

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## CCRLS libraries expand 'basic' card privileges

POLK COUNTY — Beginning July 1, Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service libraries, which include Dallas, Falls City, Independence and Monmouth public libraries, will raise limits for the number of items checked out from one to 10 for basic library card holders. This includes residents of Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties who live within the CCRLS district but outside of public library coverage. Basic cards will remain free as before. Totals for children using CARE cards will remain the same at 25 checkouts and holds. Those who have purchased cards that will expire in June will be given an extension until July 1 if they wish to switch to the free basic card. Patrons may still purchase full service cards to receive the full allotment of 50 items checked out at a time. For more information see the library closest to you.

## Sheriff deputies cite, warn 60 drivers

POLK COUNTY — From May 16 through 29, members of local law enforcement were out on patrol to remind drivers and passengers to Click It or Ticket. The Polk County Sheriff's Office, which participated in the national enforcement campaign, issued warnings and citations to 60 motorists for various violations, including seatbelt violations and speeding. Deputies also issued citations to four motorists for driving with a suspended driver's license. These enhanced efforts were made possible by a grant.

## Council approves up to 25 chickens in urban garden

MONMOUTH — The Monmouth City Council approved collective keeping of poultry, answering a request by the developer of Edwards Addition. The council approved amendments to the Monmouth City Code at its June 7 meeting. The amendments add a definition of urban garden, allowing a maximum of 25 poultry fowl to be kept by a homeowners association within a designated urban garden in a planned unit development. The poultry need to be kept in a coop and run area that is a minimum of 2,700 square feet, or 108 square feet per bird for 25 birds. The amendment also establishes setbacks of 50 feet from any property line for the enclosed coop and run area, and any onsite composting of poultry waste. Poultry means chicken or ducks. Representatives from the Edwards Addition Village Farm Chicken Committee requested keeping 36 chickens in 1,250 square feet. After discussion by the city council, it was agreed to approve the amendments and revisit the idea of collective chicken keeping at a future date. City Manager Scott McClure said no other city they could find allowed keeping chickens in a PUD through a homeowners association. "There are no known rules regarding this," McClure said. "This is absolutely fresh territory. Normally, you have examples you can refer to, but there isn't here. We had a lot of unique research."

## Longtime Indy business to close at the end of July

INDEPENDENCE — Sandy's Fine Jewelry, in the Central Plaza, is closing its doors on July 29. Owners Ray and Sandy Yost are retiring after 17 years in business and are inviting everyone to come in for a liquidation sale beginning Wednesday at 10 a.m. The store will be closed Monday and Tuesday to prepare for the sale. The Yosts want to thank customers for their support and the many friendships they have made. Jewelry repairs will be accepted until July 22. If you need watch batteries, repairs done, or just want to wish them well and reminisce, stop in at 1343 Monmouth Ave., in Independence.



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African Children's Choir will perform at Valley Life Center on June 22.

# JOYFUL SOUND

African Children's Choir benefits Music for Life program

By Lukas Eggen  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — When Tina Sipp attended a concert featuring the African Children's Choir in 1989, she hoped to be entertained. She never expected what came next.

"It was just amazing to me to see these children who were so young perform so incredibly well and be so endearing and magnetic," Sipp said. "I never forgot that." She saw the choir perform again and again. In 2003, she became a chaperone for the choir. Now, 13 years later, she serves as choir manager.

Polk County residents will get a chance to see the choir first hand at Valley Life Center, 17985 SE Miller St., Dallas on June 22 at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature Choir 45, consisting of 11 boys and seven girls from Uganda. Each choir member was chosen from a pool of students in Africa who are being educated through programs from the organization Music For Life.

Music For Life helps educate students from elementary school through secondary education, including colleges, vocational schools and more, Sipp said. The choir travels across the country performing for a year before returning to Africa, when new members of the choir are chosen. Sipp said many, like herself, find themselves moved. But the choir's tour has as much of an impact on its members, ranging in age from 7 to 12. "They don't have a full understanding on what it means to tour," Sipp said. "They're anxious to try a sandwich or go to see and do a lot of things. They come in eyes wide open with that curiosity. You see a lot of confidence that's developed. You see the evolution of who they are as a person. They see that the world is at their doorstep."

The concert is free. Donations collected will go toward supporting the choir and the education programs in Africa. All proceeds go directly toward Music For Life, Sipp said. "We hope everyone can do a little bit," Sipp said. "We're raising future leaders. If we don't invest in children today, there's no reason to think any of the challenges they'll face will change. We want to raise leaders today so Africa has a chance tomorrow."

For those thinking of attending the concert, be ready for a night filled with joyful songs, big smiles, and an unforgettable experience, Sipp said. "Expect to be moved, to be wowed," Sipp said. "They'll have your heart in about 10 seconds."

## 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.  
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## WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 7.....	92	55	.00
June 8.....	76	57	.00
June 9.....	62	51	.15
June 10.....	65	48	.03
June 11.....	70	51	.T
June 12.....	78	47	.00
June 13.....	65	51	.01

Rainfall during June — 0.38 in.  
Rain through June 13 — 20.68 in.

## Sudoku solution

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