

**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**

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 email to [emnterz@polkio.com](mailto:emnterz@polkio.com).

**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
June 21	77	50	.00
June 22	82	50	.T
June 23	65	54	.37
June 24	70	51	.02
June 25	81	50	.00
June 26	90	53	.00
June 27	89	57	.00

Rainfall during June — 1.00 in.  
Rain through June 27 — 21.30 in.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

**Lee Wanner opened Northwest Music Studio on Fairview Avenue after learning that Dallas no longer had a music store. He offers lessons, instruments and accessories.**

# Learn to play a tune

*Northwest Music Studios offers music lessons for all*

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

DALLAS — Lee Wanner began taking music lessons in a small music store.

His first job at 17 years old was in a similar music outlet. His first students took lessons from him in the same type of store.

When Wanner, 28, moved to Dallas last year, he was surprised the town didn't have one.

"There was only one reason I thought I had to go out of town, to go to a music store," Wanner said, adding that he couldn't be the only person having to do that.

Getting to know the area a little better, he found an active music scene. Wanner began thinking about opening his own store to fill the void.

That vision became reality on June 1 when Wanner opened Northwest Music Studio on Fairview Avenue in Dallas.

Northwest Music Studio offers lessons, instrument accessories, sheet music, song books, used instrument consignment and custom ordering. The retail side of the store will probably de-

## Play on

**What:** Northwest Music Studios.

**Where:** 1254 SW Fairview Ave., Dallas.

**Hours:** Lesson hours: Tuesday and Wednesday — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Store hours: Thursday and Friday — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday — 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Contact:** 503-519-9805.

**For more information:** <http://northwest-musicstudio.com>.

velop slowly as Wanner gets to know what musicians in the area need.

Wanner teaches guitar, bass guitar, piano and drums, and may have teachers offer lessons for other instruments, such as upright bass and violin. Through lessons, Wanner is sharing something he loves and seeing that develop in other people.

Wanner began taking music lessons at age 9, but his love of music started

much earlier and solidified when he found an old guitar in his mom's closet and began to play.

Wanner pursued his musical passion to the Musicians Institute in Los Angeles, the beginning of 10 years of "surviving LA," as he puts it.

He moved to Dallas in search of a better lifestyle and what he refers to as "a higher caliber of people." It just so happened that his aunt and uncle live here, so Dallas was the first stop on that journey.

He didn't need to look any further.

"There's definitely some cool people here," Wanner said.

Now he's brought to Dallas what he felt was sorely needed. Wanner said business owners open stores because they want to fill a need or because the service or item they provide is what they know.

"It's quite a wonderful coincidence that I'm doing both," Wanner said.

# State report finds county at financial risk

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

POLK COUNTY — The Secretary of State Audits Division has included Polk County on a list of four counties at higher risk for financial distress.

Polk appears in the third biennial financial condition review of Oregon's counties released June 14, highlighting four counties that may need further monitoring based upon 10 financial, economic and demographic indicators. The other counties identified are Curry, Douglas and Josephine.

Auditors used information from each county's annual financial reports and other data from state and federal resources to identify financial concerns, and conducted in-depth analysis of those counties that may be at a higher risk of distress. The report found that the decline in federal forest revenue continues to hinder recovery of some counties.

The indicators used in the report are: local support, timber revenue dependence, debt burden, liquidity, fund balance, retirement benefit obligation, public safety, personal income, population trends and unemployment.

Polk County has the 12th lowest permanent tax rate in the state, has among the highest debt burden, and was spending the least on public safety at the time the report was compiled. Polk also has the 11th lowest unemployment rate in the state, ranks in the bottom third for retirement obligations and is less dependent on timber revenue than the other three counties on the list.

County officials responded to the findings by pointing out the information didn't include the public safety operating levy passed in 2015 and recent increases to fund balances. If those had been included, county officials believe Polk wouldn't have been considered one of the "counties to monitor."

"A report of this type is based on historical information and does not address future plans or solutions," the county response portion of the report read.

To review the entire report go to: [www.sos.state.or.us/audits](http://www.sos.state.or.us/audits).

## How much can you eat?

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**

INDEPENDENCE — The annual Watermelon Eating Contest will be at 4 p.m. in Independence Riverview Park, 50 C St. on Saturday, part of the Hometown Appreciation Celebration.

Event organizers need volunteers to run the stopwatch — more importantly, they need people who want to compete in eating the juicy red fruit of summer.

For more information: call or text 503-269-3731.

For more about the Fourth of July celebrations, including Western Days, see Section C.

*Common Sense Tip* FOR PEDESTRIANS

### LOOK LEFT. RIGHT. LEFT.

Things change fast, so follow these simple steps to make sure the coast is clear before crossing any street. And walk on!

**Walk Safely. The Way to Go.** Transportation Safety — ODOT

**Sudoku solution**

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

**LUCKIAMUTE DOMESTIC WATER COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**  
Monday 7:00 p.m.  
July 11th  
503-838-2075  
Location: Business Office  
8585 Suver Rd. • Monmouth

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Mom has always been so patient, but now when I ask her questions she gets angry.

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**Screaming Cat Fountain 75¢ ea.**

**LOADS of BUY 1 GET 1 FREE DEALS in Stock**

**LOW LOW PRICES DARE TO COMPARE** at these **BOOMTOWN** locations!

**DALLAS** — in the Dollar Tree lot next to Safeway  
**WILLAMINA** — Next to Coyote Joe's and Select Mart

**DEALS ON**

**FREE DISPLAY NIGHT** at the **Dollar Tree** in **DALLAS!** **June 30, 9 p.m.**

**10% OFF** any one fountain With coupon • Limit 1 per customer

**FREE** Killer Bee with \$25 purchase With coupon • Limit 1 per customer

The 2016 Senior All Night Party Committee would like to give a **BIG THANKS** to the following businesses and organizations for their support and donations toward our Alcohol and Drug free Senior All Night Party. The Senior All Night Party provides a safe option for graduates to attend on graduation night.

- Polk Victim Impact Panel • Dutch Bros • Mid Columbia Bus Company
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- Walmart • North Dallas Bar & Grill • Washington St. Steakhouse & Pub • Murphy's Grill
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The Senior All Night Party would not be possible without such great support.

*In Appreciation, The 2016 Senior All Night Party Committee*