

**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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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
May 3.....	72	51	.05
May 4.....	64	54	.T
May 5.....	70	50	.00
May 6.....	82	46	.00
May 7.....	86	55	.00
May 8.....	67	50	.00
May 9.....	68	44	.00

Rainfall during May — 0.05 in.  
Rain through May 9 — 19.18 in.

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# Taylor, Wheeler talk economy

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

*Editor's note: This the second part of the I-O's coverage of the race for Polk County Board of Commissioners Position No. 1 between incumbent Jennifer Wheeler and challenger Terrence Taylor.*

POLK COUNTY — Polk County Commissioner Jennifer Wheeler and her challenger, Terrence Taylor, have differing views on how to protect, or enhance, the county's financial future.



Wheeler

Wheeler believes the county must take care of its infrastructure and services — namely law enforcement and roads — and support the efforts of cities and chambers of commerce to bring in new business.

"We don't have taxpayer dollars for marketing, but we do have groups of people that we work with that do," Wheeler said.

Taylor favors finding a marketing campaign that puts a brand on the county that would attract families and businesses.

Furthermore, Taylor disputes that the county has taken care of the public safety system in the most cost-effective way.

He believes that the county could have avoided asking voters for levies to pay for public safety with stricter budgeting, though he admitted he would need more information about the budget to see how.

"One thing I found that working in corporate America is that necessity is the

## Ballot drop sites

Ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Tuesday. They may be mailed, or put in a drop box around the county:

- **Polk County Courthouse**, east side: 24-hours.
- **Falls City Wagner Community Library**, 111 N. Main St.: Tuesday-Thursday, 1 to 6:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Election Day, 1 to 8 p.m.
- **Grand Ronde, Governance Center** Building G, 9615 Grand Ronde Road: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Election Day, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Independence City Hall**, 555 S. Main St.: 24-hour drop site in the front lobby, Election Day until 8 p.m.
- **Monmouth Public Library**, 168 Ecols St. S.: Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Election Day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Western Oregon University**, Werner University Center, 345 N. Monmouth Ave.: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Election Day, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **West Salem Roth's Market**, 1130 Wallace Road NW: Sunday-Saturday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Election Day, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

mother of invention and, when you stop allowing the county to continue to tax people with levies, they will figure out a way to make the budget work," he said.

He said the county needs to avoid further taxation.

"We need to take a breather from increasing taxes because we need to focus on making businesses healthier and making families healthier," he said.



Taylor

Wheeler said that is not the case, and that the county is running as lean as possible.

"Everybody that knows about budgets and has looked at our budget can see there is no waste, no piles of money sitting around that we are misusing," she said.

"All the employees in the county have had to do more with less for a long time, and they do."

She said financial challenges are certainly on the horizon in the form of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System and the rising cost of health care coverage.

Wheeler said neither of those are under the county's control, but have to be mitigated by department leaders' careful budgeting.

"You deal with them through the budget process and sometimes that means people get laid off. That is one of the things you are always trying to avoid," she said. "We haven't had to do that for a quite a while, but that's the biggest concern."

Taylor said PERS can only be fixed through the courts, and common sense is needed to find a way to make the program sustainable.

"We want it to be fair for those who have the pension, but we also need to make it fair for those who aren't even involved in the pension and who are enslaved in paying for it," he said. "We have to have some compromise there to make it fair for everyone."

## Oregon Department of Education's guidelines regarding

Polk County *Itemizer-Observer* staff POLK COUNTY — Firefighters from Polk County Fire District No. 1 had a garage fire in the 9000 block of Helmick Road under control 15 minutes after arriving on Sunday afternoon.

Initial reports came in at about 4 p.m. of smoke in a utility room in the garage. Smoke was visible on arrival of initial units, Division Chief Neal Olson said, and there were flames coming from the exterior wall of the garage.

The occupant and her pets

were evacuated prior to the arrival of emergency crews, Olson said.

Crews worked for about an hour removing smoke and in-

vestigating the cause of the fire, which was determined to be an electrical short from a surge protector. The property loss is estimated at \$45,000.

*You are cordially invited to the*  
**Polk County Historical Society's**  
**May Tea**  
on Saturday, May 21st, 2016,  
at 1:30 p.m.  
*We hope you will be able to join us.*

Admission: \$7.50 each  
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# Locker plans move forward

By Jolene Guzman  
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DALLAS — Oregon Department of Education's guidelines regarding treatment of transgender students will not affect Dallas School District's policy or plans to remodel its facilities.

The department issued the guidance Thursday in response to question from students, parents and school districts across the state, including Dallas School District.

The guidance advises districts to use the names and pronouns that match a student's gender identity, if requested, and allow students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of the gender with which they identify, among other recommendations.

"The guidelines are intended to suggest best practices and to provide a foundation for the educational community to safe and supportive school cultures," the 15-page document read.

Dallas recently completed a plan for remodeling locker rooms and restrooms throughout the district to accommodate more student privacy for those who request it. A committee working on behalf of the superintendent recommended waiting to finalize the plan until after the state's guidelines were issued.

"After having read the

ODE recommendation, those recommendations are right in line," said Superintendent Michelle Johnstone.

She said nothing in the construction plans would need to be changed as a result of ODE's advice. The district will be able to use voter-approved maintenance bond funding to pay for the projects, a portion of which was already on the bond project list before the privacy issue arose.

Dallas High School Principal Steve Spencer said the district may have to review its sex education curriculum to ensure it meets the guidelines.

ODE said that unisex and private changing areas are fine, if a student wants to use them, saying "alternative accommodations, such as single "unisex" bathroom or private changing space should be made available to students who request them, but should not be forced upon students, or presented as an only option."

Johnstone said students requesting full inclusion or separate facilities can be accommodated with the district's policy and restroom/locker room remodeling plan, as can other students needing more privacy.

She said the district will work with each student on a case-by-case basis.

"We want to do what is best for all of our kids, all the time," Johnstone said.

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**Friday - Sunday May 13 - May 15**

RACHET AND CLANK (Digital) (PG)	(12:15 2:35 5:00)		
THE BOSS (Digital) (R)		7:25	9:35
ZOOPTOPIA (Digital) (PG)	(11:40 2:10 4:45)	7:20	
KEANU (Digital) (R)			9:40
MONEY MONSTER* (Digital) (R)	(12:20 2:40 5:00)	7:15	9:30
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR (Digital) (PG13)	(11:30 1:45 2:45 5:00)		
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR (Digital) (PG13)		6:00	8:15 9:15
JUNGLE BOOK (Digital 2D) (PG)	(11:35 2:05 4:35)	7:05	9:25
HUNTSMAN: THE WINTER'S WAR (Digital) (PG13)	(1:30 4:10)	6:50	9:25
MOTHER'S DAY (Digital) (PG13)	(11:25 2:00 4:30)	7:10	9:45

**Monday - Wednesday May 16 - May 18**

RACHET AND CLANK (Digital) (PG)	(2:35 5:00)		
THE BOSS (Digital) (R)		7:25	9:35
ZOOPTOPIA (Digital) (PG)	(2:10 4:45)	7:20	
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HUNTSMAN: THE WINTER'S WAR (Digital) (PG13)	(4:10)	6:50	9:25
MOTHER'S DAY (Digital) (PG13)	(2:00 4:30)	7:10	9:45

**Thursday May 19**

RACHET AND CLANK (Digital) (PG)	(2:35 5:00)		
ANGRY BIRDS (Digital) (PG)		7:00	
THE BOSS (Digital) (R)			9:35
ZOOPTOPIA (Digital) (PG)	(2:10 4:45)	7:20	
KEANU (Digital) (R)			9:40
MONEY MONSTER* (Digital) (R)	(2:40 5:00)	7:15	9:30
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR (Digital) (PG13)	(1:45 2:45 5:00)		
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR (Digital) (PG13)		6:00	8:15 9:15
HUNTSMAN: THE WINTER'S WAR (Digital) (PG13)	(4:10)		
NEIGHBORS 2 (Digital) (R)		7:00	9:35
JUNGLE BOOK (Digital 2D) (PG)	(2:05 4:35)	7:05	9:25
MOTHER'S DAY (Digital) (PG13)	(2:00 4:30)		
THE NICE GUYS (Digital) (R)		7:00	9:35

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. Passes not allowed on starred items.

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**May through**  
**September**

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

**Sudoku**  
Difficulty: ★★★★★☆

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

**How to do Sudoku**  
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.