

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

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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 22	55	43	.38
March 23	54	44	.06
March 24	56	41	.01
March 25	54	39	.01
March 26	59	37	.15
March 27	54	41	.10
March 28	57	37	.T

Rainfall during March — 6.36 in.
Rain through March 28 — 17.09 in.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer file
A customer visits with Malinda Bermudez during the farmers market in April 2015. Brightly colored flowers, plants for the garden and more will be available on Saturday.

Indy markets return Saturday

Greens, plants to be featured; weather promises to be fair

By Emily Mentzer
The *Itemizer-Observer*

INDEPENDENCE — The weather is going to be perfect — knock on wood — to get out to the Independence farmers markets, said Sue Barker, organizer of the Riverview Farmers Market.

"We're going to have plants ready to go in your garden," Barker said. "And, of course, everybody's going to be working on their garden, getting them ready for planting and everything else."

With the wet and stormy spring, the growing season is off to a slow start, but the markets will still have greens available, as well as flowers.

At the Original Independence Farmers Market, a new baker and someone selling homemade lotions will be there.

"We'll have crafts," said Martha Walton, organizer of the Original market. "There will probably be some lettuce."

Both markets feature masseuses, perfect to ease those tired muscles from

Check It Out

What: Original Independence Farmers Market and Independence Riverview Market.

When: Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through November.

Where: Umpqua Bank parking lot (Original Independence Farmers Market) and Riverview Park (Independence Riverview Market).

For more information: Both markets have Facebook pages, where they post photos and pictures of what's available. Or call Martha Walton (Original Independence Farmers Market) at 503-881-9950; Sue Barker (Riverview Market) at 503-837-0045.

gardening or tending to the lawn, Barker said.

At the Original market, Ovenbird Bakery will provide free cinnamon rolls and coffee, while supplies last, Walton said.

Barker said a few new vendors will be at the

Sudoku solution

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

West Salem man sentenced to prison

DALLAS — Omar Ochoa-Baez, 20, of West Salem, was sentenced to serve 70 months in prison by Polk County Circuit Judge Norman R. Hill on March 17 after he pleaded guilty to second-degree robbery. Ochoa-Baez was arrested by Salem Police on Feb. 3 after they conducted an investigation of a robbery at the Plaid Pantry on Edgewater Street, Northwest.

Polk holds budget hearings next week

POLK COUNTY — Polk County's 2016-17 budget hearings will begin on Monday.

The meetings are scheduled to run from Monday through April 7. Polk's County's Budget Committee consists of the three elected commissioners and three appointed citizens.

Monday and Tuesday's meetings will begin at 9 a.m. the Polk County Courthouse conference room, 850 Main St., Dallas. The April 6-7 meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Polk County Administrator Greg Hansen will deliver the 2016-17 budget message at 9:15 a.m. on Monday and members of the public can comment on the budget at 11 a.m. on April 6.

Due to the hearings, there will be no Board of Commissioners meetings on Tuesday and April 6.

For more information: 503-623-8173.

Minet will add streaming services

MONMOUTH — Monmouth Independence Networks has contracted with the National Cable Television Cooperative to provide TV Everywhere.

TV Everywhere allows Minet cable customers to watch channels on mobile devices, said Jason Saunders, Minet sales manager.

"We have monitored the transition of people who use our Internet services and now have more people using mobile devices than desktop computers," Saunders said. "Viewing TV shows and events is just an extension of that mobile trend."

The service will be phased in over time. Saunders said the majority of Minet's channels will be available through TV Everywhere by June 1. Minet does not expect to add any costs for the coverage, Saunders said. It will be free when people subscribe to cable services. For more information about TV Everywhere: 503-837-0700.

BLM seeks nominations for councils

PORTLAND — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently announced that it is seeking public nominations for open positions on 34 Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), including six in Oregon, which advise the BLM on public land issues. As published in a notice in the Federal Register, the BLM will consider nominations for 45 days. For more information: www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php.

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MONMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

April 3 — Polk Flea Market, 9 am to 3 pm. Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall. Polk County's oldest and largest market with 183 tables selling antiques, collectibles, tools, etc. Admission \$1. For more info contact Deb Thomas 503-428-8224

April 8 — Polk County Relay for Life Spaghetti Feed & Auction, 5 pm to 7:30 pm. The spaghetti feed and auction is an annual fundraiser put on by the teams of Polk County Relay for Life. Every year, teams gather donations from the community to include, local goods, arts & crafts, quilts and antiques to enter into the auction. All proceeds of the auction go to the American Cancer Society to help finish the fight against cancer. The food service and silent auction begins at 5:00 p.m., the outcry auction begins at 7:00 p.m. There will also be live music throughout the night. We would love to see you there! Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United, 412 West Clay Street Monmouth, Oregon. Fees/Admission: \$5/ticket- \$20/family. Tickets can be purchased from Courtney of Team Her & Him Events, 541.510.4483

April 8 — Smith Fine Arts Series: Sara Gazarek with The American Metropole Orchestra, 7:30 pm. Championed by some of music's most celebrated figures, Sara Gazarek has emerged as a strikingly original artist with limitless potential. With three highly acclaimed recordings as a leader, Sara was hailed by the LA Times as "the next important jazz singer" and "impeccable" by the Winnipeg Free Press. Blessed with a gorgeous, translucent voice, excellent pitch, and supple sense of time, Sara embraces both tradition and the music of her generation. "Gazarek balances fancy free notions, effervescence, carefree whims, fragile emotions, precocious pondering and humor in her work" (AllAboutJazz) \$25 in advance, \$28 at door, \$11 students. Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University, Corner of Knox and Powell Streets, Monmouth.

April 16 — Pow Wow, Multicultural Student Union of Western Oregon University is having our 23rd Annual Pow Wow, Saturday April 16th. This event is free and open to everyone. The event will be held in the Pacific Room, Werner University Center. The first Grand Entry will take place at 12:00pm. There will be a free dinner break in the Summit Room, WUC from 5:00-7:00pm. The second Grand Entry will be at 7:00 pm and the event will conclude at 12:00 am. This year's Pow-Wow will feature a number of drummers, dancers, and vendors from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Dance competitions and other traditional ceremonies will take place throughout the day. Concessions and a raffle of various donated items from the community and Pow-Wow vendors will also be provided. We are very excited about this year's Pow-Wow, and we are looking forward to seeing you there! With your support and attendance, this will be a very successful and exciting event. If you have any questions, please contact the MSU office at (503)838-8403 or msu@wou.edu

April 21 — Join us at Washington Federal, 523 Main Street E., Monmouth for the **Monmouth/Independence Chamber of Commerce Mixer** Thursday 5:30 pm. Chamber members and friends are invited to join us for our after-hours mixers. Mixers provide networking opportunities to build business and community relations while promoting your business or organization. Get to know members, learn about the host site, enter to win giveaways, enjoy refreshments, and more!

April 30 — 2016 CHS Hall of Fame—The CHS Hall of Fame will be held Saturday, at 6pm in the CHS Auditorium. Cost is \$5. This year we will be honoring the 1982 Boys Tennis State Championship team, 1983 Football State Championship team, Athletes Joe Mendazona, Johanna Koch Dillard, Dick Britton, Jordan Pratt, Floyd Graves and Darryl "Mouse" Davis, Meritorious Clyde McMillan and Coach John Oliver. Contact Shane Hedrick for more information at shedrick@central.k12.or.us

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