

NEWS IN BRIEF

Butterfield is 'Lawyer of the Year'

SALEM — Thursday night, Dallas attorney, Stan Butterfield, was presented with "The Lawyer of the Year" award at the annual Marion County Bar Association awards banquet. Although Butterfield's practice is based in Polk County, the Marion County Bar and the Polk/Marion County Legal Aid Office recognized Butterfield for his exemplary service to the community. Butterfield was cited for accepting an appointment from Marion County Circuit Court Judge, David Leith, to act as an indigent person's guardian for 60 days back in 2014.

When the appointment lapsed, Butterfield voluntarily continued serving as the man's guardian for two and a half more years until a guardian was no longer needed.

Also recognized at the banquet as "Law Firm of the Year" was Martinis and Hill for their service to the community. One of the founding members of Martinis and Hill was Polk County Circuit Court Judge, Norman Hill. While Judge Hill is no longer a part of the firm, Hill noted earlier this month that he was pleased to see that a tradition of public service has continued after his departure.

Oregon State Senate President Peter Courtney was also a presenter at the event where he gave attorney Keith Swanson the DeMuniz Professionalism Award for excellence in the legal profession in the Willamette Valley.

McDonald's opens after remodel

INDEPENDENCE — McDonald's, 1315 Monmouth St., is open after its renovations.

The restaurant's remodel included a new indoor play land, a dual-lane drive-thru, and all new exterior lighting, as well as an updated kitchen. The restaurant is also introducing table service.

First Artist honors Davis

INDEPENDENCE — Central High School announced Richard Davis will receive the 2017 First Artist Award at a reception at 6 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the school.

The award honors those who have made a great contribution to the arts in the Monmouth-Independence community. A concert will follow the reception at 7.

Davis directed more than 80 plays and costumed more than 243 plays at Western Oregon University. He was noted throughout his career for his experimental productions and costume design.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, at the door or online. Proceeds and donations from the concert benefit the Robert Page Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.

For more information: chsp performingarts.org.

Rate hike possible

Dallas Aquatic Center customers may pay more for pool

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — In the pursuit of closing the gap between revenue and expenditures at the Dallas Aquatic Center, the city's administration committee will look at possible rate increases.

The committee — which is made up of members of the Dallas City Council — asked city staff to provide an across-the-board rate hike proposal, including daily passes, membership and rental fees.

That request followed a presentation on the feasibility of establishing a taxing district to pay for the aquatic center.

"They are formed based on the request and organization, generally speaking, of citizens that wanted to ensure that certain park and rec activities and facilities would continue to remain available," said Jason Locke, the city's community development director.

He said they are common in Oregon, but are usually large and consist of more than just a single facility.

Furthermore, the city would have to turn over ownership of the center to the district.

"There would have to be a serious and significant effort to go through this process to even determine what exactly we are after," Locke said.

"From our perspective, it seems pretty unwieldy as a way to address an issue. There are probably better ways to address that issue."

Committee chairwoman Kelly Gabliks agreed, saying she wanted to hear details about setting up a district so the committee could consider all options.

"I don't want to lose control over our assets. That's one, one of many, stumbling blocks I have with creating a special district," she said. "I'm not sure how viable creating a special district for the aquatic center is."

Committee member Jackie Lawson added she thought voters would reject a district.

Locke said the issue comes down to revenue versus expenditures.

"I've already expressed my opinion on a number of cases, being intimately familiar with this, you are simply not going to get revenue equaling expenditures," he said. "It's just not feasible in this type of facility."

City Manager Ron Foggin said, if anything, expenditures are likely to increase.

Wages and costs of chemicals, materials and maintenance are not decreasing, he said. An annual payment for energy efficiency improvements will end next year.

Locke said the best strategy to narrow the gap is increasing revenue. He said city staff had been evaluat-

ing a rate increase before being asked to undergo the study of center operations with the goal to lower the amount of general fund support the center received.

"There are ways to increase existing revenue through the rate and fee structure. I think that is probably overdue to evaluate that," Locke said. "Small changes can make pretty significant differences, particularly looking at the way our revenue is now generated."

He said there's a possibility of gaining \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually in rate adjustments, but the city must be careful.

"If you increase prices too much, it's going to negate any revenue increase because you are going to get fewer people," Locke said. "That's always the line we try to walk and balance because we're not necessarily a bottom-line, profit-driven, but community-service facility as well."

Gabliks recognized that possibility as well and asked for information about reviving the "Friends of the Dallas Aquatic Center" group to help raise money for scholarships along with the rate hike proposal.

"If we do have to increase the rates, that way we foster the foundation so that there can be provisions for people who can't afford it," she said.

Monmouth PD to crack down on seat belts

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH — Monmouth Police Department officers will join other law enforcement agencies throughout the state from Monday through Feb. 19 to emphasize the importance

of proper safety belt use, distracted driving, and driving at appropriate speeds.

The enhanced enforcement is paid for through the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to a press release by MPD, booster seats may reduce the chance of a nonfatal injury among children aged 4 to 8 by 45 percent compared to seat belts used alone.

For more: oregonimpact.org.

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LA LA LAND (Digital) (PG13)	(12:50 3:45)	6:40	9:35*
SPLIT (Digital) (PG13)	(1:45 4:25)	7:05	9:45*
A DOG'S PURPOSE (Digital) (PG)	(12:05 2:30 4:55)	7:20	9:45*
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Voting opens today for awards

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will open voting for the annual community awards on its website, micc-or.org, Wednesday (today).

The awards banquet will be held on March 10 at Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 S. Highway 99W, Rickreall. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with programming starting at 6:30.

Tickets are on sale for \$40 per person, which includes one drink ticket. Signs are available from the chamber to encourage people to vote for your business.

For more information: micc@minetfiber.com, or call 503-838-4268.

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.

Public notices — Noon on Friday.

CORRECTIONS

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WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, 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
Jan. 24.....	48	27	.00
Jan. 25.....	47	38	.00
Jan. 26.....	52	33	.00
Jan. 27.....	45	28	.00
Jan. 28.....	46	32	.00
Jan. 29.....	48	35	.00
Jan. 30.....	47	40	.00

Rainfall during Jan. — 5.37 in.
Rain through Jan. 30 — 5.37 in.

Donation center open Saturday

DALLAS — The Fill Our Home donation center will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The center is located at 1050 SE Uglow Ave., Dallas.

The center will accept new or gently-used household items for families in need, including chairs, couches, tables, dishes, lamps and clothing.

Ripped, stained or broken items cannot be accepted.

For more information: Brent DeMoe, 503-623-9664, ext. 2118.



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