

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.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
April 5.....	62	41	.00
April 6.....	73	38	.00
April 7.....	87	45	.00
April 8.....	81	49	.00
April 9.....	67	47	.00
April 10.....	62	47	.00
April 11.....	62	50	.00

Rainfall during April — 0.00 in.
Rain through April 11 — 17.09 in.



Coming Soon!
Explore Polk County

Don't miss this award-winning section guiding residents and visitors to all the best places in and around Polk County!
Find it in the May 25th issue of the *Itemizer-Observer*



David Wales collects old game consoles and video games, amassing devices such as the original Gameboy and Atari to the more modern Xbox.

He's got game consoles

Dallas Library worker shows off video game system stash

By **Jolene Guzman**
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS —What was your first video game system? Atari? Nintendo? Sega? Xbox?

Chances are David Wales either has it in his collection or on his wish list to add to his already impressive lineup.

Wales starting collecting consoles by happenstance about four years ago. He said while living in San Francisco, he walked by a house that had a box sitting on the curb. Inside, it had a Nintendo 64 with games.

He picked up the box, and his unique collection started.

"It's kind of a weird hobby, I guess," Wales said. "I'm interested in them. My mom raised five kids herself, and we couldn't really have games."

You can see a portion of what he's collected so far at the Dallas Public Library's display case. Some will be familiar — like the Nintendo system that made Super Mario Bros. famous and for those a bit older, the Atari 2600 console.

Others, like the 1980 Matel Intellivision and 1979 Magnavox Odyssey2, look nothing like their modern counterparts.

"I try to get one every month," said Wales, who works at the library. "What I'm doing now is getting the basic ones that probably everybody has seen. I have 35 total right now."

So far, the display has gotten quite the reaction, even from young kids who haven't



Wales' original Gameboy.

seen most of them.

"This is the first time I've put them on display," Wales said. "It's kind of fun to see (kids) like them and want to try them out."

Older people have shared their memories of playing the "classic" systems.

"It's important to hold on to, I think, especially as things change and get really crazy, (like) virtual reality," Wales said.

He's collecting the easier-to-find and less expensive systems now. After that, he will pursue the rare and costly. Wales said his wife is supportive, even if he has to explain a spur-of-the-moment purchase occasionally.

"She said as long as the bills are paid and the rent is paid, you can have your

hobby," he said with a smile.

Wales said he's encouraged by how much library visitors have liked the display. Once his collection is complete, he wants to open a museum. His vision has the consoles connected to screens so people can play them.

"Up until like two weeks ago, it was just for me," Wales said. "Now that I know people love it, it makes me more excited to possibly have a museum sometime and share it with more people."

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• All workshops 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Henry Hill Education Support Center (750 S 5th St., Independence)
• Cost per workshop: \$15 for MICC Members \$20 for Non-Members
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Sudoku solution

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

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