

Let your colors shine



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The fall colors are on full display throughout Polk County.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

The strip of asphalt on LaCreole Drive has been repaired.

LaCreole paving finished

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

DALLAS — A repair job repaving a driving lane on LaCreole Drive recently finished, after a NW Natural expansion project required tearing up part of the street and sidewalk.

The work was expected to take place in June, but was delayed because asphalt contractors have been spread thin since spring due to the volume of work available in the region.

“Unfortunately, the gas company ... has been having the same problems that we’ve had with contractors this year. They got pushed way back,” said City Manager Ron Foggin at a Dallas City Council meeting on Oct. 16.

The NW Natural project

to improve service to customers on the south side of Dallas from the window it needed. Foggin said the project is complete.

The work left a narrow temporary patch on one side of the road.

City Councilor Micky Garus asked about the project at the meeting, saying he had been getting questions from residents about when the fix would happen.

“The asphalt contractor believes they can get the project done before the weather shuts them down,” Foggin said. “They are trying to get it done this week. We really questioned their rolling the dice against the weather.”

The gamble worked, as sunny, dry weather last week gave the contractor the window it needed. Foggin said the project is complete.

Falls City water bills to go up by \$1.75 monthly

By Jolene Guzman
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FALLS CITY — Water bills in Falls City will increase by \$1.75 to pay for maintenance on backflow devices installed to prevent contamination in the water system.

Mayor Terry Ungricht wrote in a memo to the Falls City City Council that at the time they were installed, the council believed they would be required by law.

They were installed on each hookup in the city, but as it turns out, regulations didn’t require them. Ungricht said now that they are installed, the city has an obligation to test them yearly.

In 2013, the city approved a contract to have them tested. Under the contract, testing was paid for, not replacement if the

devices failed. That is the responsibility of the customer. To pay for the contract, the city added a \$2.25 per account charge.

With the inspection fees expiring in June 2018, the city decided to look at different ways to handle the backflow device issue. Three options were presented to the city’s Public Work Committee.

The first was to pull the devices when they failed.

“The purpose of the backflow device is to prevent contamination to the system, but also protects when there is a water loss in the system,” Ungricht noted in the memo. “If the line that services the pressure to your house fails, it would drain the water out of your pipes and have a big chance of burning out your water heater.”

The committee decided that wasn’t an acceptable

option.

The second option was to add another maintenance fee for the devices.

The third is to have the city take ownership of the backflow devices, drop the \$2.25 fee for the testing contract, but add \$4 to the base rate to cover the cost of testing and replacing units that fail.

The committee recommended the third option, and the city council approved the change at its Oct. 12 meeting.

According to the city’s testing contractor, about 20 devices may need to be replaced. Ungricht said that would cost customers about \$250 for the device, plus the cost of having a plumber install it.

“This could create a real hardship for some of our utility customers,” Ungricht said.

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Sudoku

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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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE (Digital) (R)	(1:55 4:30)	7:05 9:40
JIGSAW (Digital) (R)	(12:45 3:00 5:15)	7:35 9:50
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NOVEMBER 2017

Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

Nov. 1-4 Central High School proudly presents **The Addams Family**, a new musical and comedy directed by Jeff Witt and Wendy Boyack. Central High School. Visit website for details and cost. <http://www.chsperformingarts.org/>

Nov. 3-4 4-H Holiday Fair. 9 am – 5 pm. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall. For more details call 4H Office 503-623-8395. Free admission. Free parking. Food available onsite.

Nov. 3-4 Western Oregon University **HOMECOMING!** Friends, food, fun and football! That is what you will experience during Homecoming 2017. Come back to campus to see what's new, relive your memories with buildings and familiar places, and spend time with former classmates and friends. There are many activities and events planned, including an alumni and friends tailgater and reunion group gatherings! Check out the schedule of events and plan your trip today! **Friday, November 3** - Homecoming preview Wine Tour and Dinner. Visit three local wineries to enjoy wine, breathtaking views, time with classmates and friends, and more! Transportation, snacks, water, tastings and dinner is included! See event site for more information and to register. **Saturday, November 4** - Meet and Greet breakfast with Curtis Campbell and Rex Fuller. Start your day right with a hearty breakfast! Dean Jack Morton Memorial Kickoff Reception. Share your stories of Dean Jack Morton. Celebrate his amazing life. Campus tours. Check out what is new and what has stayed the same on a student-led walking tour. Alumni & Friends Tailgate. Celebrate and enjoy the company of alumni, Wolfie, and more before the game. Food and drinks are included. Welcome to families and children. Wolves vs. Azusa Pacific football game. Game tickets available here. 5th Quarter reunion group gatherings and post-game receptions. Grab food and drinks with former classmates after the game. For more info contact Emily Lafon, Alumni relations Coordinator 503-838-8710. lafone@wou.edu

Nov. 5 Polk Flea Market. 9 am – 3 pm. Adult Admission is only \$1.00 and children 12 and under and parking is free. Early Bird Admission is only \$5.00 per adult from 6am-9am Sunday morning. Follow us on Facebook at PolkFleaMarket. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall.

Nov. 11 1st Annual Veterans Fundraiser. Potato Bar with all the fixings - \$5.00 per person (age 6 & under free). Silent Auction 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Oral Auction 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Concert 8:00pm - 10:00pm (The Boondocks Boys). Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall.

Nov. 23 Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! From all Monmouth Business Association.

Nov. 24 – 25 Polk County Craft Festival. 9 am – 5 pm. Two buildings full of handmade items!! Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center. 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall.

Nov. 28 Celestial Wonders! 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. WOU Ensemble Series Chamber Singers & Concert Choir! Rice Auditorium on the Western Oregon University campus. Ticket Information: Tickets are \$5 general, \$3 students and senior citizens, WOU students free with ID. Contact Information: Julia Hrenchuk 503-838-8275, hrenchukj@wou.edu

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 Garden Club Holiday Greens Sale. Central Baptist Church 655 S. Pacific Ave. (Hwy 99) Monmouth. 10 am – 6 pm. Free Admission. Fresh and made on site door wreaths plus table arrangements & decorated mugs available for sale with new ones put out all day. Funds raised are used for local community beautification projects. For More information contact Margaret Johnson 503-838-3995.

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Chamber Forum
Date: Wednesday, November 8
Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Location: Independence Public Library (175 Monmouth Street)
Topic: MI Chamber Annual Meeting & Elections
Lunch: \$12.00 boxed lunch from Three Legged Dog
* Lunch orders must be received by noon 11/7/17. Fee incurred unless cancellation received via email to micc@minefiber.com by noon 11/7/17.

Thirsty Thursday — November 16
Host: IndyCommons
Date: Thursday, November 16
Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Location: 278 S Main Street, Independence

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