

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.

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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
July 26.....	88	56	.00
July 27.....	92	57	.00
July 28.....	96	59	.00
July 29.....	97	60	.00
July 30.....	83	57	.00
July 31.....	80	50	.00
Aug. 1.....	82	52	.00

Rainfall during July — 0.45 in.
Rain through Aug. 1 — 21.75 in.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Dyllan Coons, left, gives a tour of his plot in the Dallas Youth Garden on July 26. The garden is a 4-H project that has paid interns raising vegetables for a local food bank.

GROWING YOUTHS

Dallas Youth Garden provides high school internships

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Lindsey Hand, 16, is honest about her motivation for applying for an internship at Dallas Youth Garden at Trinity Lutheran Church this summer: money.

"I applied because it is a paid internship," she said July 26, during the garden's open house.

After two months of working in the garden, she has a different perspective.

"It's going really good," she said. "I found that I really enjoy this a lot."

Hand's 25-by-50-foot garden is bursting with corn, zucchini, squash, onions, tomatoes, and a number of other plants.

"Lindsay was one of our alternates," said Dean Anderson, a garden supervisor for the program. "She stepped in and has done a great job."

Anderson said that assessment could apply to all nine of the interns working the garden this year.

"This is the best garden we've had," Anderson said. "I say that every year, but it's true. The garden just gets better and better every year."

Dallas Youth Garden, a 4-H program, opened in 2013 as a unique internship offering kids an alternative to more traditional summer work. The garden and the program has grown since then, adding three interns and creating a formal advisory council.

Polk County Master Gardeners have joined the effort, too, cultivating small beds and mentoring the budding gardeners.

"They've really buckled down and helped our interns," Anderson said.

He said the goal is to combine teaching teens job skills and responsibility with growing food for the community. All produce grown is donated to Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program in Dallas. He said the organization feeds 300 families per week. Last week, the garden's harvest was about 400

pounds of fresh produce.

Like any other job, interns have to apply and interview for the position. This year, 14 applied for nine slots and one alternate, but even those who didn't make the cut were given feedback on their interviews.

Those who are selected begin work on May 1 and are responsible for maintaining their garden through the second week of September. Interns are expected to spend four hours per week improving their gardens, and they have to plan for time off and vacations so their plots don't suffer.

Many of the interns are just discovering how to grow things — or how not to.

Intern Jon Holton jokingly said that the biggest lesson he learned so far is "don't water too much."

The most surprising aspect of working in the program for interns has nothing to do with watering, weeding and harvesting.

Anderson said interns learn quickly just how much hunger is in the Dallas community — and that knowledge opens the door to the biggest lesson yet.

"They learn how to contribute," Anderson said.



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Dallas, DHS named in wrongful death lawsuit

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — The city of Dallas is named in a lawsuit that alleges wrongful death of a 2-year-old boy in October 2014.

The suit was filed on Thursday in Marion County Circuit Court and also names the Oregon Department of Human Services and its director Clyde Saiki.

On Oct. 19, 2014, Hayden Henry, 2, was found dead in the Polk County home where he lived with his mother and his stepfather, Richard T. Tyle, 29.

On Oct. 16, 2015, a Polk County grand jury indicted Tyle on first-degree manslaughter, second-degree manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, two counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment, second-degree criminal mistreatment and third-degree assault. He is awaiting a Sept. 13 trial in Polk County Circuit Court.

Hayden's mother, Jessica Anderson, has been charged with first-degree criminal mistreatment and second-degree criminal mistreatment.

The lawsuit alleges DHS workers and a Dallas officer were called to investigate reports of bruising on the boy on two separate occasions — Oct. 4 and Oct. 12 of 2014 — and should have done more to protect him. It seeks nearly \$10 million from the defendants.

The document said that Hayden and his younger sister were left in Tyle's care on Oct. 18, 2014. Both children were sick, and the suit alleges Hayden was abused that day. The boy had been vomiting blood, the suit says.

Hayden was found unresponsive the next day at 8 a.m.

The Dallas officer is identified as Robert Hatchell and the DHS worker on the second call was Nick Alfonse. The DHS worker on the first call was unnamed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Register for Zimfest online now

MONMOUTH — Zimfest, a Zimbabwean Music Festival, will be Aug. 11 through 14 in Monmouth at Western Oregon University.

Thursday is the last day to register for classes and workshops online at zimfest.org.

The festival will offer a wide variety of workshops for various skill levels, including marimba, dance, singing and drumming, as well as cultural presentations.

A marketplace will be open in the Grove at WOU. Registration will be available on site for any workshops that have openings.

For more information, see the Aug. 10 issue of the *Itemizer-Observer*.

Kid's drama camp at Kings Valley

KINGS VALLEY — A drama camp will be available for children in grades one through five from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15-19 at Kings Valley Charter School.

The camp, led by Bobbi Beck and Athena Lodge, costs \$100.

Camp will consist of warm-up drama activities, games, script reading, costume making, set design and a performance. Students will come away with a deeper understanding of how to prepare for live performances and will have the opportunity to perform on the final day of camp.

Snacks will be provided. Campers will need to bring their own lunches. The camp is limited to 20 children.

For more information or to register: alodge@kvschool.org, or bbeck@kvschool.org.

Monmouth woman named supt. of park

CALUMET, Mich. — Wyndeth David, formerly of Monmouth, was selected as the superintendent of Keweenaw National Historical Park, in Michigan.

Davis graduated from the University of Oregon and has spent a 27-year career with the National Park Service.

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