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**DEADLINES**

**NEWS DEADLINES**

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer*:

**Social news** (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Community events** — Noon on Thursday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

**Letters to the editor** — 10 a.m. on Friday.

**Obituaries** — 4 p.m. on Friday.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES**  
Retail display ads — 3 p.m. Thursday.

**Classified display ads** — 11 a.m. on Friday.

**Classified line ads** — Noon on Friday. Classified ads are updated daily on [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com).

**Public notices** — Noon on Thursday.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Aug. 24 *Itemizer-Observer*, (Marijuana businesses step up, Page 1A), Sol-Sisters was incorrectly identified as being part of a national non-profit organization providing holistic health services. In the cutline on page 12A, it says the field pictured is ready to grow recreational marijuana. An attorney on behalf of Sol-Sisters said there is no intention of planting cannabis in public view. We regret the error.

Clarification:

In the sidebar, "What is legal in Oregon?", Aug. 24, Page 12A, it says recreational marijuana shops won't begin opening until later in the year. Two medical marijuana dispensaries currently sell recreational marijuana, but permit requirements will change later this year.

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**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
Aug. 23.....	84	51	.00
Aug. 24.....	94	55	.00
Aug. 25.....	97	63	.00
Aug. 26.....	99	59	.00
Aug. 27.....	85	56	.00
Aug. 28.....	87	56	.00
Aug. 29.....	85	53	.00

Rainfall during Aug. — 0.24 in.  
Rain through Aug. 29 — 21.99 in.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Monmouth resident killed in collision**

BUENA VISTA — Daniel Chico Hernandez, 37, of Monmouth, was killed in a head-on collision on Aug. 24 in the 13000 block of Buena Vista Road in Independence, according to a press release from the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Polk County Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene at 4:49 p.m. Hernandez was killed when an oncoming vehicle, driven by Kester Harry, of Albany, crossed into Hernandez's lane of travel and struck his vehicle.

Harry was transported by ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis and then to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland due to the extent of his injuries.

The investigation is ongoing with help from the Oregon State Police, Polk County District Attorney's Office and Medical Examiner's Office.

No other information was available at press time.

**Homebrew competition now open**

INDEPENDENCE — All area homebrewers are invited to contribute their finest brews to the Independence Hop & Heritage Homebrew Competition by Sept. 16.

The event is one of the highlights of the Hop & Heritage Festival.

Homebrewers may enter beer in two categories: Hop Proud and Session beers. Prizes will be awarded in both categories, with a grand prize going to the brewer with the highest number of points.

Hop Proud beers generally feature hops as the dominant character. Session beers are generally lower-alcohol (5 percent or lower alcohol by volume), thirst-quenching beers.

For more information: [www.hopfestival.org](http://www.hopfestival.org) under the schedule of events/competitions tab.

Or call Gail Oberst: 503-871-1242.

**Historical society seeks contributions**

POLK COUNTY — The Polk County Historical Society is seeking contributions for a publication focusing on the impacts of the World Wars on Polk County.

The publication is a joint effort between the *Itemizer-Observer* and the historical society.

David Moellenberndt is collecting any contributions illustrating how residents of Polk County were impacted by the world wars, from rationing, labor shortages, blackouts, fear of invasion, disruptions caused by Camp Adair, concerns for loved ones in the armed services, and the new pressures on women while men served overseas.

For more information: David, [davidm3123@aol.com](mailto:davidm3123@aol.com).

**Dallas Fire & EMS respond to grass fire**

DALLAS — Dallas Fire & EMS responded to a high-risk grass fire in the 2100 block of Southwest Fairview Avenue on Friday.

Sixteen firefighters from Southwest Polk, Falls City and Oregon Department of Forestry had the fire under control within 20 minutes of arrival. The fire burned about 1.5 acres and threatened several structures and livestock in the area.

As a part of normal operating procedures, a medic unit is typically dispatched as part of the assignment; however, no medic units were available to respond. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported.

The fire was caused by a property owner welding on a metal fence post.

Dallas Fire & EMS spokeswoman April Welsh said people need to be conscientious about outdoor activities and use extreme caution when working outside in hot, dry conditions.

**American Pickers returning to Oregon**

POLK COUNTY — Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, of History Channel's *American Pickers*, are returning to Oregon in September.

*American Pickers* is a documentary following Wolfe and Fritz in their hunt for America's valuable antiques.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, they are always eager to find sizable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

If you have a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that Wolfe and Fritz may look through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to [americanpickers@cinetflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cinetflix.com) or call 855-653-7878.



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