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**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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**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Nov. 8.....	68	41	.00
Nov. 9.....	69	49	.01
Nov. 10.....	58	44	.00
Nov. 11.....	57	50	.02
Nov. 12.....	61	43	.08
Nov. 13.....	59	42	.17
Nov. 14.....	59	53	.84

Rainfall during Nov. — 2.12 in.  
Rain through Nov. 14 — 37.07 in.

**Resource center expands hours**

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**

**INDEPENDENCE** — The Central Community Resource Center, 1610 Monmouth St., Independence, is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. New agencies, including Easter Seals and West Valley Housing Authority, will offer services out of the center.

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**Sheriff Mark Garton, center, talks with a visitor at the Polk County Fair in August. Garton won his first election for the office by a wide margin on Nov. 8.**

**Garton takes decisive win**

**By Jolene Guzman**  
The Itemizer-Observer

**DALLAS** — Mark Garton, Polk County's newly elected sheriff, said his first election was an enlightening experience.

He recommends people interested in serving run for office just to experience democracy in action. He enjoyed the process, but that isn't to say he wants to do it again right away.

"Not tomorrow, but in four years," he said following the Nov. 8 election, in which he received 70 percent of the vote (22,125 votes) to 28 percent (8,903) for opponent Todd Whitlow.

Garton has four years before another election night and plenty to do between now and then, he said.

With campaigning in his rearview mirror, Garton can refocus on the new programs his office has launched in the time since he was appointed to fill in for former sheriff Bob Wolfe in December.

Those programs include assigning a deputy to out-



reach efforts in schools, hiring a mental professional to work in the Polk County Jail, training programs to help those being released from jail find jobs, and the newly established mobile crisis team pairing a deputy with a mental health counselor on patrols.

Garton, whose family is from Pedee, said the amount of support he received in the election was "very humbling."

"It validates the things that we've been doing," he said.

Garton gives credit to Whitlow for giving him competition for the office.

"Todd is very competitive. He made me better," Garton said. "He made me work for

it, and it gave people choices."

Whitlow said he saw the election as a win-win for him in that he would have been honored with the opportunity to serve as sheriff. If not, he could continue his career with Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, where he believes he has been successful.

"I called and talked to Mark and wished him all the best," Whitlow said.

The election was his first campaign, too, and he hasn't ruled out another run in four years.

"We will see what happens four years from now," he said. "It's a little bit early to tell."

Now Garton wants to make sure the office's service remains up to Polk County residents' expectations through constant evaluation and seeking feedback.

In the long-term, he said he's going to make sure the property taxes Polk County voters approved for the public safety levy in May 2015 go to good use.

"I want to show them that what we are doing is worth what they are paying for it."

**Two new faces join Falls City council**

**By Jolene Guzman**  
The Itemizer-Observer

**FALLS CITY** — The two new Falls City city councilors who will take their seats in January know they need to hit the ground running.

Soon-to-be new councilors Cliff Lauder and Charlie Flynn won seats in the Nov. 8 election, joining incumbent Dennis Sickles to fill the three seats up for election.

Lauder said the council should be making decisions about infrastructure needs, namely updating the sewer system, sooner rather than later.

He said he was asked to run for city council after volunteering to lead on community projects. A retired carpenter, he's lent his expertise and leadership.

Some thought that his knack for moving projects along would translate well to serving on a council that must make critical decisions soon, he said.

"You've got to use common sense. I don't think things that should take too long," he said. "Small things seem to drag on and when stuff drags out, nothing gets done."

Flynn also said the city has several issues to tackle in the short-term.

He said among those are the sewer system, code enforcement, dealing with the transient population, and curtailing drug activity in town.

Flynn said since filing his candidacy, he's been getting up to speed on the issues coming before the council — and those it may be dealing with in the future — so he can be an effective councilor from day one.

"I'm glad I get this chance to work with people who are as committed to guiding Falls City into the future as I am," he said.

Running unopposed, Terry Ungricht was re-elected as Falls City Mayor with 374 votes (92 percent).



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