

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, Twitter and Instagram. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 15	47	42	.29
March 16	54	37	.14
March 17	64	31	.00
March 18	67	39	.00
March 19	65	45	.T
March 20	61	47	.37
March 21	53	45	.44

Rainfall during March — 5.65 in.
Rain through March 21 — 16.38 in.

Lack of funding threatens Wagner

By Jolene Guzman
The *Itemizer-Observer*

FALLS CITY — The future of the Wagner Community Library in Falls City will be the topic of an upcoming meeting between Mayor Terry Ungricht and library leaders.

Ungricht, Library Director Cynthia Hovind, and Amy Houghtaling, the library board president, were scheduled to meet Tuesday, but it was canceled and yet to be rescheduled.

The mayor mentioned the need for a discussion during the March 10 Fall City City Council meeting during his "mayor's report."

He said he was concerned that funding dedicated to the library is running short, and he hasn't seen much progress in finding resources long-term.

Threatened with closure, Wagner was given an approximately two-year reprieve when the Wagner Trust was released to the city to use for operations in mid-2014.

The trust was originally established to pay for library materials, but the city successfully took the issue to court making the case that under the circumstances, the purpose of the fund should be expanded.

Approximately \$168,000 was released to the city to keep the doors open and hire a permanent director while other funding options were explored.

Hovind was hired as di-



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer file

Storyteller Christopher Leebrick entertains children at the Wagner Community Library last summer.

rector in November 2014 and work began on creating a voter-approved library district including libraries in surrounding communities.

Ungricht said March 10 that he had not seen much progress on that front and worried the library would reach the end of its funding without future plans.

"After this year, it will be below \$100,000," he said, referring to the Wagner Trust.

He said if the scenario is as he fears, he would suggest

a temporary closure of the library, something which has not been discussed with Hovind or Houghtaling yet.

"My recommendation is if we are not getting citizen involvement and the board is not moving forward to put a district on the ballot and negotiating with the other communities in Polk County, that we close the library at the end of the summer," he said. "I haven't gotten good reports back from our councilors on the library

board that we are moving toward what our goal was when we received the Wagner Trust."

His plan would be to save the remaining money until there is interest in forming a district.

Library managers have discussed exploring other options to the library district, but have not spoken with Ungricht about his recommendation.

"This meeting is so we can all get on the same

page," Ungricht said.

In other business, the council:

- Approved paying approximately \$3,000 for an inspection and market analysis for the former Luckiamute Clinic at 304 N. Main St.

The current owner of the building is considering donating it to the city to redevelop and sell.

The building would need repair work if the city acquired it.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tax help available for seniors

POLK COUNTY — AARP Tax Aide program will provide tax assistance for low- and middle-income seniors in Dallas and Monmouth.

Dallas assistance will be at DHS, 177 Oak St., on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for appointments: 503-634-5546.

Assistance will also be provided at Northwest Senior and Disability Services in Dallas, 260 NE Kings Valley Highway, on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 503-831-0581 for appointments.

Indy PD honors top officers

INDEPENDENCE — Caldelario Navarro earned Reserve Officer of the Year honors from the Independence Police Department for volunteering almost 200 hours of his time to the department, said Sgt. Tino Banuelos.

Navarro also provided assistance during communi-

ty events such as Western Days and the Community Fiesta, as well as supplementing patrols and investigations.

Officer Daniel Unverferth displayed tremendous growth, a drive for excellence and quality police work in his first year with the Independence PD, Banuelos said. Unverferth was named Officer of the Year.

"Although not originally from this community, Officer Unverferth has taken ownership for his role in promoting its safety," Banuelos said. "The balance of accountability and compassion with which he approaches his profession has been exemplary."

HEALTH DIRECTORY

LABORATORY SERVICES

• **WEST VALLEY HOSPITAL** provides lab services at two convenient locations in Dallas and Monmouth. Both labs are fully accredited, providing collections and testing with healthcare provider referral. Employment and self-referral drug testing is offered. The West Valley Hospital lab in Dallas is open 24 hours, seven days a week, at 525 SE Washington St., 503-623-7303. The Monmouth lab is located in the Monmouth Medical Center, 512 Main St., Suite 300, 503-838-1388. It is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed between noon and 1 p.m. Appointments are not required.

MASSAGE

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ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES

• **DR. STEVE YAO** specializes in sports medicine and knee-replacement procedures. Dr. Yao sees patients at the Hope Orthopedics of Oregon satellite office in Dallas, and schedules surgeries nearby at West Valley Hospital in the new state-of-the-art surgery suites. West Valley Hospital is located at 525 SE Washington St., Dal-

las, 503-623-8301. Visit www.salemhealth.org/vvh.

PHYSICAL THERAPY/ REHABILITATION SERVICES

• **WEST VALLEY HOSPITAL** provides a wide range of rehabilitation services in Dallas, offering physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and aquatic therapy (at Dallas Aquatic Center). Let us help you get moving again! We are conveniently located at 525 SE Washington St., Dallas, 503-623-7305.

• **MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER** serves Monmouth and Independence locally with a wide range of rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and aquatic therapy (at Dallas Aquatic Center). Let us help you get moving again! We are conveniently located at 512 Main St., Monmouth, 503-838-1388. Se habla español.

• **PINNACLE PHYSICAL THERAPY** is an orthopedic physical therapy facility committed to getting great results for each patient. We focus on advanced spine care, women's health issues, sport rehab, vehicle accidents, and work injuries. We offer highly specialized care including manual therapy, aquatic therapy, specific deep tissue mobilization techniques, Postural Restoration Institute (PRI) techniques and therapeutic exercise. We have a warm, caring and friendly staff and accept most private health insurance, auto insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. We offer both male and female physical therapists. Often no physician referral is needed to start care. Call us today and ask how to get therapy for your condition or talk to your physician to see if physical therapy is right for you. Call us: 503-623-2433. We are conveniently located at 210 W. Ellendale Avenue Dallas, Oregon 97338; (next to Taco Bell) Check us out on the web: www.pinnacle-physicaltherapy.com

PODIATRY SERVICES

• **WEST VALLEY SURGICAL SPECIALTY CLINIC** podiatrists Dr. Ruben Pollak and Dr. Scott Berg see patients at West Valley Surgical Specialty Clinic and provide procedures and surgeries for feet, ankle, bunions and plantar fasciitis at nearby West Valley Hospital's state-of-the-art surgery suites. Request one of these podiatrists and get your surgical care done locally. Dr. Berg

sees patients at West Valley Surgical Specialty Clinic on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - noon. Dr. Pollak sees patients on Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. West Valley Surgical Specialty Clinic is located at 591 SE Clay St., Dallas. Visit salemhealth.org/specialty.

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS

• **DR. CHARLES ESSEX**, family medicine, is accepting new patients at Monmouth Medical Center, located at 512 Main St., Suite 300, Monmouth, 503-838-1182. With a proactive healthcare approach, Dr. Essex provides care for the entire family and will work with you to build a healthy lifestyle with annual exams, immunizations, lifestyle counseling, sports physicals, skin care, cancer screenings and more. New patients are welcome.

• **DR. JOHN HADLEY**, family medicine, is accepting new patients at the West Valley Physicians & Surgeons Clinic at 555 SE Washington St., Dallas, 503-623-7301. With a proactive healthcare approach, Dr. Hadley provides offers family medicine for your entire family from newborns to adults with annual exams, immunizations, lifestyle counseling, sports physicals, skin care, cancer screenings and more. New patients are welcome.

UROLOGY SERVICES

• **WEST VALLEY SURGICAL SPECIALTY CLINIC** Dr. Jaffer Bashey, board certified urologist with Willamette Urology, sees patients on Tuesdays, providing complete diagnosis and treatment of urological disorders and diseases for adults and children. Dr. Bashey does outpatient surgeries at West Valley Hospital, including cystoscopy, minor bladder and prostate surgery, bladder and kidney stones, circumcision, vasectomy and other procedures. Physician referral may be required. Visit salemhealth.org/specialty.

SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER

• **MARIAN SIMON**, MA Shamanic practitioner and counselor specializing in spiritual healing and development since 1994. 503-831-0158. simonart@teleport.com <http://mariansimon.com>

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