polk County Sheriff's Office, 850 Main St. Dallas, 97338.

For more information: Detective John Williams, 503-623-9251.

Hedrick joins Indy police officers



Hedrick

INDEPENDENCE — Grant Hedrick, a 2010 Central High graduate, became Independence Police Department's newest officer on Jan. 1.

Hedrick graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Boise State University in 2015, where he also played quarterback for the Broncos' football team. He will attend the police academy in Salem beginning in March.

Hedrick can be reached at gshedrick@ci.independence.or.us.

DPD seeks info about Sunday stabbing

DALLAS — The Dallas Police Department is investigating a stabbing incident that happened in the 100 block of Southwest Court Street on Sunday morning.

Police received a call at about 1:40 a.m. of an adult male stabbed multiple times.

As of Monday, the victim was still alive, Lt. Jerry Mott said. He said alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this incident.

Mott said he could not release more information based on the active investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the event or have knowledge of it is asked to call Mott at 503-831-3516.

Sen. Merkley to hold town hall meeting

FALLS CITY — Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold a town hall at Falls City High School Friday at 5 p.m.

Merkley will present a flag to the Falls City after school program (FACES) honoring the work that they do and take questions about issues facing Oregon and the country.

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