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If users want to dig more into the nitty gritty of the budget — or any of the data posted on the website — they may download the raw data files and create their own graphs, Kistler said.

Other ways the city has attempted to be more transparent include its meetings portal, which is available through a link on the city's home page. There, people may sign up to receive notices and agendas of public meetings, including city council meetings.

The city also has a YouTube account, where interested people may subscribe to receive notices when a new city-related video has been posted.

The city records all city council meetings and posts them on YouTube within a couple of days of the meeting.

These methods are aimed at communicating with citizens.

"We try to communicate the best we can," Kistler said. "But we don't always know how you need us to communicate with you. We just need to know: What works best for you? YouTube, Twitter, piece of paper and an envelope, phone call."

For more information: Gloria Butsch, gbutsch@ci.independence.or.us.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AARP workshop for Polk residents

POLK COUNTY — AARP Foundation has awarded a grant to MicroEnterprise Resources, Initiatives and Training to conduct "Work for Yourself@50+" workshops in several mid-Willamette Valley cities, including Independence and Dallas. The workshops will help residents older than 50 assess opportunities for self-employment, build skills and connect with resources that will enable them to generate income by working for themselves. Workshops will be held at the Indy Commons at 10 a.m. on Aug. 15 and at the Chemeketa Community College Campus in Dallas at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 15. For more information: Mona Edwards, 503-584-7314.

Falls City slates annual Arbor Day

FALLS CITY — Now officially a Tree City USA, Falls City will celebrate Arbor Day every year on the second Saturday of September. The Falls City City Council approved a resolution, requested by the city's park and recreation committee, to declare that Saturday Arbor Day. The event will coincide with the city's annual Solve Clean Up. Falls City held its first Arbor Day event on Dec. 10, 2016, in an effort to have its Tree City USA application accepted.

Dallas Aquatic Center report approved

DALLAS — The city of Dallas' Administration Committee approved its final report on Dallas Aquatic Center funding on July 24. The report doesn't recommend a specific strategy, but emphasizes finding sponsorship opportunities and has as a performance target that the facility cover 60 to 65 percent of its expenses with revenue.

Committee members also said the city should encourage those who support the center to restart the "Friends of Dallas Aquatic Center" group to help raise money to benefit the center. "We are not proposing closure," said Committee Chairwoman Kelly Gabliks. "We are talking about continuing to formulate and evaluate different revenue sources, but I guess we are not proposing anything specific."

The report now goes to the full council as a recommendation.

Willamina open for eclipse

WILLAMINA — Family friendly tent and dry RV camping will be available for people spending the eclipse in Willamina at the West Valley Community Campus.

On Aug. 19, Second Winds String Band will play in the campus auditorium, and Aug. 20, the West Valley Shakers will play. Beer, wine and food will be available for sale during the music.

Eclipse viewing will be Aug. 21. The college will have viewing glasses on sale. For more information: info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org.

Monmouth public works to replace valve, repair well

By Stephanie Blair
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — At the July 18 Monmouth City Council meeting, City Manager Scott McClure announced that the Monmouth public works department would be taking on two new projects, both to do with water services.

The first is the replacement of a valve at the waste treatment plant.

Though the valve is still functional, it is beginning to show signs of impending failure, according to public works director Russ Cooper.

"We are taking steps now to reinforce the valve in the near term, while we work with a consultant to determine a path forward,"

Cooper said. "A worst-case scenario would be that the piping associated with the valve will need to be replaced also."

Cooper said the replacement of the valve is expected to take place next summer, "when flows and lagoon levels at the wastewater treatment plant are at their lowest."

The second is a repair to Marion County Well No. 2, which failed in early July, one of Monmouth's two primary sources of drinking water. Cooper believes the failure to be a result of graphite build up.

"The previous pump had a cast iron body that is more susceptible to the process of graphitization," explained Cooper. "To prevent this from occurring on

the new well pump, the city has specified a ductile iron body."

Though public works is currently waiting for the new pump to arrive, the repairs are expected to be complete in two weeks. While repairs are happening, the public works office would like to encourage residents using their services to conserve water, Cooper said.

"With the pending hot weather this week, we anticipate water demand will increase. With one of our main wells out of service, any conservation measures our customers can take would be appreciated," Cooper said. "This can take some of the burden of our other water sources."

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS
Arrests/Citations
• Robert L. Busey, 62, of Dallas, in the 1200 SE Godsey

Road on July 26 on a failure to appear warrant out of Marion County.

• Christian J. Lange, 36, of Dallas, and Kelye S. Phillips, 53, of Dallas in the 1900 SE Miller Ave. on July 26, both on a charge of second-degree criminal trespassing, littering waters in Rickreall Creek.

INDEPENDENCE
Arrests/Citations
• Isaac Ito, 20, of Salem, in the 0-99 block of S. 16th St. on July 27 for driving under the in-

fluence of intoxicants, unlawful possession of a firearm, minor in possession of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle, and unlawful possession of marijuana — younger than 21.

MONMOUTH
Arrests/Citations
• William Erin Hawkins, 38, of Salem, in the 100 block of Catron St. S. on July 27 for delivery of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school, and on an arrest arraignment warrant for failure to appear.

OBITUARIES

Junior Fischer

Feb. 3, 1933 – July 16, 2017

Junior Fischer, 84, of Falls City, died on July 16 at Salem Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1933, in Vernon Center, Minn., to Max and Martha

Fischer.

He married Mary Woodruff on Aug. 10, 1953, in Tremonton, Utah. He lived in Falls City most of his life. He worked as a machinist and was active in the SDA Church.

Survived by wife Mary Fischer; and children J. Arnold Fischer, Rosita Tice, Cindy Ostrander, Vernon Fischer, and Trudy Pritchard.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Falls City, SDA Church.

Teddy Thommen

Dec. 5, 1951 – July 27, 2017

Teddy "Ted" Allen Thom-

men, 65, of Falls City, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2017, at his home.

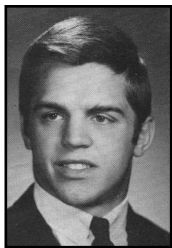
A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, at Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 97338. Chaplain Russ Hilsinger will be officiating. Memorials may be made to B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse).

Ted was born Dec. 5, 1951, in Myrtle Point to Glen and Patsy (Taylor) Thommen.

He graduated from Coquille High School in 1970. He joined the Navy in October of 1970, and was honorably discharged to the re-

serves in January of 1974.

On May 20, 1974, he married Loy Leann Boruff in Myrtle Point.



Ted was employed as a heavy equipment mechanic most his life. He enjoyed working, and only retired a few years prior to his passing. Ted was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all.

He loved riding his motorcycle, and was an animated artist who created sculptures and drawings. He spent most his weekends spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed cooking, gardening, tinkering in his garage and volunteering at his grandchildren's elementary school.

Ted is survived by his wife Loy; his son Jered Thommen, of Troutdale, his son Jad Thommen and his fi-

ance Ashley Moore, of Oakland, his daughter Samie Sebring and her husband Josh Sebring, of Dallas; his grandchildren Rob Thommen, Kayla Thommen, Grace Sebring, Piper Sebring and Ava Thommen; his sisters Karen Helton, of Dexter, Mo., Tonya McGraw, of Spring Valley, Calif., Debra Thommen, of Coquille, his brother Dane Thommen, of Coquille; his mother-in-law Leone Boruff, of Omaha, Neb., his brother-in-law Justin Boruff and his wife Denise Boruff, of Albany, his brother-in-law Marty Toulou, of Coquille; his sister-in-law Joy Turner and her husband Eric Turner, of Sweet Home; his sister-in-law Leah Boruff, of Carson, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. Please go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com to leave a message or memory for the family.

Renamae Johnson

July 9, 1918 – July 6, 2017

Renamae Johnson, 98, of French Gulch and Independence, passed away July 6, 2017.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Johnson.

Renamae is survived by her children, Roger Johnson, Rita O'Neil, and Royal Johnson.

Her family will have a private memorial for her at a later date.

Cherlyn Lewis

Aug. 2, 1959 – July 22, 2017

Celebration of life 3 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 5, at Dallas City Park. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

Ruth Louise Strand

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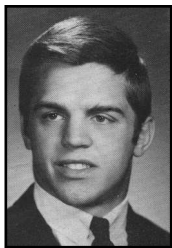
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