

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

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 or send an email to emnterz@polkio.com.

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

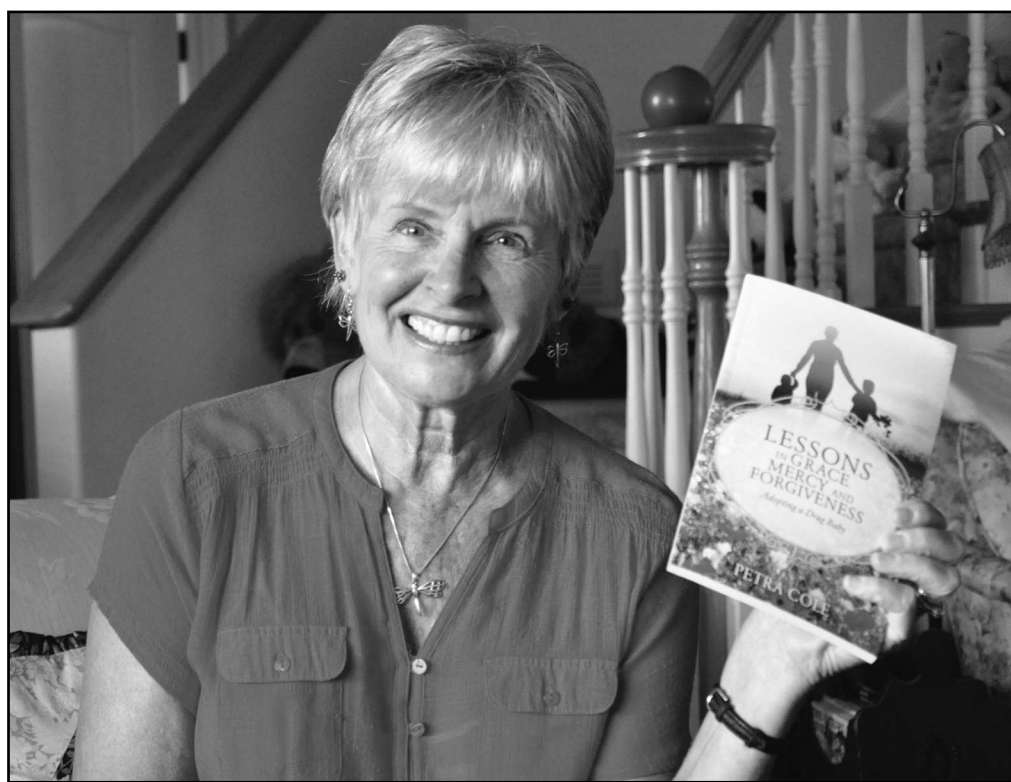
RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 27.....	77	56	.00
June 28.....	76	52	.00
June 29.....	83	51	.00
June 30.....	84	54	.00
July 1.....	77	58	.00
July 2.....	85	51	.00
July 3.....	NA	NA	NA

Rainfall during June — 0.74 in.
Rain through July 2 — 33.30 in.

Your local library...



a great place to spend some time.



STEPHANIE BLAIR/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas resident Petra Cole inspires others through her book who struggle with raising children who are born addicted to drugs and alcohol.

'Lessons in Grace'

Dallas author shares realities of raising 'drug baby'

By Stephanie Blair
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — In the late '70s, Petra Cole and her husband adopted two children: Jay and Sally.

Sally was the younger sister of Jay, who, it would later be discovered, was what Cole refers to as a "drug baby" — a child affected by their mother's drug and alcohol use while pregnant.

In 2016, Cole published a book titled, "Lessons in Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness: Adopting a Drug Baby," recounting her experiences raising a drug-affected child and the challenges she faced. In the year since the book's release, Cole has received positive and rewarding feedback.

"It's been wonderful getting the responses from people having read it, saying, 'I needed this,'" Cole said.

It was this need that motivated Cole to write her book, along with some familial encouragement.

"My sister is the one who said, 'you've got to put your story out there,' because there are so many mother's struggling and not able to understand what's going on," Cole explained.

Cole added that often, adopted and foster children who were exposed to alcohol or drugs in utero produce a false negative when tested for Fetal Alcohol Syn-

drome Disorders and similar conditions.

In 2015, the Children's Research Triangle published a study in which it found that 86.5 percent of adopted and foster children in the sample group of 547 children had never been diagnosed or had been misdiagnosed when they were, in fact, affected by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders.

Cole, though conscious of her son's differences from other children, was unaware of his condition until after Jay was an adult.

"This was back in the '70s, before we knew anything about the effect of drugs on babies," Cole said.

Raising a child affected by drugs in the womb is a unique challenge, as Cole's book explains. One challenge was a lack of guilt or conscience in her child. However, Jay wasn't malicious. In fact, Cole described that she struggled to find a way to discipline him or help him understand consequences to his actions.

"That was the hardest part: learning how to communicate with him in his world," Cole said. "He was, in spite of all that, the funniest child I've ever been around in my life — and always upbeat. Even when he was going to run away, he would let us know, 'I'm just going to run away for a little while.'"

Despite Cole's frequent and open conversations about increased chances of addiction with her children, as an adult, Jay became an addict.

"He had gotten into drugs, which is pretty typical for a drug-addicted baby," Cole said. "He had gotten into drugs and then, when he was 37, he decided he was totally finished with that lifestyle."

In 2008, Jay Cole checked himself into the rehabilitation program run by Mountain Ministries, a church in Rainer. He died shortly after his 37th birthday.

"I'm at peace with that because he had turned his life around," Cole said. "He had really opted to change his life."

Petra Cole is a longtime resident of Dallas; she loves spending her time playing tennis and directing her church choir. "Lessons in Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness: Adopting a Drug Baby" is available on amazon.com and xulonpress.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Donate glasses at Lions garage sale

DALLAS — The Dallas Lions Club Garage Sale will be held at 439 SE Clay St. Dallas on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring any unwanted eyeglasses, eyeglass cases or hearing aids that are no longer needed. These will be cleaned, refurbished and sent to Lion sponsored eye clinics throughout the world.

Duck Race tickets for the July 29 event will be available. For more information: Susan at 503-302-3848.

One arrest made during ped patrol

INDEPENDENCE — The Independence Police Department conducted a four-hour pedestrian safety enforcement operation that focused on motorists who failed to yield the right of way to pedestrians.

The operation was made possible by grants from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

On June 26, a pedestrian enforcement and education program was conducted which specifically focused on drivers and pedestrians who violated right-of-way laws. Six citations and 21 warnings were issued. One arrest of a suspended driver was made.

IPD Sgt. Juventino Banuelos said community members should follow basic safe practices:

Be on the lookout and stop for pedestrians; stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and stay stopped until the pedestrian is two traffic lanes away or has reached the sidewalk; pedestrians should use a crosswalk when crossing and obey pedestrian signals; Look both ways for traffic before crossing; ensure cares are yielding before crossing.

Foundation seeks Polk nonprofits

SALEM — The Oregon Community Foundation is seeking more grant applications from Polk County.

The foundation awards grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 to nonprofits around the region.

For more information: oregoncf.org.

INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8

450 S. 2nd St., Independence
Showtimes 503-606-3000
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.

Now Playing:

Despicable Me 3 (PG)

The House (R)

Transformers: The Last Knight (PG13)

Baby Driver (R)

Rough Night (R)

Wonder Woman (PG13)

Premiering Thursday July 6th:
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Common Sense Tip FOR PEDESTRIANS

WALK SOBER, LIVE LONGER.

A lot can happen out there that requires quick reaction time, so keep a clear head when you're on foot. And walk on!

Walk Safely. The Way to Go. Transportation Safety — ODOT

NOTICE

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of that unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Polk County Sheriff's office within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property.

- Firearms, knives, bicycles, electronic equipment, jewelry, tools, bags/backpacks, sports equipment
- 1996 Jeep Cherokee, OR 161FLB, Vin #1J4FT68S5TL133117
- 2002 Subaru Outback, OR SL36977, Vin#4S3BH665926656981

Contact Polk County Sheriff's Office at:
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7	3					9	
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5				7			
1		8	3				
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Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★☆

Row →

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

↑ Column

How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

By Ben Arnoldy
The Christian Science Monitor

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