

NEWS IN BRIEF

Council will not fill empty seat

MONMOUTH — Monmouth City Councilor Marshall Guthrie resigned his council seat, effective June 30. The city council decided at its July 5 council meeting not to fill the vacancy prior to the November election, when three councilors will be elected, as well as the mayor. A council candidate forum will be held at 5:30 p.m. on July 27 at Volunteer Hall, 180 Warren St. S., for all interested in running for a local office. For more information: Local Election Official Phyllis Bolman, 503-751-0145.

Unemployment benefits increase

POLK COUNTY — The amount paid to people filing for unemployment insurance benefits has increased, according to a press release from the Oregon Employment Department. The maximum weekly benefit amount someone can receive will increase from \$567 to \$590, while the minimum amount will increase from \$133 to \$138. The change affects new unemployment insurance claims filed on or after July 3. Those with existing unemployment claims will continue to receive the same weekly amount they have been receiving. Under Oregon law, each year the Oregon Employment Department recalculates the maximum and minimum amounts of unemployment insurance benefits people can receive each week. The amounts are set as percentages of the average weekly wage earned by Oregonians. The minimum benefit amount is 15 percent of average weekly wage, and the maximum amount is 64 percent. Higher wage growth in 2015 resulted in a 3.8 percent increase to the minimum weekly benefit and a 4.1 percent increase in the maximum weekly benefit compared to a year ago.

Independence to host water meeting

INDEPENDENCE — The city of Independence will host a meeting to explain water and sewer rates at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the civic center, 155 S. Main St. The original rate consultant for the city will come out of retirement for this encore presentation, City Manager David Clyne said. "He (the rate consultant) will be current with what concerns have been raised with us of late," Clyne said. The meeting will be video recorded by the city and will be available online for anyone who cannot attend, Clyne said. For more information: ci.independence.or.us.

Dallas earns recognition for finances

DALLAS — The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the city of Dallas by the Government Finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year 2014-15. This certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Dallas' report was judged by an impartial panel which determined that it met the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the city's financial story. View the report online at <http://www.dallasor.gov/80/Financial-Reporting>.

Monmouth, Indy PDs find missing person

MONMOUTH — Monmouth and Independence police departments responded to reports of a missing person on Friday. Around 11 a.m., Independence Police received a call about a missing person believed to last be seen near Gentle Woods Park in Monmouth. Independence Sgt. Tino Banuelos said they requested the assistance of Monmouth Police Department. Officers located the missing person at the park at 12:30 p.m. in good condition. The *Itemizer-Observer* received reports from citizens that police were in the park with rifles drawn. Banuelos said that wasn't the case. "There were no weapons drawn. It was pretty low key," Banuelos said. "Officers determined what the person's health was and reported back to the family."

FC budget focuses on infrastructure

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — The city of Falls City began the 2016-17 fiscal year with a "status quo" budget, with a focus on applying for grants to complete necessary infrastructure improvements.

The city's total budget is \$1,919,455, with \$516,480 in the general fund, which covers costs in administration, Wagner Community Library, the municipal court, the fire department, parks and cemeteries, and debt service. "The budget submitted

Falls City's 2016-17 budget:

General fund: \$516,480
Water fund: \$543,031
Sewer fund: \$233,249
Streets and pathways: \$169,139
Community Development revolving loan fund: \$93,433.
Wagner Reserve funds: \$89,228
City utility reserve fund: \$274,895
Total: \$1,919,455

this year is pretty much the same as last year's," wrote Mayor Terry Ungricht in his budget message. "The challenge before us is to chart the course that helps us meet our citizen's service expectations and to grow

our revenue base. Right now, the city's revenues are flat and our expenses continue to increase. We will need to develop plans to reduce spending and raise revenues."

Ungricht said the budget

includes grants for water and wastewater projects and for the fire department. It also includes funding for a part-time city manager, although Ungricht is now volunteering to fill the position. He said that's only a temporary solution.

"I have notified council that the city manager needs to be a full-time position," he said. "There is too much work for a part-time position, but due to finances and my volunteering for the position, we budgeted (at) part-time this year. ... We need to look at funding this position full-time in the future."

Indy makes liaison permanent

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — The city of Independence's community liaison intern program has been so successful, City Manager David Clyne said they are looking for a full-time, permanent position.

"We want to get somebody in that can have good experience, good education, and hopefully they will have a good understanding of our community," Clyne said.

The position will pay around

\$40,000 annually, with benefits.

Up until now, the city has had three interns do the job. Each one has brought something different to the table, Clyne said.

When the city council added outreach to the Latino community to its list of council goals, Clyne knew it would mean more manpower, something the city didn't have.

"The internship was my way of saying, 'This is how we can do it,'" he said.

University students have brought creativity to the job, Clyne said. Through the internships, the city has

developed the Festival Informativo. The Latino round table discussions, helped facilitate a play based on the Independence Latino community, and made soccer more of a priority.

"Soccer is a path to inclusion," Clyne said. "Initially, the Independence Sports Park was programmed for mostly baseball and softball fields. When we were doing the parks planning process and engaging the community, what's the sport for Latinos? Of course, soccer."

City officials will begin reviewing applications on July 20.

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www.IndependenceCinema8.com

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Friday - Wednesday July 15 - July 20

LEGEND OF TARZAN (Digital) (PG13)	(11:40 2:15 4:50)	7:25	9:55
THE BFG (Digital) (PG)	(11:25 2:00 4:40)	7:20	10:05
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 Mark Fancey 503-751-0147

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