

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.

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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
Aug. 2.....	79	54	.00
Aug. 3.....	83	53	.00
Aug. 4.....	95	58	.00
Aug. 5.....	84	56	.00
Aug. 6.....	80	52	.00
Aug. 7.....	75	51	.00
Aug. 8.....	68	54	.17

Rainfall during Aug. — .17 in.
Rain through Aug. 8 — 21.92 in.

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CLAIRE JONES/for the *Itemizer-Observer*

The Chinyakare Ensemble boasts a collection of diverse and experienced dancers and musicians from Africa and the United States. The group will perform at Zimfest.

ZIMFEST 2016

Western Oregon to host four-day Zimbabwean music fest

By Emily Mentzer

The *Itemizer-Observer*

MONMOUTH — The sounds of Zimbabwe are coming to Monmouth Wednesday through Sunday.

This is 25th year of Zimfest, a Zimbabwean music festival.

The event started in Seattle, and has jumped around the Pacific Northwest each year.

"We have been looking for a semi-permanent home or two," said Claire Jones, Zimfest coordinator. "In researching for congenial spots, I came across Western Oregon University. They have been very good to us. And the Monmouth folks have welcomed us with open arms."

The event runs Thursday through Sunday, with workshops during the day, an African marketplace in WOU's Grove with live music, and concerts in the evening.

Student groups from throughout the Pacific Northwest will perform during the afternoons at the African marketplace, Jones said.

Evening concerts have a general admission cost of \$20, but one of the Zimbabwean acts will play for free at Wednesday's (today's) Mon-

Feel the rhythm:

What: Zimfest 2016, Zimbabwean Music Festival.

When: Thursday through Sunday.

Where: Western Oregon University.

Admission: Free to the African Marketplace at the Grove; evening concerts cost \$20 general admission and \$10 for children 12 and younger.

Of note: Boka Marimba, a headliner at Zimfest, will play free of admission at Monmouth Music in the Park at Main Street Park Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (today).

For more information: zimfest.org.

mouth Music in the Park at 6:30 p.m.

"We conspired with Mark Fancey to have (Boka Marimba) play," Jones said. "That's one of our top groups playing Zimbabwean music. We hope that brings people to the festival."

Workshops are for people of all skill levels and include African music and dance.

"We are going to have a couple introductory free workshops, first-come, first-served," Jones said.

Most classes cost about \$30. Registration online is

not available anymore, but people may register for any open classes at Werner University Center where it opens to the Grove.

"There is a menu of about 90 workshops that range from totally beginner to more advanced," Jones said. "Marimba, dance, usually at all levels, drumming."

For anyone who is unfamiliar with Zimbabwean music, Jones said to expect a joyful sound.

"You'll hear a lot of marimba," she said. "Being African music, it's very rhythmic and danceable. You'll have people hang out at the afternoon stage and get up and dance, and dance all afternoon."

With the shade of the Grove, Jones said Zimfest brings an opportunity to do some shopping and relax before heading off to a workshop and coming back to dance to the student ensembles.

"Some of the vendors are very specific to Zimbabwean products, or nonprofits," Jones said. "Some are more generalized African. I know we have one Kenyan woman who does the round of festivals during the summer. She has some great East African Kenyan bags."

This is the festival's second year at WOU.

Slots still open for city offices

Itemizer-Observer staff report

POLK COUNTY — The deadline is a few weeks away, but people have already started filing petitions to join local city councils or to run for the office of mayor.

In Dallas, a number of candidates have picked up council and mayor packets, but none have been certified as candidates yet.

This November, five Dallas City Council seats and the mayor's position are up for election. All required paper work is due by Aug. 26. For more information, 503-831-3502.

In Falls City, one resident, Shane Curry, has turned in a certified signature list for a council seat while others have picked up packets. Three council seats with four-year terms and the mayor's post, a two-year term, are up for election in November. The deadline to file is Aug. 30. For more information, Domenica Protheroe, 503-787-3631.

In Independence, Mayor John McArdle has reapplied for the job. Kathy Martin-Willis has submitted for city council position 6. Two other city council positions are open. The deadline to file is Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. Contact Karin Johnson for more information, 503-838-1212.

In Monmouth, Councilor Steve Milligan has filed to run for the office of mayor. George Jeffrey has filed for a city council position. The city of Monmouth has four council seats up for grabs. The deadline to file is Aug. 30, but Elections Officer Phyllis Bolman said that she has to have the signatures verified by then and would prefer them by Aug. 25. For more information: 503-751-0145.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Suicide support group offered

WEST SALEM — Willamette Valley Hospice offers a monthly support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one by suicide.

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the hospice center, 1015 Third St. NW, West Salem.

The group was started in 2012 and is led by trained bereavement counselors.

For more information: 503-588-3600, toll-free at 800-555-2431, or online at wvh.org.

Pair sentenced in burglaries

DALLAS — Two men were sentenced in Polk County Circuit Court July 28 on charges in a West Salem business burglary.

Dean Paul Huseuth, 49, of Salem, is sentenced to serve five and a half years in prison on an April 2016 burglary and theft at Western Construction Systems in West Salem. His co-defendant, Michael Edward Hughes, 43, of Salem, was previously sentenced to four years in prison for his role in the commission of the crimes.

The case was investigated by the Salem Police Department and prosecuted by the Polk County District Attorney's Office.

Falls City Vet's stolen wheelchair found

FALLS CITY — The Polk County Sheriff's Office recovered a stolen wheelchair on Thursday.

The chair was stolen from a disabled veteran in the Falls City area. The wheelchair was donated to the veteran to help him be able to regain some of his mobility that he lost from an injury while he was in the U.S. Army.

A suspect has been identified. The investigation is ongoing with charges pending.

WOU professor awarded research grant

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University (WOU) assistant professor dr. Denise Thew Hackett, in collaboration with WOU's Regional Resource Center on Deafness, received a \$200,000 grant from the State of Oregon's Department of Human Services.

The funding allows for research targeting Oregon's Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing loss communities. It will provide information regarding how well the state is meeting the distinct needs of these communities to the Oregon Legislature during the 2017 session. Thew Hackett seeks participants from across the state from all those who experience any level of hearing loss. The survey will be available until Aug. 30. Those with hearing loss are encouraged to participate to ensure quality results.

For more information: Denise Thew-Hackett via thewd@wou.edu.

Hopes alive for Manos 50th anniversary

By Lukas Eggen

The *Itemizer-Observer*

FALLS CITY — The Master would approve.

Filming ended on "Manos: Returns" on Aug. 1. Now, the sprint is on to get the film, or at least a rough cut, ready by November for the 50th anniversary of the original cult classic, "Manos: The Hands of Fate."

The 10-day shoot didn't leave much room for contingency plans, not with cast and crew traveling from across the country to be a part of the production.

"All we're operating on is a wing and a prayer," director Tonjia Atomic said. "It's less than a micro budget."

The sequel is set 50 years after the original. Jackey Raye Neyman Jones, who played Debbie, the Master (Tom Neyman) and Torgo are just a few of the characters set to make their return — many of whom are played by the original actors.

The original *Manos* has gained a reputation for being one of the best worst movies ever made — making a sequel a challenging prospect.

"At first, I thought we were crazy," Neyman Jones said. "Who is stupid enough to attempt to make a sequel?"

But the creative minds behind the sequel saw a kernel of potential.

"Though it is so inept, (the first film) is also oddly compelling," assistant director/actress Rachel Jackson said. "There's something disturbing about it, even though they couldn't quite get it out. They chipped away at the block of wood, but it's still a block of wood, unfortunately."

Thanks to things like a T-shirt sale and Kickstarter campaign, the production raised enough money to complete filming.

More fundraising, including selling signed hand-crafted Torgo staffs, will be need-

ed in the future to help distribute the film, Atomic said.

For now, they are focused on creating the best film they can — one that both respects and expands upon the original film's legacy.

It's even made a believer out of the Master himself — who made a rare public appearance at a special dinner for a few Kickstarter backers.

"It's marvelous," Neyman said. "I've been stuck with this thing for way over 40 years. It's just kind of miraculous, to be honest with you, how anyone has done with this, what these folks have done. If I had to add something to the end run of my life, I couldn't imagine it being anything else."

The crew's attention now turns to post-production. The plan is to have a cut of the film ready for the anniversary this November. More importantly, Neyman Jones said this film is for everyone involved in the first movie.

"I want to give people a

chance to bask in some of the *Manos* love," Neyman Jones said. "There's a lot of pressure on me that this is a good thing. I want them to see themselves in a really good light. We want to honor the fans and give homage to the original people."

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Jackey Raye Neyman Jones and Tom Neyman star in "Manos Returns."

Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

By Ben Arnoldy | The Christian Science Monitor