

**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.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES**

**Retail display ads** — 3 p.m. Friday.

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

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

**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

**CORRECTIONS**

The Mid-Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Service Integration Teams throughout Polk County are part of Polk County Family and Community Outreach, not Polk County Public Health. The director of Polk County Family and Community Outreach is Brent DeMoe. The I-O regrets the error.

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* is committed to publishing accurate news, feature and sports reports.

If you see anything that requires a correction or clarification, call the newsroom at 503-623-2373 ext. 117, or send an email to [emertzer@polkio.com](mailto:emertzer@polkio.com).

**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
Sept. 27	75	57	.00
Sept. 28	75	48	.00
Sept. 29	72	45	.00
Sept. 30	68	41	.T
Oct. 1	64	51	.18
Oct. 2	58	46	.31
Oct. 3	59	46	.01

Rainfall during Sept. — 1.54 in.  
Rain through Oct. 3 — 24.20 in.

**Sudoku solution**

5	8	3	1	7	6	4	9	2
2	4	9	5	3	8	1	6	7
6	7	1	2	9	4	5	3	8
8	6	2	9	5	1	7	4	3
1	9	4	7	6	3	2	8	5
3	5	7	8	4	2	9	1	6
7	2	6	3	1	9	8	5	4
9	3	5	4	8	7	6	2	1
4	1	8	6	2	5	3	7	9

**MONMOUTH COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

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Accountability should be at the top of the list. I intend on asking lots of questions, not taking information at face value. Elected officials are entrusted with taxpayer's money and we, as taxpayers, have a right to know that our hard work is spent in a fiscally responsible manner, in line with the community goals.

**NAME:** Darin E. Silbernagel, 55, of Monmouth (incumbent)  
**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Western Oregon University, Director of Business Services since July 16, 1989 (27 years)

**EDUCATION:** Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and a minor in Computer Science, 1983

**PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:** Monmouth City Councilor from January 2009 until present (current council president), Monmouth Economic Development Commission/Urban Renewal Advisory Board from inception as an Economic Development Task Force to December 2008.

Other community activities currently involved with: Marion Polk Family YMCA (current board president), Monmouth Independence YMCA (current board chair), St. Patrick's Church Pastoral Council (current council chair), St. Patrick's Church Finance Council, Financial Administrator for WOU Catholic Campus Ministries and West Valley Hospital Foundation Board Member (current



Silbernagel

board vice president), Knights of Columbus (current treasurer). Also at budget time serve on the City of Monmouth and MINET budget committees.

Previously graduated the Ford Family Foundation Leadership Training and project included the Ash Creek Interpretive Shelter community project at Talmadge Middle School.

**CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER:** 503-838-0265

**WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE?** Make the city of Monmouth the best it can be. We need to create activities and places for students, families and seniors. The July Fourth, Music in the Park and Cycle Oregon/University are great programs that accentuate our city both to residents and visitors. These create livability and community.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY OF MONMOUTH? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED?**

Economic Development. We need to continue to improve our Main Street District. Urban renewal dollars have supported this nicely. I would like to see continued development along Highway 99, to include the Walgreens lot, the light industrial area, as well as the S-curve property to be fully developed.

We need to cooperate and coordinate with Western Oregon University and the city of Independence when and where appropriate and possible.

**ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO NOTE ABOUT THE POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING?**

I love this community and want to continue to be a part of the leadership moving it forward with good decisions to

advance and manage growth into the future.

**NAME:** Thomas Steinke, 54, of Monmouth

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Retired attorney; Retired police officer — one year.



Steinke

Doctor, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Ind., 1997

**PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:** 2016, Monmouth Planning Commissioner  
**CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER:** 503-917-8937

**CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:** [www.VoteSteinke.com](http://www.VoteSteinke.com)

**WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE?** The outgoing mayor and councilors did a great job of making Monmouth a more enjoyable town, while also taking care of the infrastructure that most folks never notice, like electricity, water, and sewage. I am running to continue providing great city services, wisely managing growth, and maintaining a balanced budget.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY OF MONMOUTH? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED?**

Oregon is the fastest growing state in the country. That growth will hit Monmouth, and soon.

We must affirmatively guide the growth to preserve the special character and charm of Monmouth.

This is a terrific place to work, to live, to raise a family,

and to retire, but it takes wisdom to keep it that way.

I propose to expand the city westward. This is the most logical direction, given the realities of running roads and utilities. A mix of different density housing, wisely planned, will add to the size of our city without diminishing the quality of life here.

**ANYTHING YOU WISH TO NOTE ABOUT THE POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING?**

As a retired police officer I have seen how decisions by a city council can affect the peacefulness and livability of a city. I have also seen how a well-run police department improves the quality of life for the citizens. We are blessed with a modern, thoughtful, excellent police department, and you will find no greater supporter of our police than me.

As a retired attorney I have dealt with wise laws, and I have dealt with ill-conceived laws.

That experience will guide me as I make sure that any ordinances passed or amended are considered from the perspective of those who must live under them. Law should be a benefit to peaceful and productive people, not a burden.

As a town blessed with Western Oregon University, we owe a duty to the young people living here while working toward their degrees. They deserve a fun, safe, friendly city in which to grow and learn. I promise to work with the university and its students to make sure that they are always considered in our decisions.

**NAME:** Steven Sundseth, 65, of Monmouth

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Retired from municipal government

**EDUCATION:** Some college  
**PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT**

**EXPERIENCE:** 37 years working for various municipalities in all aspects of public works with the majority of the time in drinking water management. This experience included time with cities ranging in size from Stayton to Salem. I have extensive experience in working with both city councils as well as budget committees and other agencies.



Sundseth

**WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE?** There is a need to set policy that will improve and protect public infrastructure. I have the experience and skills to help plan for the future. Growth in the Willamette Valley is inevitable.

The city should be proactive to ensure all growth-driven planning is done in a timely, responsible manner.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE CITY? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED?**

The water system is non-compliant with the rules set forth by the Oregon Department of Health, as stated in the current Water Quality Report. The city failed to meet the 18-month timeline to install needed treatment on its water source.

This lack of progress seems to show a disconnect between the city and the safety of its citizens, as well as the thousands of students at Western Oregon University, that it is entrusted to protect the health of.

My years of experience can be of use in bringing the water system back into compliance with all state regulations.

**POLK COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES**

**By Jolene Guzman**

The *Itemizer-Observer*

**POLK COUNTY** — Both candidates for Polk County sheriff knew early in their lives they wanted to serve communities as law enforcement officers.

Sheriff Mark Garton, appointed to the office in December 2015, following the retirement of former sheriff Bob Wolfe, knew in high school after serving as a cadet for the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Challenger Todd Whitlow originally went to college to become a teacher and coach, but switched to law enforcement after taking a few law enforcement classes at Western Oregon University.

Both have spent their entire careers with one agency, Garton with Polk County and Whitlow with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office.

On Nov. 8, voters in Polk County will decide which man will lead the office for the next four years.

Garton has overseen the bulk of the hiring and adding programs after voters approved a five-year



Garton

re-establish 24-hour patrol and the county's multi-agency narcotics team, which happened this summer.

More recently, he's initiated a program that has a deputy working in schools. Not a school resource officer,

but a deputy that will visit schools through an outreach program.

"We are going to have those interactions with kids that we haven't ever had before," he said.

In the jail, the county now has mental health professional working with inmates and a partnership with Goodwill to coach those



Whitlow

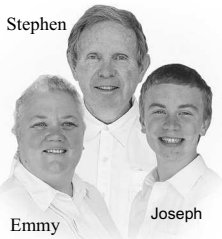
about to be released on resume building and job-seeking skills.

"I know it's not going to happen overnight, but if we can get inmates who are going to be released some skills that would help them later on, that's our goal," he said. "Our goal is to not have people come back to our jail."

Garton, 37, said he wants to continue building on what has been achieved since his appointment and believes it is his job to not only fulfill his oath to uphold the constitutions of the country and state, but to understand and meet the needs of the communities he serves.

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**To Share Your Memories.**

Everyone is aware of the catastrophic effects on Europe, Africa and Asia produced by the World Wars...But **how did the World Wars impact Polk County?** What was the war like here at the "Home Front"? This is a part of Polk County history that is little known today, forgotten as the population has aged.

**How did we deal with the local effects of the war:** rationing, labor shortage, blackouts, fear of invasion, the disruptions caused by the establishment of Camp Adair, the concerns for loved ones who were in the Services and the new pressures on women who had to deal with life in the absence of their men gone into the war effort?

**How did Polk County change?**

These are the topics that we wish to examine. A joint effort of the *Itemizer-Observer* and the Polk County History Museum is soliciting input from anyone who wishes to participate. Are you old enough to remember those times (at least WWII), do you have old letters, newspapers, photos, family history or diaries? We are open to almost anything that could give us an idea of "... how it was..." back then.

I welcome your contributions...I can be contacted at: [davidm3123@aol.com](mailto:davidm3123@aol.com).

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- Mercury
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- Keep products in original containers if possible.
- Do not mix any products.
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**WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Explosives
- Radioactive Waste
- Motor oil

**DATE:** Saturday, October 8th, 2016  
**TIME:** From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Independence Riverview Park (100 Main Street)  
**SPONSORED BY:** Polk County, The Cities of Dallas, Independence, Monmouth and Salem