

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ODFW asks public to report dead ducks

POLK COUNTY — State and wildlife managers are investigating a possible outbreak of avian cholera in ducks after members of the public reported several hundred dead ducks at wetlands on private land in the Stanfield and Milton-Freewater areas. The public is asked to report sick or dead birds to 1-866-968-2600 or wildlife.health@state.or.us. ODFW is awaiting results on tests to confirm whether the dead ducks died from cholera. ODFW urges the public to avoid handling sick or dead birds.

## Monmouth dog heads to Westminster

MONMOUTH — Monmouth residents Carol Infranca and Lee Schlenker, breeders of the top 20 silky terriers in the U.S. in 2016, will compete at the 141st annual Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show in New York City on Feb. 13 and 14. The couple's dog, Weeluv's Million Dollar Baby, or Pricey, is the No. 4 silky terrier in the nation in both breed and all breed points. Karen Oglesby will be the dog's handler at Westminster.

## Green bag pickup on Saturday

MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — The Monmouth-Independence Food Project will host its bimonthly pickup on Saturday. Donors are asked to set their green bags on their doorstep first thing in the morning for pickup. Neighborhood coordinators will pick up food from 200 donors in Monmouth and Independence. The green bags benefit the Ella Curran Food Bank. For more information: www.monindyfoodproject.com.

## PCSO to conduct seatbelt enforcement

POLK COUNTY — The Polk County Sheriff's Office will participate in a statewide traffic enforcement "blitz" campaign in an effort to save lives through increased seat belt use through Feb. 19. Independence Police Department will also participate in the campaign. Enhanced enforcement is funded through USDOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Currently, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause nationwide of death for children ages one through twelve years old. Child seats may increase crash survival by 71 percent for infants younger than one year old and by up to 59 percent for toddlers ages one to four.


Booster seats may reduce the chance of nonfatal injury among 4- to 8-year-olds by 45 percent compared to safety belts used alone.

Oregon law requires children weighing under forty pounds to use a child seat with harness.

Children under 1 or weighing less than 20 pounds must ride in a rear-facing child seat.

A child over forty pounds must use either a child seat or booster until they reach age eight or 4-feet-9-inches tall and the adult belt fits them correctly. If you are unsure whether your child is ready to transition to an adult belt system, use the easy five-step test here: <http://www.carseat.org/Boosters/630.htm>.

### DON'T PASS STOPPED CARS.



There could be a good reason they're stopped, like a pedestrian! A little patience could save a life — and a lifetime of regret.

## 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.

## CORRECTIONS DEADLINES

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## WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Jan. 31	48	33	.03
Feb. 1	43	33	.00
Feb. 2	48	33	.02
Feb. 3	49	30	.92
Feb. 4	52	47	1.53
Feb. 5	47	37	2.44
Feb. 6	43	36	.41

Rainfall during Jan. — 5.40 in.  
Rain through Feb. 6 — 10.72 in.

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### INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8

450 S. 2nd St., Independence  
Showtimes 503-606-3000  
[www.IndependenceCinema8.com](http://www.IndependenceCinema8.com)

Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$8.00 Children \$7.00 • Senior \$7.25 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

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STOP BY EVERY WEEK FOR \$5 SUPER TUESDAY! ALL MOVIES. ALL DAY TUESDAY. ONLY \$5.			
www.facebook.com/IndependenceCinema8	twitter.com/IndyCinema	instagram.com/IndyCinema	



David (left) and son Dakota Dykes run Dollar Zone 1, 2, 3 in Monmouth.

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# BATTERIES TO BIRTHDAY CARDS

Dollar Zone owner David Dykes passes savings on to customers

**By Emily Mentzer**  
The Itemizer-Observer

### \$3 or less

**What:** Dollar Zone 1, 2, 3.  
**Where:** 625 Clay St. E., Monmouth.  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.  
**Of note:** Celebrate Dollar Zone's ribbon cutting later this month. See [micc-or.org](http://micc-or.org) for date and time.  
**For more information:** Find Dollar Zone on Facebook, or call 503-837-0861.

MONMOUTH — It's not all about the money at Dollar Zone 1, 2, 3, where nothing costs more than \$3. Owner David Dykes wants his customers to have fun while they shop.

The store is located in the Monmouth mini mall and has a small footprint, which Dykes thinks will work well in town.

"There's not much retail space in Monmouth," he said, smiling.

Dollar Zone carries everything from batteries to birthday cards.

"You can find just about anything here, or things you might not be able to find anywhere else," Dykes said. And if it's not on the

shelf, Dykes said he can probably order it.

"We can customize a person's party," he said. "We can work with people. We don't mind bringing in new products and putting them on the shelf. That's what it's all about."

Business hasn't been booming quite yet, but Dykes is confident that it will pick up.

"I bet you we had two or three return customers today, and all the rest were

fresh faces," he said.

Dykes hopes to fill a need in Monmouth through his shop. Prices range between \$1 and \$3, but aren't on the mark because Dykes tries to pass on every savings possible to his customers.

"It's challenging," he said. "With the 1, 2, 3, we were going to make it just flat, \$1, \$2, \$3. But we're in between. We're \$1.50, \$1.25, because that's how we pass on the savings."

For example, he sells a

bag of licorice for \$1.50 rather than \$2. It means a little less profit for Dykes, but he said it's worth it to give his customers a mom-and-pop shop experience.

The store is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hours may vary during holidays, but for now, Dykes plans to keep his shop open more often than closed.

"I was out on Christmas Eve this year and everybody closed at 6 o'clock," he said. "In the past I remember them staying open super late Christmas Eve. So guess what I'm doing next Christmas Eve. I'm going to be open. It's good for stocking stuffers if nothing else."

Dollar Zone also has a display of Valentine's Day gifts and cards, including balloons.

# Did the Stork visit you in 2016?

All babies will be entered into a drawing for **FREE PRIZES** from area merchants!

Mom! Dad! Grandparents! Bring in a photo!



**Maverick James Lunsford**  
June 16, 2016



**Harper Renae Steggell**  
Feb. 8, 2016

## BABIES OF 2016

Showcase your little one with his or her photo, birthdate and names of proud parents. Only babies born in 2016 are candidates for **BABIES OF 2016**. All baby photos submitted will appear in a special full color section of the Itemizer-Observer on Feb. 22, 2017. Please mail, email or drop off the following form, a photo and \$20.00 to our office by Feb. 17th prior to 2:00 p.m. (The photo may be picked up after publication). If you have questions, call Dawn at 503-623-2373, ext 101. Email digital photos to [dohren@polkio.com](mailto:dohren@polkio.com)

(CLIP THIS FORM)

Baby's Full Name

Birthdate

Birth Place

Parent's Names

Phone Number

Address

Remember to bring in a photo! Cost is only \$20.00

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17 PUBLISH: FEBRUARY 22

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