

**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](http://www.polkio.com).  
**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

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**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 8.....	49	35	.11
March 9.....	59	46	.60
March 10.....	59	40	.16
March 11.....	51	37	.17
March 12.....	51	42	.64
March 13.....	53	42	.97
March 14.....	51	40	.33

Rainfall during March — 4.41 in.  
Rain through March 14 — 15.14 in.

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See something interesting happening in Polk County?  
Call us at 503-623-2373. We'll check out your news tips!

# Monmouth Hardware moves to new digs

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Monmouth Hardware has been at 225 Main St. E. since the mid-1960s, but owners Brenda and Tom Pell have decided to move down the street. "Parking," Brenda said was the main thing that inspired the move. "People have to go around the block several times, we've been told. Customers say they'll go around the block once, but it's only a mile up to the next store."

Contractors also find parking on Main Street tricky, Brenda said. "Trucks are harder to park, and they might have a trailer on the back," making it even harder, she said.

At the new location, 401 Main St. E., the Pells will have more usable floor space for merchandise and much better parking. The new location used to be Monmouth's grocery store, Market Place, Tom said. "I spent 90 hours in there the first week I got it," he said. "I used to be a contractor, which is a nice balance."

Tom has been in the hardware business for 22 years and has spent another 15 years as a contractor. That gives him the ability to help customers with their do-it-yourself projects. "I've got people in line sometimes just to talk to me," he said, adding, "Advice is free."



Brenda and Tom Pell reopened Monday at Monmouth Hardware's new location at 401 Main St. E. The new location provides better parking and easier access for customers.

yourself projects.

In fact, Tom often has what a customer needs in hand before he or she can say, "I need a thingy that goes on the whatchamacallit."

With the extra floor space in the new building, the Pells will stock more fencing and tub-

ing, as well as a wider variety of light fixtures and faucets.

"We're still finding our niches," Brenda said. "We've tried having in housewares, but we don't want to take away from another retail store in town. We want to have more things that a homeowner might want, but at a decent price."

The couple has owned

Monmouth Hardware since 2012, after an accident prevented Tom from continuing work as a contractor.

"I was working and fell off a ladder, broke my wrist in two places and my upper arm," Tom said. "So I had a lot of free time."

Being in a college town has benefited the Pells. They've made friends with

**New location, old store**

**What:** Monmouth Hardware.  
**Where:** 410 Main St. E., Monmouth.  
**When:** Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.  
**For more information:** 503-838-0562.

students, even loaning them tools or cutting replacement bed boards. Also, they've helped supply landlords who make repairs to apartments once students move out, Tom said.

Brenda will keep her corner of the store, Brenda's Boutiques, filled with gifts such as jewelry, cards, signs and glass décor.

"We have items in here that is all \$7 to \$10 or \$12," Brenda said. "They're not real expensive, and they don't have to drive to Salem."

Tom said they understand people's pocketbooks are thin and try to keep items reasonable. At the end of the day, it's more about helping people than anything.

"I have people come in and say, 'I only spent 25 cents with you,'" Tom said. "Did it fix your problem? Then I'm happy."

# Candidates, measures announced for May

**Local measures and races:**

**MEASURES**

City of Dallas, 10-year, \$10 million bond to repair residential streets.

Falls City School District, \$2 million bond to build a multipurpose gym and cafeteria at Falls City Elementary School.

**Of note:** The deadline to file for measures is Thursday, but the Dallas City Council and Falls City School Board have already voted to place bonds on the May ballot.

**CANDIDATES**

**Polk County Commissioner Position No. 1** (nonpartisan position) — Jennifer Wheeler (incumbent) and Terrence "Terry" Taylor.

**Polk County Assessor** — Doug Schmidt.

**Polk County District Attorney** — Aaron Felton.

**Judge of Circuit Court, 12th District, Position No. 2** — Monte Campbell.

**Oregon House of Representatives, District 10** — David Gomberg (incumbent, Democrat); and Thomas M. Donohue (Republican).

**Oregon House of Representatives, District 20** — Paul Evans (incumbent, Democrat); and Laura S. Morett (Republican).

**Oregon House of Representative, District 23** — Mike Nearman (incumbent, Republican); Beth Jones (Republican); and Jim Thompson (Independent).

**Oregon Senate, District 5** — Arnie Roblan (incumbent, Democrat); and Dick Anderson (Republican).

**Oregon Senate, District 12** — Brian Boquist (incumbent, Republican); and Ross Swartzendruber (Democrat).

**Of note:** The offices of Polk County sheriff, treasurer and clerk will appear on the November ballot.

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — Citizens for a Better Dallas, the political action committee supporting the 10-year, \$10 million bond to repair residential streets, has launched an online campaign.

Rich Rodhe, who is in charge of the group's website, Facebook and Go Fund Me pages, said CDB decided to supplement the traditional door-to-door and mailing campaigns with a more 21st century appeal.

"I'm not aware that has ever happened locally, so we're taking our campaign to the Internet," Rodhe said.

One of the features on the website a listing of all the streets in Dallas and their condition rating.

**Sudoku solution**

5	3	2	7	4	8	6	9	1
9	4	7	6	1	3	2	8	5
1	6	8	5	9	2	7	3	4
7	1	4	2	3	5	9	6	8
2	5	6	8	7	9	4	1	3
3	8	9	1	6	4	5	7	2
8	7	5	9	2	1	3	4	6
4	9	1	3	5	6	8	2	7
6	2	3	4	8	7	1	5	9



The list is broken up by the area of town (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast and Southwest) and

residents will be able to take photos of their streets to be posted with that list.

Rodhe said the hope with creating a website is to reach a wider — and younger — audience and increase community involvement in the campaign.

As the election season rolls on, the website will list informational meetings where members of group will speak.

For more information about the campaign, go to [www.citizensforabetterdallas.com](http://www.citizensforabetterdallas.com).

**West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Wednesday March 23, 2016 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.**

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

**WOU Spring Mixer**  
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Spend an evening sampling delicious wine, eating great food and enjoying great company.  
**Date:** Thursday, April 7, 2016  
**Location:** Chemeketa-Eola NW Wine Studies Center  
**Time:** Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:15 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$45 per person/\$260 per table of 6 (21+ only please)  
**Registration:** Online at [wou.edu/alumni/events](http://wou.edu/alumni/events) or call 503-838-8710 (Registration closes on March 31st)  
**Mention this ad for 5% off your registration fee!**



**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
...welcomes everyone!  
**March 23, Wednesday Tenebrae**  
7 PM Service of Shadows & Darkness  
1486 SW Levens Street, Dallas (at the corner of Levens and Cherry)  
[www.stthomasdallas.org](http://www.stthomasdallas.org)  
[stthomasdallasor@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallasor@gmail.com)

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[www.citizensforabetterdallas.com](http://www.citizensforabetterdallas.com)

Polk County Museum presents...  
**Family Day**  
Sat. March 19th  
1:30 til 4 pm  
Souvenir Photos \$1 ea. Admission & Refreshments are FREE!  
Welcome one and all to an afternoon of fun-filled experiences!  
**Take a Step Back In Time**  
...to the era of pioneers. Help churn butter for home-made biscuits & jam.  
Plus MORE!  
For the Young'uns Demonstrations  
• Scavenger Hunt • Spinning & Weaving  
• Play Dress-Up • Quilting & Handwork  
• Period Costumes • Blacksmithing  
Thank you Cultural Coalition.  
We want to show Polk County our appreciation for their support throughout the year!  
560 Pacific Hwy, Rickreall 503-623-6251  
<http://polkcountyhistoricalsociety.org>

**INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8**  
450 S. 2nd St., Independence  
Showtimes 503-606-3000  
[www.independencecinema8.com](http://www.independencecinema8.com)  
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 - Wednesday March 18 - March 23**

<b>THE DIVERGENT SERIES: ALLEGIANT (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(11:35 1:05 2:15 3:50)
<b>LONDON HAS FALLEN (Digital) (R)</b>	6:35 7:05 9:20 9:50
<b>MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN (Digital) (PG)</b>	(12:40 3:05 5:10) 7:35 9:40
<b>THE BROTHERS GRIMSBY (Digital) (R)</b>	(11:35 2:00 4:35) 7:10 9:40
<b>ZOOPTOPIA (Digital 2D) (PG)</b>	(4:55)
<b>DEADPOOL (Digital) (R)</b>	(11:30 1:55 4:25) 7:00 9:30
<b>WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT (Digital) (R)</b>	(11:55 2:20 4:45) 7:15 9:35
<b>10 CLOVERFIELD LANE (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(11:45 2:10 4:40) 7:25 9:50
<b>10 CLOVERFIELD LANE (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(11:50 2:20 4:50) 7:20 9:45

**Thursday March 24**

<b>BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE (Digital) (PG13)</b>	6:00 9:15
<b>THE DIVERGENT SERIES: ALLEGIANT (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(11:35 1:05 2:15) 7:05 9:50
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