

**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](http://www.polkio.com).  
**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the letter titled "Polk should remain in County's name" the *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* mistyped the date of President Polk's inaugural address. The year should read 1845. The *IO* regrets the error.

**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.

**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 15.....	83	49	00
Aug. 16.....	87	53	00
Aug. 17.....	85	51	00
Aug. 18.....	87	57	00
Aug. 19.....	82	56	00
Aug. 20.....	84	50	00
Aug. 21.....	90	58	00

Rainfall during Aug. — 0.15 in.  
Rain through Aug. 21 — 33.45 in.

Because of the eclipse preparations, no police report was available this week. See next week's issue for the regular reports.



STEPHANIE BLAIR/Itemizer-Observer

Monmouth resident John Lang stands among his many tractors, leaning against an antique International.

**Man's tractor collection showcases foreign models**

By Stephanie Blair  
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Over the past 30 years, Monmouth resident John Lang has collected antique tractors. After his retirement, he turned a casual hobby into a full-time passion.

"I've been farming all my life," Lang said. "I retired in 2008 and started restoring tractors. I had a few that I collected over the years but didn't have time to deal with them. Now that I'm retired, I have more time to work on them so that's what I'm doing."

Lang restores and shows his farm equipment at antique truck and tractor shows around the state. Depending on the condition that he receives the tractor in, Lang said restoration can be a long process — his longest projects so far took three years to finish — so he often works on two or three at once.

Part of what makes these restorations take such a long time to finish is the wait time on parts. Lang doesn't just restore your average antique American tractors — foreign models are his passion.

"I've got American ones, too, but I really like the foreign ones," Lang said with a smile. "Because I take them to shows and show them.



STEPHANIE BLAIR/Itemizer-Observer  
Lang owns three Lamborghini tractors.

People see the common ones — and they're nice, you know, I'm not against them — but they see a Lamborghini and it kind of sets them back a little bit."

But Lang doesn't have one Lamborghini tractor — he has three.

His collection, 38 strong, also includes a couple of English-made Leylands and two tractors which were manufactured by Fiat for the brand Oliver, which sold them under their own paint and badge. Thirteen of Lang's tractors have been restored.

Not all of Lang's antiques are destined for restoration, though. Because of the high level of care that he provides for his collection, Lang is able to keep tractors in their pristine original condition.

"(One of the Olivers) I'm not going to restore, because it's so nice in being original, I'm just going to leave it," Lang said.

This passion is a long time love of Lang's, and one that he's happy to be spending his days doing.

"I've always liked tractors, ever since I was a little kid. I don't know, I just kind of fell in love with the foreign ones," Lang said.

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**'Bee'friend pollinators**

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

RICKREALL — If you want a super pollinator in your backyard, build a bee box and fill it with tubes perfect for mason bee nests.

The deep blue and fuzzy-looking bees are native to Oregon and "have ADD" when it comes to pollinating, says mason bee "keeper" Jerry Paul, with the Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Paul and Heath Keirstad, also with Benton County SWCD, led a presentation on attracting native pollinators to your yard and garden at the Polk County Fair on Aug. 11.

Mason bees are solitary bees that nest in cracks and crevices in wood or rock, in beetle holes or hollow stems. They are early risers in terms of the time of year they are active, from March to June.

You can provide attractive nesting places for mason bees with a bee box and wooden tubes they can use to lay eggs. Providing mud, which they use to build nests — a skill that gives them their common name — helps encourage them as well.

Paul said you don't have to worry about mason bees hatching and then leaving your yard.

"A honey bee will go as far as 5 miles in order to find pollen and nectar," he said. "A mason bee will only go 200 feet, so you can confine what you want pollinated to your backyard. If you start to raise mason bees, you are not going to lose them to your neighbor."

Mason bee nesting tubes need to be unplugged and cleaned each year to prevent pollen mites and other predators and parasites. Mason bee cocoons can be harvested from nests and stored in the produce crisper of a refrigerator until temperatures warm up to between 50 and 55 degrees for multiple days — don't forget to check for mold and clean again, if needed.

Place them in release tubes near your nest box, and that process starts again. Other tips include avoiding pesticides and planting native plants.

Native bees are often solitary nesters, Paul said. Some are, like mason bees, and nest in holes and crevices. Others, like leaf cutter bees, nest in the ground. Providing them attractive nesting areas means not mulching all parts of your yard.

For more information on keeping mason bees and attracting other native pollinators: [www.bentonswcd.org/activities/landowners/bee-buddies/](http://www.bentonswcd.org/activities/landowners/bee-buddies/).

**West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.**

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

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Friday - Thursday • Aug 25 - Aug 31  
EMOJI MOVIE (Digital) (PG) (12:00 2:15 4:30)  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING (Digital) (PG13) 6:45 9:45  
NUT JOB 2: NUTTY BY NATURE (Digital) (PG) (12:20 2:35 4:50)  
DARK TOWER (Digital) (PG13) (12:20 2:35 4:50) 7:05 9:20  
LEAP (Digital) (PG) (12:20 2:35 4:50) 7:05 9:20  
HITMAN'S BODYGUARD (Digital) (R) (1:50 4:25) 7:00 9:35  
ANNABELLE: CREATION (Digital) (R) (11:40 2:10 4:40) 7:10 9:40  
WONDER WOMAN (Digital) (PG13) (12:40 3:40) 6:40 9:40  
DUNKIRK (Digital) (PG13) (11:45 2:15 4:45) 7:15 9:45  
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