

**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.

**CORRECTIONS**

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**WEBSITE**

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, [www.polkio.com](http://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
May 24.....	72	51	.00
May 25.....	67	54	.00
May 26.....	64	51	.00
May 27.....	65	47	.00
May 28.....	74	41	.00
May 29.....	72	51	.00
May 30.....	78	47	.00

Rainfall during May — 1.17 in.  
Rain through May 30 — 20.30 in.

# Peacocks head out on the highway

By Lukas Eggen  
The *Itemizer-Observer*

MONMOUTH — The peafowl population may be spreading its wings.

Peacocks have long taken up residence in Monmouth in and around Sacre Lane.

On Thursday, they appeared to expand their horizons, wandering near Dutch Bros. and crossing Main Street to the Burgerville parking lot.

“We are surprised that some of the ‘herd’ is moving so far beyond their normal range,” City Manager Scott McClure said. “They normally don’t get anywhere near Highway 99 or Main Street.”

McClure said they haven’t received calls concerning peacocks lately, though he did hear of a report a peacock stopping traffic on Highway 99 near J’s as a citizen tried to move it off the road.

The peacock sightings may just be an adventurous few, but they could also be a sign of an increasing population according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

“They could be having offspring and people are seeing the effects of that,” Rick Boatner, invasive species coordinator, said.

The peacock problem has been a longstanding issue in Monmouth.

As recently as 2014, the issue of peacocks was brought before the city



LISA CATTO/for the *Itemizer-Observer*

Peacocks made their way toward Burgerville on Thursday morning, crossing Highway 99W and Main Street.

council, and in particular the noise the peacocks make, when a citizen said the peafowl had been living in Sacre Lane since at least 1997.

Residents may have a love ‘em or hate ‘em relationship with peacocks, but no matter how you feel, trying to interact with them is a bad idea.

“The simplest protocol that people should follow is to just leave the peacocks alone,” McClure said. “They

can take care of themselves. Trying to handle, or help, a peacock could result in an injury.”

Peacocks are not considered wildlife by the ODFW’s definition, Boatner said.

But while they may be a beautiful sight to behold, he too, said leaving them be is the best way to keep them safe.

“Certainly don’t feed any feral population,” Boatner said. “It only encourages them.”



LISA CATTO/for the *Itemizer-Observer*

Peacocks venturing to new places could be a sign of increased population.



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Peacocks were spotted near Highway 99W and Main Street on Thursday morning.

## Volunteers needed for welcome booth

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**

POLK COUNTY — The Polk Soil and Water Conservation District has been a familiar sight at the entrance tent at the Polk County Fair.

This year, there will be something new to greet fairgoers — a mascot.

Sammy Soil, a soil particle, will be there to say hello along with volunteers running the passport and other interactive activities at the welcome booth.

Volunteers are needed to help run the booth and to

don the mascot costume.

The group’s goals include promotion of district programs and projects to help people learn about the services they provide; provide educational activities and information everyone and help to promote the local groups and events at the fair that receive less traffic.

The Polk County Fair will be Aug. 11-13.

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Sammy Soil will be at the Polk County Fair this year.

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June 13th  
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