

Council discusses holding town halls

By Stephanie Blair
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — At the Monmouth City Council work session on July 18, a point of discussion was a response to the grassroots town hall meeting organized by former city councilor Marshal Guthrie.

That meeting was on June 22 at the Monmouth Public Library.

Though neither the mayor nor any member of the council attended the town hall, many expressed an interest in hosting a similar forum in the future. The aim of this forum, in whatever format is chosen, would be to give the citizens of Monmouth an opportunity to voice concerns out-

side of the citizen comments section of the monthly city council meetings.

“We’ve had a lot of comments (over) the last six months here, so the council was like, ‘well, what other formats are there that you can do to get input?’” said Scott McClure, Monmouth city manager.

McClure put forth several suggestions for the council to consider as an alternative or additional way for citizens to speak directly to the council outside of the citizen comment section: a standard town hall, coffee or breakfast with the mayor meetings, neighborhood meetings held in parks — even electronic town halls.

“However we do this, I’m all in favor of it,” said



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A new contest at the Polk County Fair will pit entrants’ family recipes for chocolate cake and apple pie. Winners in each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Have your cake, eat it too

New contest pits family recipes against each other

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — It’s the ultimate choice at the family barbecue: chocolate cake or apple pie?

Why not both? A contest at the 2017 edition of the Polk County Fair gives people a chance to pit their secret family recipes for the two dessert classics against those of other bakers.

The Best Chocolate Cake and Best Apple Pie contests are the latest additions to the fair’s open class competitions.

You don’t have to register ahead of time for the contests, just bring your best effort to the fair on Aug. 12.

“They are bringing them that day, and we are going figure out some really awesome (local) celebrities to come judge it,” said Polk County Fair Board Chairwoman Anna Scharf.

Entries are accepted start-

ing at 12:30 p.m., and judging starts at 2. Your cake or pie entry gets you free admission to the fair. Contestants 15 and younger entering the contest get admission from themselves and one adult.

Grand prizes are \$50 gift certificates to sponsors Oven-bird Bakery in Independence (apple pie) and Nicky B’s Cakes of Dallas (chocolate cake).

Baking not your strong suit? There are plenty of other contests at the fair, from food categories to art to growing flowers.

The poetry contest entries are taken Wednesday

(today) from noon to 8 p.m. at the fairgrounds office, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

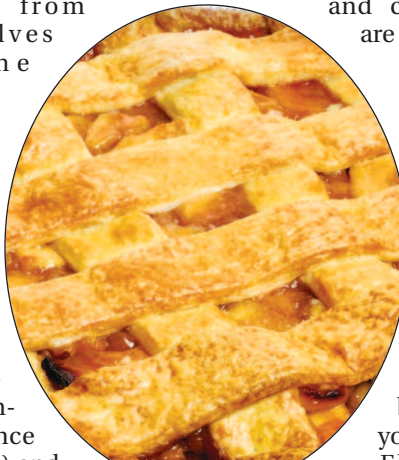
Fine Arts, photography, textiles, crafts, youth arts and crafts entries are due Aug. 7.

Foods categories, including the new Pinterest contest, are due Aug. 8.

For that contest, just print the pin and bring it with your dish.

Floriculture, grains, honey, forestry, fruits, nuts and vegetable entries are due Aug. 9.

For more information about the contests and entry guidelines, go to: www.co.polk.or.us/fair/annual/2017-polk-county-fair.



Sudoku solution

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

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

• “Bridlewood” was misspelled in story, “The search for the grail” in the July 19 issue of the *Itemizer*.

• Falls City Fire Department also helped with the fire at Black Rock, and contributed the photo used on the front page of the *Itemizer* on July 19.

• Tod Brostrom was misidentified in the story, “Basketball tourney returns to Summerfest,” in the July 19 issue of the *Itemizer*.

The *Itemizer* regrets the errors and omissions.

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
July 18.....	86	53	.00
July 19.....	83	50	.00
July 20.....	77	53	.00
July 21.....	85	50	.00
July 22.....	93	57	.00
July 23.....	89	59	.00
July 24.....	91	54	.00

Rainfall during July — 0 in.
Rain through July 24 — 33.30 in.






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Thanks to all of you, the Windermere Foundation collected over \$903,500 in donations through the second quarter of 2017, from contributions, fundraisers and Windermere agent commissions. So far, we have raised a total of **\$34,009,527** in donations since 1989.

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Summerfest Bounty Market & Art in the Park
2 Helpings of Bounty Market THIS WEEK!

Bounty Market—Thursday, July 27
SPECIAL EVENT:
Republic Service – Kids Re-use Art Project

Join Republic Services at the Bounty Market for a fun FREE, drop-in activity to make and take your own bookmarks for summer reading from 10am to 3pm. Republic Services staff will also answer your questions about recycling, trash and yard debris services!

Bottle Drive – Boy Scouts Troop 288
Bring your empty cans and bottles down to the Bounty Market to help support our scouts!

NEW vendors this week!
Come down and sample your favorite products! Pick up your FREE re-usable shopping bag from sponsor Oregon State Credit Union. Purchase Duck Race & Breakfast in the Park tickets and more!

Bounty Market at Art in the Park
Sunday, July 30, Dallas City Park

Get your second helping of the Bounty Market this week at Dallas Art in the Park from 8am to 4pm! Grab a FREE re-usable shopping bag from the Market info booth and stock up on fresh produce (INCLUDING PEACHES), baked goods, canned goods, unketchups, artisan products, wine, health & beauty products, brunch, lunch or dinner with El Pique Family Restaurant ending your visit with a chair massage by Ty!

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