

**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.

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**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

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**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 16.....	88	58	.00
Aug. 17.....	86	52	.00
Aug. 18.....	102	57	.00
Aug. 19.....	104	61	.00
Aug. 20.....	101	60	.00
Aug. 21.....	86	53	.00
Aug. 22.....	78	52	.00

Rainfall during Aug. — 0.24 in.  
Rain through Aug. 22 — 21.99 in.

# Public works replaces aging bridge

## City council approved \$100,000 supplemental budget transfer

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

DALLAS — The city was hoping it would hold out for another year, but the old bridge on Monmouth Cutoff Road in Dallas had other plans.

Last week a crew from Polk County Public Works replaced the aging bridge after a thorough inspection revealed the span's condition was worse than originally thought.

"There's no way it was going to pass another bridge inspection, and we didn't want to take the risk of having the state (require a weight limit)," said City Manager Ron Foggin at the Dallas City Council meeting on Aug. 15.

The council approved a \$100,000 supplemental budget transfer from the city's contingency fund to pay for the work, which had already begun at that point.

Foggin said the city was aware of issues with the bridge since an inspection last year, but had planned to have the work done during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Another solution was to place a weight limit on the bridge, but that would have restricted truck traffic on a road that is a major transportation route.

He said the bridge's poor condition was due to age, not any other kind of damage.

"It's just old. It had overlay, over overlay, over overlay, so more weight's been added through the years," Foggin said.

The job is estimated to cost between \$85,000 to \$100,000, but the city hopes actual costs comes in lower, Foggin said.

Jason Locke said the estimate just includes Polk



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Work on replacing the bridge was scheduled to be finished on Friday. Crews then repaved the stretch of road.

**Bridge work**

- Polk County Public Works replaced the bridge on Monmouth Cutoff Road in Dallas.
- The work was scheduled to be finished on Friday (Aug. 19) and the stretch of road was then repaved.

County's work, not that of the city's public works crew assisting.

"We are paying Polk County for their expertise and materials because they have one of the best bridge repair crews on the West Coast," he said. "They do an excellent job with bridges."

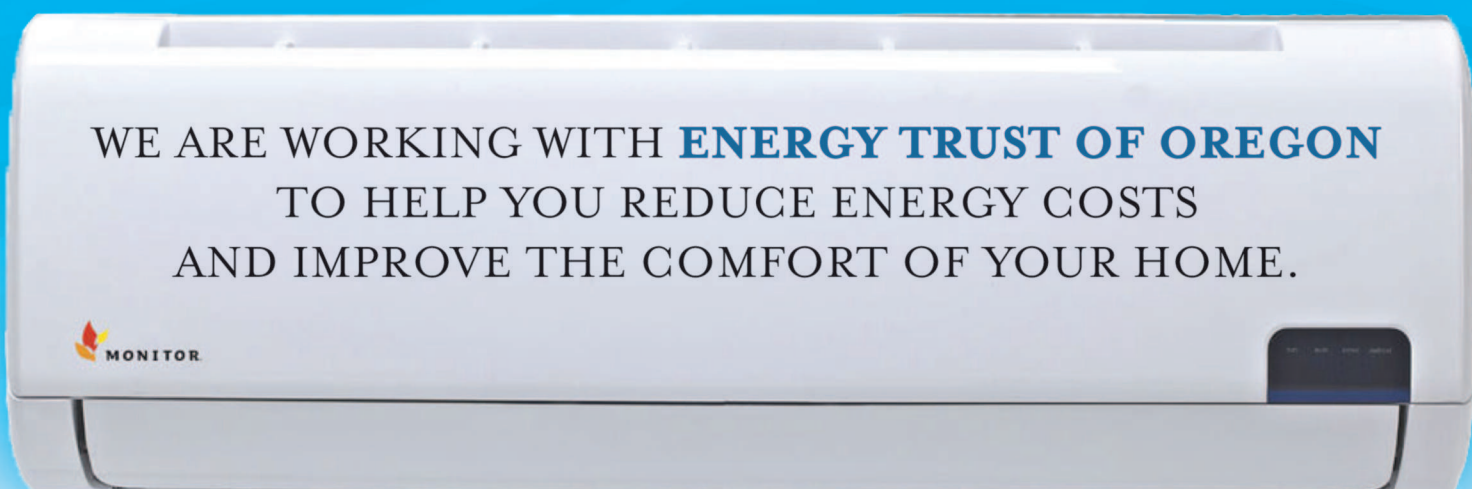
Bridge replacement, which closed the road, was scheduled to be finished by Friday (Aug. 19). The stretch was then repaved, closing down one lane at a time.



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A Polk County public works crew continues replacing the bridge on Monmouth Cutoff Road. An inspection found the bridge to be in worse condition than originally thought.

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