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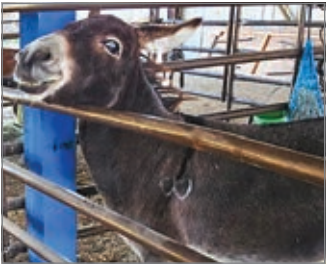
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Polk County Fair captured in images

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French fry feeding frenzy



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Lilli Jones, of Dallas, scrambles to pick up a spilled carton of French fries before her champion herd of dairy goats gobble them up at the Polk County fairgrounds Saturday. For more images from the fair, see page B1.

Dallas limits use of E-bikes in city parks

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Bob Lesh, who lives on Southeast Hawthorn Avenue, spoke during public input at the July 20 City Council meeting. He, like city staff, has seen an increase in the unsafe use of E-bikes.

The item was being discussed on the evening’s agenda, just not specifically in Lesh’s area of concern.

Lesh wanted the City Council to address the lack of a city ordinance regulating the use of E-bikes in city limits, especially neighborhoods like his. He feels people on speeding E-bikes are endangering residents, kids playing and riding in the street, pets and even other residents who access the creek via a walkway by his house.

“People are coming down the street far in excess of the speed limit. They’re riding on sidewalks with their scooters.

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Jujuba brings Afrobeat energy to Music in the Park concerts



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Jujuba brings its high-energy mix of Afrobeat and Juju music back to Music in the Park at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 after a five-year absence.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Jujuba guitarist Ethan Flaherty knows when the band connects with an audience.

People move.

Some dance. Some bob their heads. Even those who remain seated find their own way to move to the music. For Flaherty, these responses are signs that everyone is having a good time.

“Music is our way to make people happy, and doing so makes us happy,” Flaherty said. “When we are at our best and the audience is enjoying our music, there is a shared experience of

joy for both the band and the audience.”

Jujuba hopes to rekindle that connection when the 11-piece band returns to Monmouth’s Music in the Park at 6:30 p.m. July 19.

It’s been five years since the Portland-based band last performed in town.

“We had a blast,” Flaherty said of that show. “The people were welcoming and enthusiastic, and we had a very nice time.”

Suzanne Dufner, city of Monmouth economic development director, remembers that last show’s energy.

“We look forward to another electrifying evening where people of all ages are on their feet moving and grooving to the music, just as they were when the band last performed at Music in the Park,” she said.

Jujuba combines Nigerian Afrobeat and Juju music with the varied musical backgrounds of its members. Electric instruments, percussion and a full horn section drive a sound designed to keep people moving.

At the center is Nojeem Lasisi, Jujuba’s lead vocalist and master talking drummer.

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Reading Nest founder Mackenzie Newland (center left) and board president Amber Holland cut the ribbon to unveil their nonprofit’s new bookmobile at the Polk County Fair Aug. 8.

Reading Nest unveils bookmobile at county fair

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Inspired by something she witnessed while on vacation in London in 2023, Mackenzie Newland decided to import it back home in Oregon.

The fruition of that idea was on display Saturday at the Polk County Fair – The Reading Nest’s mobile book Van.

“I sent a video to my closest friends in the middle of the night one night about a year ago

and I said I have this crazy idea,” Newland told a crowd before christening the vehicle with a ribbon cutting ceremony. “What if we took a bus and gave free books out to rural communities?”

The template was a mobile book store that made pop up visits at various locations within London. Newland figured access to reading materials was a universal goal.

“I was thinking about local literacy problems, getting involved in the community. The literacy rate is low in Polk

County. Our library tries so hard. But with transportation issues within the community, it would be fun to have a mobile book store. Our group of people started talking. Wonder what it would be like to create our own non profit giving out books for free?”

Newland, the former president of the Monmouth Independence Chamber of Commerce, initially thought everyone would hand wave away such a notion. Instead, it

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Fire district contains three-alarm wildland fire on Oakdale Road

The SW Polk Fire District quickly contained a wildland fire off Oakdale Road today.

At around 1:30 p.m., personnel responded to a reported vegetation fire in the 18000 block of Oakdale Road. Driven by dry fuels and strong afternoon winds, the fire spread rapidly after ignition, prompting the incident to be upgraded to a three-alarm wildland fire as multiple homes became threatened.

The fire ultimately burned about 6.6 acres of grass, brush, and light timber while threatening six residential structures. Southwest Polk firefighters used an aggressive and coordinated suppression effort to successfully protect all six homes, preventing the loss of any residences.

Several outbuildings were damaged before crews were able to bring the fire under control.

Southwest Polk firefighters, assisted by the Oregon Department of Forestry, Falls City Fire Department, Dallas Fire & EMS, Polk County Fire District No. 1 and a Yamhill County Task Force, mounted a coordinated attack on the fast-moving fire. Through rapid response, effective structure protection operations, and outstanding interagency cooperation, crews contained and extinguished the fire in approximately two hours.

As suppression efforts continued, afternoon winds began to diminish, allowing firefighters to gain the upper hand.

While the rapid and aggressive response of firefighting resources was instrumental in protecting homes and containing the fire, the reduction in wind speed also played a significant role in limiting further fire growth. Had the strong winds persisted, this incident had the potential to become a much larger disaster for the Oakdale community.

“The quick response of our firefighters and the outstanding cooperation between our partner agencies made the difference today,” said SW Polk Fire Chief Fred Hertel. “This fire spread rapidly under wind-driven conditions and immediately threatened multiple homes. Our crews aggressively engaged the fire to protect structures and stop its advance. We were also fortunate that the afternoon winds subsided when they did. Had they continued at the same intensity, this incident could have become a much larger disaster. Today’s outcome is a testament to the professionalism, training, and teamwork demonstrated by everyone on scene.”

The fire burned to the edge of several structures, leaving visible scorch marks and evidence of radiant heat exposure. Firefighters remained on scene into the evening extinguishing hot spots, conducting mop-up operations, and ensuring the fire was fully secured.

August appointments critical to restoring blood supply in late summer

The American Red Cross continues to urge donors of all blood types to act now and make an appointment to give blood or platelets amid the ongoing national blood crisis. Just three additional donors at every blood drive could help further stabilize the blood supply and ensure patients continue receiving lifesaving care.

Since issuing only the second blood crisis in Red Cross history in late July, thousands of generous donors have stepped up to help save lives. At the same time, the blood supply remains under severe pressure, just as many communities transition to back-to-school schedules and people enjoy final summer plans. When fewer donors are available to give, the impact on available lifesaving blood products can be significant — especially when the blood supply is already facing a four-year summer low.

Keep up the momentum and help reverse the blood crisis. Book an appointment to give blood now by using the Blood Donor App, visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Those who are unable to donate can still make an impact by encouraging eligible friends, family members and colleagues to give blood. As a thank-you, all who come to give through Aug. 31 will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. For details, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org/August.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Polk County:

Dallas
Aug. 14, 12-4:30 p.m., Grocery Outlet, 258 Ellendale Ave
Aug. 31, 12-5 p.m., Evangelical Bible Church Dallas, 1175 SE Howe St.

Independence
Aug. 27, 12-4 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S Main St.

West Salem
Aug. 14, 12-5 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Monmouth Stake Salem-Eola, 3154 Eola Dr. NW
Aug. 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Capital Manor, 1955 Dallas Hwy NW, Suite 1200

Special Memories: A Most Incredible Journey

By GARY DEROWITSCH
(Based On A True Story)

I was reading about a woman who experienced an incredible journey beginning in England and ending in New York.

Kate Buss Willis was born on Dec. 28, 1875, in Sittingbourne, Kent, England. She was the daughter of James Buss (1845–1936) and Elizabeth Hannah Brown (1849–1922). Her journey began at the age of 36 when she boarded a ship in England bound for the United States. She was going to meet her fiancé, Samuel Willis, a carpenter living in San Diego, California.

Making such a journey, alone, crossing the Atlantic Ocean, was in itself pretty remarkable. She arrived in New York on Thursday, April 18, 1912 and eventually made her way to San Diego where she and Samuel Willis were married. About a year later, Kate gave birth to their only daughter, Sybil on Feb. 4, 1913.

After her husband died, Feb. 4, 1953, she moved to Dallas, Oregon, to be close to her daughter, Sybil. Interestingly, she was a member of the St. Hilda’s Episcopal Church in Monmouth. She was to live her final days in a nursing home in Dallas. She died July 12, 1972 at the age of 96. She was buried at Fir Crest Cemetery in Monmouth.

So you are probably asking yourself, what is so incredible about this story? A girl, at the age of 36, leaves England, travels to the United States where she married a man named Samuel Willis; they had a daughter and lived happily ever after. If that were the end of the story it wouldn’t be anything special.

What makes the story remarkable is what is inscribed on her tombstone. Titanic Survivor. Second-class passenger Kate Buss was inside her cabin on E-deck when the Titanic struck an iceberg at 11:40 p.m. on April 14, 1912. To her, the collision did not sound like a massive crash. Instead, she described it as a faint scraping sound, remarkably similar to a skate gliding over ice.

As the gravity of the situation became clear, crew members directed Kate to Lifeboat 9 on the starboard side. The occupancy of each life boat varied drastically that night. While early boats launched nearly empty due to confusion and denial, later boats like Kate’s were filled much closer to capacity.

When the rescue ship, the RMS Carpathia, arrived hours later, the survivors faced one final, terrifying obstacle. They had to ascend the ship’s side over the freezing, vast Atlantic Ocean. Paralyzed by a severe fear of heights, Kate watched everyone else ascend before she finally forced herself up the swaying rope ladder, making her the very last person to leave Lifeboat 9.

On April 18, 1912, she and the other rescued passengers, arrived safely in New York and she eventually made her way to San Diego where she married Samuel Willis.

What is amazing to me, is that Kate was a member of St. Hilda’s Episcopal Church in Monmouth. I was attending Central High School when she was still alive. I could have met her and her daughter Sybil. I wish I had been made aware of this story when she was still alive, living in Dallas. I might very well have met her in person and listened to her tell her story in her own words of — A Most Incredible Journey.

Final thoughts: Her grave site is located at the southern end of Fir Crest Cemetery, south of Monmouth on old Highway 99W. Her tombstone is inscribed: KATE B. WILLIS — 1875 1972 — TITANIC SURVIVOR. There is a cross engraved on the left side of the stone. Also, the RMS Carpathia was later sunk by a German U-Boat.

Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.

Investigating the Bible: Humble Fruit

By DAVE PASTOR

John Barletta worked as a Secret Service agent for Ronald Reagan at his Santa Barbara ranch. Very skilled on horseback, he became the President’s riding companion. Reagan’s code name was Rawhide.

Barletta always met new staff, so he radioed one new agent: “Rawhide would like to meet you.”

The young man was at the top of a hill on his horse and thought he’d show off by racing down. As he came around the barn in front of Reagan, the horse stumbled in a ditch, sending the agent somersaulting right over the horse’s head. Remarkably, he landed on his feet, horse reins still in hand. Reagan looked over at Barletta and asked, “Say, John, does he always dismount that way?”

Pride has few good outcomes, humility many. Knowing this, the apostle Paul described two well-springs of humility in his letter to the Ephesians.

Humility comes through the power of prayer.

“I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3, English Standard Version used throughout).

It is best to not be limited by chapter and verse divisions for Bible study, since they were not in the first copies of the scriptures. Paper, called papyrus, was costly. To save space, scribes wrote in what we would call all capitals, no punctuation nor spacing. SCRIPTURESWERE WRITTENTHISWAY THEYWEREDIFFICULTOREAD. Chapter divisions were added in the 13th century, versification in the 16th century.

Also, “therefore” is a cue to read the preceding paragraphs to understand.

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory, he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:14-19).

A church filled with the fullness of God has no room for pride.

Humility comes from unity.

Paul used seven commonalities shared by the church to lay a unified foundation: “There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:4-6).

All share equally; no one is better.

One man displayed the fruit of humility at the end of his life. In WWII, the Japanese interred Chinese missionaries in concentration camps, adults and children together. Food and supplies were scarce, but they had freedoms inside the barbed wire fences. Some missionaries formed cliques. Some tried to hoard food.

But one man called “Uncle Eric” set a godly example. He helped set up a school; he taught Bible and science classes. He’d mend broken toys; he set up evening games for the teenage boys and directed square dances. He was adored and respected by all.

“Uncle Eric” was Eric Liddell, the world-famous Flying Scotsman and Olympic gold medalist. His stunning accomplishments were hidden beneath his unassuming, quiet demeanor, though when different sections of the camp competed in footraces, it was no surprise that Eric’s team always won.

The entire camp mourned, when he died at age 43 from a brain tumor. Another prisoner wrote: “It is rare indeed that a person has the good fortune to meet a saint, but he came as close to it as anyone I have ever known.”

[Brief bio: Dave Pastor (yes, that is his last name, not his profession) is a Polk County, Oregon resident and graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota.]

WOU welcomes new Foundation board members

The Western Oregon University welcomed four new members to its board of directors, effective July 1. The board serves as the governing body of the WOU Foundation, providing fiduciary oversight and strategic leadership in support of the university’s mission and long-term growth.

The newest members bring a wealth of experience, deep ties to the WOU community, and a shared commitment to advancing opportunity for Western’s students and the communities it serves.

Karl Paulson 1988, 1998 is a proud double Wolf, earning both his Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and his Master of Education from WOU. Paulson dedicated 30 years to public education, 15 years in



Karl Paulson

the classroom teaching in Perrydale and Salem-Keizer schools, and 15 years as an elementary school principal in Salem-Keizer, building a career defined by service to students and communities.

Randi Escobedo 2004, 2011 is also a double alum, holding a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications and a Master of Science in Health Education from WOU. Escobedo



Randi Escobedo

currently serves as Chief Healthcare Experience and Population Health Officer at Providence Health Plan in Portland, bringing executive-level leadership in healthcare strategy and community health to the board.

Maria Bonifacio-Sample 2003 earned her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from WOU and her Master in Teaching degree from George Fox



Maria Bonifacio-Sample

University. She currently serves as Director of Student Conduct at WOU, bringing both institutional knowledge and a firsthand commitment to student success to her new board role.

Loish Neth joins the board as the incoming ASWOU President, representing the voices of current Western students. Entering her senior year and majoring in Exercise Science with the goal of



Loish Neth

becoming an Occupational Therapist, Neth is deeply embedded in campus life and brings a passion for advocating for students’ needs, experiences, and educational opportunities at WOU, ensuring the student perspective remains central to the Foundation’s work.

Carly Neal and Pat Stineff 1977 and 1983 respectively, have been appointed as Emeritus members of the WOU

Foundation board in honor of their decades of dedicated service to Western Oregon University and its students.

“We are thrilled to welcome Karl, Randi, Maria, and Loish to the WOU Foundation Board of Directors. Each of them brings a unique and invaluable perspective to this work,” said Katie Wojke, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the WOU Foundation. “What unites them is a deep love for Western Oregon University and a genuine commitment to ensuring that every student who walks through our doors has the resources, support, and opportunity to succeed. We are grateful for all of our board members, and thank those who have served.”

Families have until Sept. 1 to apply for summer EBT food benefits

By ODHS

Families have until Sept. 1 to apply for essential food assistance through the Summer EBT program. The program offers \$120 per eligible child to help cover grocery costs while school is out.

Thousands of families may be unaware that they qualify for this essential benefit. With the application deadline approaching, the Oregon Department of Human

Services (ODHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) urge families to check their eligibility and to apply before the deadline. Benefits must be used within 122 days.

“We want to make sure children have enough to eat throughout the summer and that all families know about the help available,” said ODHS Director Liesl Wendt. “We don’t want families to think it’s too late

to apply. Reach out to ODHS today so we can check your eligibility and connect your family with food benefits.”

ODE Director Dr. Charlene Williams added, “We’re asking community organizations, schools, and summer meal providers to help spread the word by posting flyers and sharing information with families. We want every eligible child to receive this food benefit.”

Most eligible children received their benefits automatically on June 5, including children in foster care. Other children are automatically eligible if their households:

- Participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Participate in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Are Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid)

members in households with incomes under 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who did not receive benefits automatically may still be eligible if:

- Their household meets income requirements for free or reduced-price school meals
- Their child attends a school or Headstart program that participates in the National School Lunch Program

(NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP)

Families are encouraged to visit sebt.oregon.gov. For information in Spanish, visit ebtv.oregon.gov or contact the Summer EBT Call Center at 833-673-7328 to verify eligibility and apply.

Since June 5, more than 331,844 eligible school-aged children have been issued \$39.8 million in Summer EBT food benefits.

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Ranked choice voting makes sense for Oregon

BLAIR BOBIER
Oregon Capital Chronicle

It’s hard to imagine a scenario where ranked choice voting — or, more to the point, the lack of ranked choice voting — won’t have an impact on this year’s race for governor.

Ranked choice voting eliminates concerns about “spoiler” candidates and ensures that the winner has broad support among voters. Right now, we’re teeing up a close gubernatorial election with at least one minor party candidate in the mix — with the potential for more to join the fray. Any time you have an election with more than two candidates in our current winner-take-all, first-past-the post system, you run the risk of the winning candidate being elected with far less than a majority of the vote.

Although ranked choice voting is used in Corvallis, Portland, Benton County, and Multnomah County, it has yet to be used at the statewide level where winner-take-all reigns supreme.

Under the current statewide system, a candidate only needs to secure a plurality of the vote—meaning more votes



Election workers John Jorgensen and Irene Morris inspect ballots on May 16, 2022, at the Marion County Clerk’s Office in Salem. In future elections, Oregon might opt for ranked choice voting. (Ron Cooper / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

than anyone else. At first blush, this sounds both sensible and fair, until you consider what elections look like with multiple candidates in the race. If, for example, you have a three-way election, a plurality of the vote could translate to a candidate winning with just 34%. That means that 66% of the voters would have preferred that someone else won.

We don’t have to look far back in Oregon’s history to see examples of this. In the recent May primary, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate won that election with less than 30% of the vote. On the Democratic

side of the equation, Chris Beck emerged victoriously from the 2nd Congressional District race with a mere 34% of the vote.

One of the many beautiful things about ranked choice voting is how it eliminates the need for needless runoff elections. Ranked choice voting—which is also known as “instant runoff voting”—essentially combines two rounds of elections into one.

As voters in a number of Oregon jurisdictions have discovered, voters get to rank candidates in order of preference — 1, 2, 3, and so on — and if their preferred

candidate can’t initially muster enough support to win a majority, the voters’ back-up choices come into play. Votes are counted in rounds until a candidate secures a majority and is declared the winner.

Both Washington and Clackamas County will have runoff elections in November between the top two candidates for two seats on their Boards of Commissioners because no candidate secured a majority of the vote in the May primary.

That means eight candidates will have to campaign in two separate elections, just months apart. That seems like an

incredible waste of time, money, and resources when a ranked choice/ instant runoff election can produce a winner with candidates only having to run once.

So, while using ranked choice voting has many benefits — more choices for voters and elections which produce winners with broader public support among them — adopting its use might just come down to a matter of dollars and sense. Combining two elections into one, and the savings that would generate, could provide local jurisdictions with sufficient motivation to make the switch.

Oregon’s use of ranked choice voting, for now, is limited to a handful of cities and counties. 2024’s Measure 117, which would have established ranked choice voting for all federal and statewide offices, proved to be a bridge too far for Oregon voters, garnering just 42% of the vote.

Rolling out ranked choice voting at the local level, where voters will have more opportunities to get familiar with it, is a likely path for its continued adoption. Another route could be adopting it in bite-sized pieces and using it for specific

elections—such as the governor’s race—where multi-candidate races are common and the risk of electing a candidate without the support of a majority of voters is high.

There are many threats to the democratic process; some more overt than others. Winner-take-all elections may not seem nefarious, but elections which thwart the will of the majority are incompatible with the basic principles of democracy. Ranked choice voting is a simple and elegant solution to this problem.

Blair Bobier is a co-founder of the Oregon Center for Voting & Elections. He initiated the campaign making Benton County the first in Oregon to use ranked choice voting.

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OBITUARIES



Dorrene R. Brown
June 2, 1933 - July 29, 2026
Dorrene Rae Brown, of Dallas, Oregon, will be missed by many, especially by Ken, her husband of 75 years. She will be missed by daughter, Sandy (Mike), son Bryan (Barbara),

grandchildren Tim (Alexis), and Carina (Scott), and two great grandchildren. Although her health didn’t allow participation in later years, she will also be missed by the United Methodist Church, where she was a member since 1963, by the James 2 Community Kitchen where she was a longtime volunteer, the women of her coffee group, and the many friends and relatives who enriched her life.

She was born in Shelton, Washington to Charles and Hazel Borst where she lived the first 12 years of her life. After moving several times, the family landed in Jefferson, Oregon, where she met and married Ken. Eventually, they settled in Dallas, which became home for the rest of her life. She graduated from Chemeketa Community College with an LPN degree and worked in Dallas for a private medical practice. In 1979 she and Ken bought a farm and developed a U-cut Christmas tree business. Farm life suited her;

the taste of homegrown tomatoes, the scent of roses, and the view across the pond to Mt. Jefferson in the distance. The family has happy memories of selling trees and helping Dorrene at the workbench making wreaths to sell.

She loved to travel to warm places; Tahiti, Fiji, Hawaii and Mexico. Also, not-so-warm places such as New Zealand and Northern Europe. She passed on her love of the Shelton area, and the family bought a vacation house overlooking Puget Sound where she saw her great grandchildren play on beaches where her great-grandparents once played.

A memorial service for Dorrene will be held at Dallas United Methodist church on Sept. 5, at 2 p.m. The family is compiling a memory book and would love to receive written stories and remembrances of Dorrene from attendees. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the James 2 Community Kitchen.

Funeral Arrangements,

Neptune Society



Joshua Adam Spansail
March 9, 1982 - July 3, 2026
Josh Spansail passed unexpectedly July 3, 2026. He was born March 9, 1982, in Portland, Oregon to his parents Linda and Craig Spansail, joining his older brother Zac.
Josh attended school in Beaverton and Scappoose. His love of sports began as a toddler. In high school he played football on offensive and defensive lines and was co-captain as a senior.
Josh attended the University of Oregon 2000-2004, earning a

BA in Sociology. He became a “Double Duck” when attending U of O Law School, graduating and passing the Bar in 2014. He worked for the Oregon State Water Resources Department and then moved to Clackamas County Circuit Court in Oregon City. He moved to Gold Beach in 2016 as Deputy District Attorney. He was appointed and then twice elected District Attorney of Curry County, positions he held for 10 years.

Josh experienced his first bout of cancer in 2007 with recurrence in 2008. He met and conquered these challenges without complaint and with an attitude of getting through treatment and moving on with his life.

Josh met his wife Sunnie Brooks Day while walking their dogs in Salem. They were married in June 2018 and built a family with Charlotte 6, Jack 3, and Calvin 1.

Josh is survived by his wife Sunnie, his children, his parents, brother Zac (Sarah) and nephews

Simon and Oslo.
A Memorial Service for Josh will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at 1:30 p.m., at the Salem Convention Center, Santiam Room, 200 Commercial St. SE, Salem, Oregon.
Guests are invited to honor Josh by wearing black Oregon Ducks gear, navy blue, a shirt and tie, or cabana wear.

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Why Oregon needs a strong Climate Protection Program

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Sky-high energy bills. Record-breaking wildfires. Air too toxic to breathe.

Oregonians are already paying the price for pollution from large corporations, which is fueling climate disasters and extreme weather. To make matters worse, some corporate special interests are now trying to take away one of the best tools we have to lower energy costs and clean up our air: Oregon’s Climate Protection Program.

At its core, the Climate Protection Program is about reducing pollution and improving the health and livability of all of our communities. Shaped by comments from thousands of Oregonians across the state, the Climate Protection Program sets clear limits on pollution from the state’s biggest polluters and helps more Oregonians access clean, affordable energy. The program is thoughtfully designed, forward-looking, and absolutely critical — especially in this moment.

With D.C. politicians actively gutting clean air and public health protections, Oregon leaders

must keep charting a path forward that delivers a cleaner, healthier, more affordable future for all of us: Every child should be able to play outside without inhaling wildfire smoke. Every family should be safe and comfortable in their home, year-round. Every Oregonian should be able to afford their utility bill.

The Climate Protection Program is the foundation for building this more resilient future. The program holds big polluters accountable and invests in communities bearing the brunt of climate change; Black, Indigenous, and people of color, low-income families, people with disabilities, seniors, and rural and coastal residents have shouldered higher costs, worse health outcomes, and more extreme weather.

But all Oregonians will feel the benefits of these investments. Every time we install an energy-efficient heat pump for a senior or weatherize a low-income family’s home, we help that household save money and live more comfortably while also reducing pollution and creating good-paying local jobs. Reducing energy use is good for all of us — it

keeps the grid stable and reliable, lowering costs for everyone. Independent modeling has found that the Climate Protection Program’s investment in clean energy will add nearly 10,000 jobs and \$2.5 billion to Oregon’s GDP by 2050.

The economic benefit of climate action to Oregon is clear — so too is the cost of inaction. The Oregon Health Authority releases an annual report about how climate change is affecting Oregonians’ health, and, year over year, the findings grow more alarming. In 2024, wildfires burned a record 1.7 million acres across Oregon.

More than 1.2 million Oregonians experienced 28 days of combined exposure to both extreme heat and smoke, with some students forced to miss school days when temperatures soared to unsafe levels. And, tragically, 21 Oregonians died of heat-related causes.

This summer is shaping up to be no exception. Already, Multnomah County officials have reported 4 deaths that they believe were related to June’s record heat wave. Drought has been declared in more than half of all Oregon counties, and experts warn that a severe



A helicopter drops flame retardant on the Cow Valley Fire in eastern Oregon on July 12, 2024. Scientists expect wildfires to continue to intensify with climate change. (Matt Fisher of Umatilla Task Force / Northwest Interagency Coordination Center)

wildfire season could be ahead.

We cannot afford delay, and we certainly cannot allow corporate special interests to roll back the progress Oregon has made. Oregonians deserve clean air, affordable energy, and a stronger, more resilient future. The Climate Protection Program is the path forward.

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Mary Peveto, co-executive director of Neighbors for Clean Air. Peveto founded and helped build Oregon’s largest grassroots organization dedicated to clean air advocacy.

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WE WILL SURVIVE
TRUMP’S ABSOLUTE
CORRUPTION

In the late 1800s, Lord Acton wrote in a letter to his friend saying “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power tends to corrupt absolutely.”

This statement has reached its pinnacle in

our current corrupt president and his courtiers. Donald Trump was corrupt from his beginnings, having been well trained by his father. There is a long line of court cases documenting his cheating on taxes, discrimination based on race and assault on women.

Now, with the able assistance of his lapdog Republican Congress and Supreme Court, he believes he can do whatever he wants, without consequences. There is seldom an action taken by this administration that does not result in money flowing to Trump

and/or his friends.

Of course he would say we have the best economy ever; every day he has a new money flow from his scams. At the same time, he has made millions poorer by cutting support for food and health care. The fact that he denies reality only

makes things worse.

I’m confident we will survive his string of failures and misdeeds. Unfortunately, all except the ultra rich will be poorer for his time destroying a government one of whose goals, according to the constitution, was to promote the

general welfare.
Dale Derouin,
Dallas

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all
directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: PROTECTION FOR THE HANDS

Appeared
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Brainchild
Brooms

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Chosen

Clamps
Climbs
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Fabled

Orange
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HOCUS-FOCUSBY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat is longer. 2. Table is longer. 3. Rope is different. 4. Bar is missing. 5. Man is missing. 6. Man is moved.

Americanisms

“People who love to eat are
always the best people.”
— Julia Child

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Super Crossword

“OH, GO ON!”

ACROSS

1 Classic candy
with a white,
gooey center
9 Don't — step
further!
12 Subj. for U.S.
citizens-to-be
13 What food is
in a food fight
19 First-aid
plant
20 Cyber-
address
21 More lethal
23 Musical
ensemble
that likes
launting its
audiences?
25 Brainstorming
question
26 IRS form info
27 War horses
28 Identify the
star of “The
Godfather”?
30 Taint
31 Peripheral
33 Pistol, in
slang
34 Speed of
corporate
employees?
38 Alexis I. e.g.
41 Move a little
45 Think ahead
46 Whale locale
47 Two-ply
cotton twill
fabric?

50 Outfielder
Judge
52 French for
“weapon”
55 — Jala-
56 Sacred vows
57 Horse with
color patches
on one-fourth
of its body?
60 Great delight
63 German
conjunction
64 — polloi
65 Ike's inits.
66 Yasser of
Palestine
67 Popular crafts
website
69 Publicity
video made
by 12th
graders?
72 “Chiquita”
pop group
76 Pupils' places
78 Galloped
79 Daiquiri liquor
81 Lil Durr or
Lil Jon's
music
82 Brief, light
shorts
85 Marx brother
with extreme
views?
88 Mammal with
striped legs
89 — Paulo
91 Apple core bit
92 Olympic prize

93 Beales
drummer
participating
in a bout?
97 Tell tall tales
99 Big shopping
center
100 — From
Muskogee
101 “Puffball”
director
Nicolas
102 Stringed
instrument
played by
people in jail?
106 Water, in
Vichy
107 — salts (bath
supply)
109 Pewter metal
110 Moodle earned
by singer
Jones?
115 Adds to a
film, as music
118 Response to
“Are you?”
121 Boa of South
America
122 Small dance
club?
125 Some chewy
candies
126 RV hookup
org.
127 Countertenor
128 Linear, briefly
129 Colorant
130 Many an heir
131 Most strict

DOWN

1 Antislip items
2 Bar brews
3 Bank offering
4 The, in Caen
5 Egg capsule
6 Middles, in
London
7 Compulsion
8 Speed
9 Gets clogged
with icky stuff
10 Celestial ball
11 Without help
12 Certain Dutch
cheese
13 Dakar's land
14 Uncover
15 “Paper Lion”
star Alan
16 Outward
appearance
17 Honey wine
18 Roughly
22 Into a state of
conflict
24 Former Laker
Lamar
29 Pianist
Schnabel
30 Small-time
32 Beatrix
Potter's
“The Tale of
Mr. —”
34 Not reflecting
light
35 Display boldly
36 Units of
capacitance
37 Most weepy
38 Sheriff Wyatt

40 Fast-food
pizza chain
41 California
mountain
42 A Jackson 5
brother
43 With a sharp
image, briefly
44 Pinkish-red
8 Speed
48 Prefix with
laryngology
49 Club in
a Barry
Manilow hit,
for short
51 — degree
53 Longish skirts
54 Prefix with
skeleton or
spore
58 Lab slide dye
59 On — linna
61 Hobby with
call letters
62 Into a state of
conflict
66 Goller
Palmer,
informally
68 Rebel like
Abbie
Hoffman or
Jerry Rubin
117 “Shool”
118 Oahu, e.g.
119 Deeds
120 Irrelevant
123 Tic-tac-toe
victory
124 Swimmer
Thorpe

77 Parade ruler
80 Roman 1,900
82 Drifting sort
83 “Enough,
I get it!”
84 Cabbie's car
85 Hitler Maris,
for short
86 Toon pics
87 Macho sorts
90 Make funous
94 Fine —
wood
95 In the form of
a circle
96 Photo —
98 Authorize
103 Dennis of
hoops fame
104 “It's my turn”
105 Remnant of a
burned coal
106 Kingdom
given to Esau
108 Some skin
scars
110 Mexican
treat
111 — even keel
112 Filly's mother
113 Jack fish
114 Simplify
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way
that each row across, each column down and each
small 9-box square contains all of the
numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands
for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout
the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals P

RXSO B WBIYDHFABI
HMODZSIMFQ YISS ZSAY B
ZISBNV WIDHNAV QSOQB YDMO,
YXBY RBQ WDOS-YDOCADOC.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is
LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used
for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters,
apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all
hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ZG FERVRGZD RIBZ. XCZX
UZG'X JB XFF CZEI. XCB
DRJEZEQ NHTX JB WHDD FW
XCBN. — TXBKCBG WEQ

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Just Like Cats & Dogsby
Dave T. Phipps

WELL ... I SUPPOSE AT THIS POINT
THERE'S NO DEBATING IF WE LIKE IT
OR MAYBE HAGGLING OVER PRICE?

Out on a Limbby
Gary Kopervas

ISN'T IT IRONIC,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

A COW
EATS A BOX
OF MILK DUDS

Amber Wavesby
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OK, CLASS, NEXT WEEK WE
ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING
A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR FUN.

I WANT EACH OF YOU
TO INVITE ONE OF YOUR
PARENTS TO CLASS.

I WANT YOU TO INTRODUCE
THEM AND TELL US ALL WHAT
EXCITING JOB THEY HAVE.

GOOD NEWS, DAD. I GUESS
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG ENOUGH
TO JOIN THE NASA PROGRAM!

Trivia
testby
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Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which two states
do not observe Daylight Saving Time?
2. ANATOMY: How many valves
does the human heart have?
3. MATH: What comes after a tril-
lion?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the lon-
gest river in Europe?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name
of the hospital in the sitcom “Scrubs”?
6. HISTORY: Which empire did
Genghis Khan rule?
7. LITERATURE: Which chil-
dren's book features a character called
Augustus Gloop?
8. ART: Who painted the famous
work titled “Guernica”?
9. MOVIES: In which film does Sid-
ney Poitier's character say, “They call
me Mr. Tibbs”?
10. ASTRONOMY: What is the
smallest planet in our solar system?

Answers

1. Arizona and Hawaii.
2. Four.
3. Quadrillion.
4. The Volga River.
5. Sacred Heart Hospital.
6. The Mongol Empire.
7. “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.”
8. Pablo Picasso.
9. “In the Heat of the Night.”
10. Mercury.

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Garry and Heather Egan (left) found the perfect home in Dallas to share with her parents, Ken and Patti Dobrowolski.



Garry Egan signed up for an Energy Trust program that replaced the insulation in his renovated home's attic.

Doubling down on comfort: How an incentive helped a Dallas family get twice the insulation

By **ENERGY TRUST OF OREGON**
www.energytrust.org

When Garry and Heather Egan set out to buy a home, their budget kept falling short. A preapproved loan meant compromise at every turn with small lots, dated finishes and other trade-offs that felt like half a home. Something always had to give.

The answer came from family. Heather's parents, Ken and Patti Dobrowolski, were also weighing a move. Garry's idea was simple: join forces.

"We're already really close with my parents," Heather said. "We make dinner, we share resources. This just made sense."

What they needed was a property that could

offer two households genuine independence without sacrificing connection – single-level living for Ken and Patti, and room to breathe. Sixty days into their search, they found it.

A house with history The property in Dallas was not a typical listing. Built as a farmhouse in 1956, it was extensively renovated in 2016 into a 3,200-square-foot, five-bedroom, four-bath home designed to serve as an adult care facility for five people with disabilities. For 30 years the Farrelly Foster Home was run by Gayle "Theresa" Farrelly.

The property showed the care Theresa took in its wide hallways, wheelchair accessible and communal gathering spaces, fireplaces and a well-tended lush garden.

Theresa died in May 2025, six months after transferring the home to a trust. A carved memorial stone for her rests in the garden, and the landscaper who came after remembers her fondly.

The Egans knew they acquired a meaningful home. They reached out to Theresa's family to say that it was in good hands, and they affectionately call it by its street number.

"There was a lot of history and love in this place before we got here," Heather said. "We're just continuing that."

What the attic told them

The house had good bones and recently updated windows. But when Garry, a detail-oriented software developer who works from home, went through the home inspector's report, one issue stood out. The roof was nearing the end of its life, and the attic beneath it told the rest of the story.

"The insulation was original – meaning barely any," Heather said.

"When we went up and looked, it was basically nothing and looked like crumbled old newspaper."

It amounted to 6 inches of degraded cellulose insulation that wouldn't help the house keep warm in winter or cool in summer.

Garry took the project as his personal responsibility, calling Valley Insulation in Salem to evaluate the attic. They confirmed what the inspection had flagged and informed the family of an incentive through Energy Trust of Oregon, since Valley Insulation is a trade ally contractor.

Changing the math For a 3,200-square-foot home, the Energy Trust incentive came out to about \$3,200 — significant for a family that stretched its finances to close. Like many homeowners, the Egans had little left over after financing fees, down payment and moving costs.

Garry rolled the incentive straight into the project.

"Without the incentive, we would have gotten the minimum R-Value, maybe R-13 or R-14," he said. "With it, we took it to R-30."

That's more than double the planned insulation value. The difference is now more than 3 feet of

modern insulation filling the attic.

First, Valley Insulation removed old material. Garry then hired a general contractor to pull up boards and do deeper prep work, such as clearing bulky debris and air sealing the attic against leakage. Valley Insulation then returned to install the new insulation.

Valley Insulation also handled the Energy Trust paperwork. They sent the Egans a document to sign, submitted it on their behalf and provided a confirmation number.

"It was my first rodeo, so having that confirmation number back was great," Garry said. He appreciated that they quoted them their best price up front.

"They gave us their best deal, with some decent cash coming back, too."

What they notice now The Egans moved in during a record cold snap before the insulation went in. The difference was immediate and obvious after the project completed.

Now when it's warm, they blast the air conditioning for a few hours at night, turn it off, and the

house stays cool well into the next afternoon. Or they can leave the furnace off for days and see only a 1- or 2-degree change inside. Their energy bills in the new 3,200-square-foot home are lower than when they rented a two-story townhouse.

The family is grateful for the incentive.

Ken Dobrowolski, who lives in the connected wing with Patti, put it plainly: "Now it stays warm if you want it warm and chilly if you want it chilly."

Garry — who has the house running on full home automation with voice-controlled blinds, garage and lighting — is still the one who meddles most with the thermostat. Yet he knows the role insulation plays in maintaining comfort.

"It holds its temperature so nicely," he said. "I can zap it with some cold, turn it off, and it stays that way for three or four hours."

"We would have had higher bills," Garry said.

Instead, the family home is exactly what they envisioned. It is a place where two families can share a life without giving up lives of their own.

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Music

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Lasisi is from Nigeria, about two hours north of Lagos. His father, also a master drummer, gifted Lasisi his first drum when he was 4 years old. Lasisi later performed with Nigerian Juju legend King Sunny Ade and the African Beats, touring internationally before settling in the Pacific Northwest in the late 1990s. Here he met Flaherty and keyboardist Marc Silverman. Flaherty and Silverman studied West African music while attending Tufts University in Massachusetts. Silverman also traveled to Ghana and Tanzania, developing

an interest in applying West African rhythms to electric instruments. Both men moved to Portland and began playing with area musicians. A mutual connection introduced them to Lasisi. On a rainy Sunday in November 2002, they gathered in a Portland basement for the first rehearsal of what became Jujuba. More than two decades later, Lasisi, Silverman and Flaherty remain with the band. Many of their bandmates are also in it for the long-term, having stayed on for more than 15 years. Such longevity contributes to the band’s sound. “The strength of the band revolves around its energetic cohesion

between the percussion, rhythm and horn sections,” Dufner said. Flaherty said performing with a large ensemble creates something beyond individual musicianship. “Playing together in a large group allows each of us to feel like we are part of something bigger than ourselves,” he said. Jujuba’s influences include some of the biggest names in Nigerian music. Flaherty directs listeners who want to learn more about Juju to King Sunny Ade and Afrobeat legend Fela Kuti. Jujuba, however, does not attempt to reproduce either artist. “We should be clear that Jujuba plays our own style of Afrobeat and Juju music,” Flaherty

said. “Our style isn’t the same as King Sunny or Fela, but these legends are notable influences and a good reference for getting a taste of Juju and Afrobeat music.” The band’s newest addition is Ghanaian Kpanlogo drum master Alex Mensah. The lineup also includes Gus Slayton on tenor saxophone, Matt Gordon on bass, Kyle Molitor on trombone, Levis Dragulin on trumpet, Jeff Burres on shekere and supporting talking drum, Mark Blanding on drums and Bruce Withycombe on baritone saxophone. Since its last Monmouth appearance, Jujuba has performed at the Waterfront Blues Festival, Oregon Zoo, Oregon Country Fair

main stage and Cathedral Park Jazz Festival. The band has also finished mixing its next album, which it hopes to release in early 2027. Recording requires patience for a group most at home in front of an audience. “We are very much a live band, and the recording process moves a bit more slowly than we would like,” Flaherty said. Performing live allows Jujuba to feed off a crowd’s energy, an exchange central to what Flaherty believes is the power of music. “Music helps people feel more deeply,” he said. “However we experience music, it enhances our experience in life.” Simply stated: “Music

makes life better.” Admission is free. Music in the Park also features raffle drawings at intermission, the Dry Town Tap Station beer garden, takeout from local restaurants and children’s activities. Main Street Park will also host Struts and Frets Theatre Company’s Wild West-inspired production of “Twelfth Night,” with final performances set for Thursday through Saturday. Visit strutsandfretstheatre.org for more information. MoTown Trekker Bingo cards are available at the MBA table during Music in the Park and participating Monmouth businesses. Completed cards can be turned in during the Jujuba concert.

E-BIKES

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I don’t mind people having electric bikes or scooters. Let’s ride them properly and get protection if they have helmets. That’s like riding a bike with no helmets and if you fall you’re you can kill yourself.” The City Council took its first step to regulate E-bike use. City Manager Brian Latta said Ordinance 1925 doesn’t address E-bike use in neighborhoods; rather it regulates their use in city parks on paved and unpaved trails. He left Lesh’s concerns to be discussed by the council

at a future meeting if desired. “This ordinance is really limited to regulating speed limits and the use of e-bikes, certain types of e-bikes, in our city parks on trails that are paved and unpaved,” Latta said. The new ordinance first discussed July 20 was unanimously passed on Aug. 3 with some reworking from the City Council. Ordinance 1925 prohibits operating any vehicle upon any public park streets exceeding 10 mph unless signs indicate otherwise. It further allowed the use of Electric assisted bicycles, as defined in the Oregon

Vehicle Code, on paved and unpaved park trails provided they, too, shall not exceed speeds of 10 mph. State law outlines three classifications for E bikes. - Class 1: Pedal-assist only. The motor provides power only when you pedal and stops assisting when the bike reaches 20 mph. - Class 2: Throttle and pedal-assist. Features a throttle that can propel the bike without pedaling, stopping assistance at 20 mph. - Class 3: Pedal-assist only. The motor provides power only while pedaling and cuts off when the bike reaches 28 mph.

Latta said there are multiple locations in Dallas that have unpaved trails, including Kingsborough Park is part of the Rickrail Creek Trail, City Park and east end of the Rickrail Creek Trail system, to name a few. After discussion, the council added an amendment to the ordinance limiting the use of self-propelled motor vehicles to upon existing roadways (no riding over the grassy areas off trail). In addition, they decided the ordinance did not apply to motorized wheel

chairs and other personal assistive equipment and vehicles used by anyone with a disability, so long as the vehicle does not exceed 5 mph. Councilor David Shein expressed the need at the July 20 discussion to hone in a universal definition to the new ordinance. “The 10 mile an hour speed limit applies in all circumstances across the board within the context of this ordinance, no matter what bike, no matter what trail,” Shein said, “... you would say just electric-assisted bicycles,

whether you’re on a paved or unpaved trail, is limited to 10 miles per hour. I like that.” According to the staff report, enforcement of the new ordinance would likely be complaint based. Meaning if the city received complaints of E-bike riders who appear to be speeding on the park trails, then the administration would set up responsive enforcement of the speed limit. The city will install speed signs along the trails and at park entrances to notify E-bike riders of the law.

READING

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quickly steamrolled into full support from friends and community. After establishing the nonprofit The Reading Nest, she recruited Amber Holland to be the new organization’s board president. Then they shook some branches, seeking grants. What shook out was \$29,000 from the Maps Community Foundation gave us \$29,000 to buy this bus. The Ford Family Foundation chipped in \$15,000 for the retrofit. And the rest came from community partners who shared her vision. “The MAPS Community Foundation was so believing in our mission, they told us we were one of the youngest non profits they’ve ever given money to,” Newland said. Newland’s husband, “a big car guy”, found at a Portland dealership a 2011 Chevy Express

that used to be used as an event bus in the Tacoma area. She said the vehicle had to have a key feature for The Reading Nest’s purposes. “This bus had to be accessible. So it had to have a ramp that would allow you to take a wheelchair up in for those with mobility issues,” Newland said. “This was really important for us.” The Pristine Project did the construction work to retrofit the van on the inside and Alpha Wolf Decals applied the finishing touches on the outside with a wrap that featured images of Polk County landmarks. The final step was building up an inventory of books to stock within the van for its pop-up destinations. Newland said 95 percent came from the community. The Reading Nest set up drop cites Citizens Bank, Chemeketa and Spectrum Artworks, to name a few. And they received some grant funding for additional

books. They now have a 20-foot by 10-foot storage locker “filled to the brim” with thousands of books, something for every reading taste, Newland said. Dozens were on hand at the County Fair for the unveiling of the completed van. “We loved our turnout. We gave out 57 tickets to the fair to get more people who represented and helped the organization be there,” Newland said. “And quite a few people who didn’t know anything about us got to learn about us for the first time.” The bookmobile will be making pop-up stops throughout August, including their first outside the region after receiving an invitation to a Portland back to school event by Active Children. To learn more about The Reading Nest events, including how to get involved or donate books to their growing inventory, go to <https://thereadingnest.org>.

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Fair Favorites



Several fair attendees got first class travel arrangements around the grounds aboard the trackless electric train.



A donkey actually appears to smile for the camera as a family walks by checking out the horse barn.



Ruth Carter takes a photo of (from left) the Lucas kids from Dallas, Rett, Parker and Mason getting into character in the horse barn.



A vendor selling 3-D printed creations drew some interested shoppers.



Diane Ostrom's floral arrangement won Outstanding Exhibit in floriculture.



Dashiell McNett-Barth's photo won a champion prize.

Polk County hosted its annual fair Aug. 5-8. Thousands from around the region found something to pique their interest. Here's a look at some the images from Saturday around the grounds.

Photos by David Hayes



Maddi Jones, of Dallas, leads her grand champion Carl to the auction ring.



The bouncy chicken, a new attraction to the kids area, drew a lot of use.



Rachel Bandon's son Daniel, 3 months, won several awards at the cute baby contest, including first places for best dressed and looks like mom.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13, 1986
Schools will ask for \$3.7 million levy

On Sept. 16, voters can expect to see a school district measure on their election ballots. But this time around, dollar figures have been reduced in hopes of voter approval.

At its Monday meeting, the Dallas School District Board approved the notice of measure election to be filed with the Polk County Clerk's Office for the Sept. 16 election.

The new measure will ask voters to approve a levy for the school district outside of its tax base for the sum of \$3,772,267. The resulting tax rate will be \$13.37 per \$1,000 as of assessed value. That will be further reduced to approximately \$12.41 per \$1,000 of assessed value after the Western Oregon Severance Tax is applied. Currently, the district's tax rate is \$12.26.

Employees reject Willamette off
Striking Willamette Industries union members rejected a new company contract offer in a vote tallied Tuesday in Portland.

Wally Gray, sawmill union leader in Dallas, said the offer was rejected about 2-to-1. An exact figure was unavailable at press time.

The vote was among Lumber Production and Industrial Workers, which includes nearly 300 members at the Dallas plant. Willamette members of the International Woodworkers of America union were expected to vote today (Wednesday).

Mosley paces Blue Dolphins in Dallas tournament

Kim Mosley added to her impressive swimming record with three first place finishes for the Blue Dolphins at the Dallas Invitational on Saturday.

Taking home gold medals in age 11-12 girls free, back and butterfly, Mosley also anchored the 11-12 girls medley and free relay team to third and fourth-place finishes.

Other Dolphins on the relay team were Kris Williams, Carrie Grotvik and Jessica Eppler.

Two hundred swimmers from 11 teams competed in the meet which was won by Chehalis Swim Team. Portland Parks placed second and Newport took third. The Blue Dolphins took fifth.

FLASHBACK

This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1986: **AFTER A WHILE, CROCODILE** - When the teacher shouted, "Act like a crocodile!" children at the Daily Vacation Bible School at Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church in Dallas last week really got into the part. They also enjoyed crafts and Bible stories as other children did in DVBS programs in local churches this summer. (File I-O photo.)

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11, 1976
Accident claims life of candidate

Michael Lee Harding, 39, Democratic candidate for Polk County Commissioner, was killed Friday in a two car accident west of Dallas.

Harding's foreign car was struck broadside by a large four-wheel drive vehicle by a Silverton resident. The accident occurred at the Bridgeport junction of highways 51 and 223 shortly before 9 a.m. Friday.

The Silverton driver and two passengers in her

vehicle sustained only minor injuries. The driver was cited for failure to obey a stop sign.

CCC to begin Outreach program in Morrison

This fall, Chemeketa Community College will bring the campus to the people instead of the people going out to the campus.

In September, the old Morrison School building will start housing the new CCC Outreach Program. The Dallas School District is furnishing the program with two class rooms and two offices. The program itself is being modeled after the McMinnville program which will act as the pilot for all other programs throughout Polk

County.

The Dallas center will offer the community both non-credit classes and actual college credit classes which will be transferable to any college or university.

Wrestler in Olympics

Mike Cetto of Dallas was one of 10 wrestlers selected to participate as a representative of the United States in the Olympics for the Blind,

held this past week in Toronto, Canada.

Cetto won the right to both non-credit classes and actual college credit classes which will be transferable to any college or university. Mike Cetto of Dallas was one of 10 wrestlers selected to participate as a representative of the United States in the Olympics for the Blind, and will wrestle if any of the other U.S. entrants are unable to compete.

Community Achievement

LOCAL STUDENTS MAKE EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Eastern Oregon University named 639 students to the dean's list for the 2026 spring term. Qualifying

students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the term.

The local students to receive the honor were:

Monmouth – Angelica Ayon, Arts, Humanities & Soc Science, Interdisciplinary Studies; and Chase Nelson, Business, Business Administration
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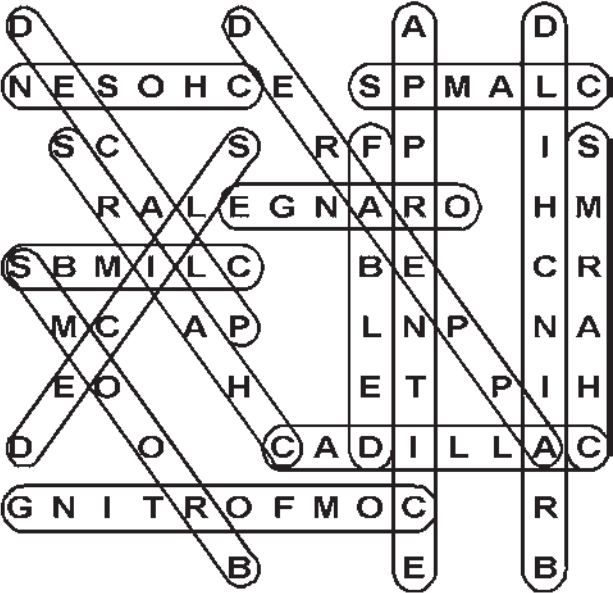
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little bitty story time, for babies and very young toddler, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Summer Reading Program presents Reptile Man, Dallas Civic Center, City Hall Basement, 187 SE Court St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Bee Amazed!, enjoy hands-on science fun and buzz worthy activities, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Music in the Park - The Shinkle Band, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages

0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Blood Pressure Checks, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Name That Tune Music Trivia with Sam, West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Dynasonix (Rock, R&B, country & Americana), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Strut & Frets present “Twelfth Night,” Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Free Movie and Craft: “The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants,” and and Beaded Bracelets craft project, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - 2-D Chia Pet, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Rivers Edge Concert Series presents Lover (Taylor Swift tribute), with opener Idle Poets (Jazzy Hits) Independence Amphitheater at Riverview Park
6 p.m. - Live Music: Lockwood Odyssey, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Bingo, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Sora Schutt (classic country), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7 p.m. - Strut & Frets present “Twelfth Night,” Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
9 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Riverview Park, Independence, free
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
10 a.m. - Community Craft Days, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
3 p.m. - Live Music: Spry Band, Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas
6 p.m. - Live Music: In The Pink (Pink Floyd tribute), tickets \$20, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Strut & Frets present “Twelfth Night,” Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

1 p.m. - Live Music: Unofficial Eras Tour – Taylor Swift Tribute, General Admission Tickets: 12 & under \$5 ~ 13 & over \$10 – VIP meet & greet add \$10, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big

Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, AUG. 17

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Bunko/Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Time, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public library at 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Summer Stories and Play, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11 a.m. - Scrabble - Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Darts, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Bingo Night, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
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11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Bee Amazed!, enjoy hands-on science fun and buzz worthy activities, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.
11:30 a.m. - Summer Reading Program: Cake in the Park! Dallas City Park
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Music in the Park - Jujuba, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

MINET BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AUG. 12

The Monmouth-Independence Network Board of Directors meets on 5 Aug. 12. The public is invited to attend at Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, in Monmouth or virtually. For agenda and virtual link details go to <https://minetfiber.com/board-of-directors>.

POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATS MEET VIRTUALLY AUG. 13

The Polk County Democrats meet via

Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13. Sign in for an informative and educational meeting. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on our email announcements list for future events, go to www.polkdems.org. Click on “Get Involved” then “Join our email list” then “Submit.”

CENTRAL LIONS CLUB HOSTS CRUISE-IN AND CAR SHOW AUG. 15

The 15th Annual Central Lions Club Cruise-In and Car Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15 at the

Independence Riverview Park and Amphitheater in Independence. This family-friendly event features classic cars, custom builds, hot rods, an awards ceremony, a community breakfast, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. A \$10 Community Breakfast is from 8-10:30 a.m. An awards ceremony of the top entries is at 2:30 p.m. For more information, go to the Central Lions Club Facebook page.

COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS CRAFT DAY AUG. 15

The Monmouth Community Senior Center

hosts Community Craft Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 180 Warren St. Join in to craft in the company of other creative folks. The third Saturday of each month you can bring your hobby and meet new people. All ages and crafting styles are welcome.

XTREME DANCE COMPANY HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER AUG. 20

The Xtreme Dance Company hosts an Xtreme Family Bingo Night Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at 976 S Main St., in Dallas. Grab

your family, invite your friends, and join us for a fun night of bingo, prizes, food, and community fun.

COURT STREET PUB HOSTS MICRO BURLESQUE SHOW AUG. 27

The Court Street Pub and Grub hosts the Micro Burlesque & Talent Show NW at 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at 186 SW Court St. It’s dance, comedy, audience interaction, acting, choreography, and larger than life personalities all wrapped up into one crazy party. The show features an all-female cast ranging from just 2’10”

to 4’12”, every performer brings her own unique height and size. Tickets, which frequently sell out before show day, are available online at <https://avenueticket.com/event/dallas-or-micro-maidens-short-dancers-court-street-pub-grub>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help keep Hunter Arboretum on Park Street in Dallas looking good for visitors on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the work you want to do and take a break with us at 10:30. All are welcome.

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PCIO26-358 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 146730-OR Loan No.: ***0601** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by ROBY T POTTER, MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/30/2021, recorded 12/1/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-018773, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: A PORTION OF THAT TRACT CONVEYED TO JAMES A. BRIEDWELL AND T. CHRISTINE BRIEDWELL PER VOLUME 258, PAGE 1560 POLK COUNTY BOOK OF RECORDS AND A PORTION OF TRACT 2 OF THAT LAND CONVEYED TO RICKREALL FARM SUPPLY, INC. PER VOLUME 205, PAGE 312, SAID DEED RECORDS, LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN., POLK COUNTY, OREGON, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1, PARTITION PLAT NO. 2004-0010, POLK COUNTY, OREGON; TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION OF SAID RICKREALL FARM TRACT; BEGINNING AT A 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 1, ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY 99W, THENCE ALONG THE PARCEL 1 SOUTH LINE, S 89°56'54"E 135.43 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE PARCEL 1 SOUTHEAST CORNER, THENCE S 00°00'00"E 2.77 FEET TO A STEEL FENCE POST LYING S 00°00'00"E 0.17 FEET FROM A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE S 87°21'37"W 74.34 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE N 89°19'29"W 61.15 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD ON SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, N 00°08'51"W 5.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: 157531 / 07430-CA-00400 Commonly known as:

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260 MAIN ST RICKREALL, OR 97371 The current beneficiary is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 10/1/2025 - 7/1/2026 Total: \$18,084.33 Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,209.03 Total Required to Reinstate: \$20,293.36 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$311,605.23 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$302,643.07 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.625 % per annum, from 9/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/1/2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to

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place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/17/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 08/12/26, 08/19/26, 08/26/26, 09/02/26

PCIO26-361 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: Donna Lee Schatz, Deceased. Case No. 26PB06691 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Jodi Luther has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative at: 1530 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Person-al Representative. /s/Jodi Luther Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jodi Luther ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Scott Howard OSB No. 790583 Kivel & Howard, LLP 1530 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205 Tel: (503) 796-0909 Fax: (503) 802-4757 Email: showard@k-hlaw.com 08/12/26

PCIO26-362 The Salt Creek Cemetery District board of directors will meet August 18, 2026, at the Salt Creek Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Meeting at 6 pm until 7 pm. Directors: David Loewen, Albert Ratzlaff, Don Koons. We will report about our income and expenses since our last meeting Service fees for transfers of lot ownership, cremation burial fees, and cemetery lot sales. Any expenses incurred since last meeting to be reported. Items for discussion: Recent Correspondence; Recent phone calls; Review of Cemetery Lot Map compared to Index of Lot Ownership. Plus, any other issues 08/12/26

PCIO26-363 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK No. 26PB06838Probate In the Matter of the Arlene K. Smith Living Trust Agreement, Arlene K. Smith, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A. is serving as Trustee of the Arlene K. Smith Living Trust,

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dated September 18, 2018 (Trust), and as Trustee has filed a Petition to Determine the Claims of Creditors of the Trust and Trustor/Settlor Arlene K. Smith, who is now deceased, in the Circuit Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, Circuit Court No.26PB06838. The Trustor/ Settlor of the Trust is Arlene K. Smith. All claims are required to be presented to Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee, P.O. Box 2305, Salem, Oregon 97308. Claims against the Trust estate may be barred unless presented to the Trustee at the address herein specified within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Trustee, from the records of the Court, or from the attorney for the trustee Dated and first published August 12, 2026. /s/ Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301 Attorney for Trustee 08/12/26, 08/19/26, 08/26/26

PCIO26-369 Public Notice The West Valley Housing Authority (WVHA) is hereby inviting the public to review and/or provide comments on our Public Housing Agency Annual Plan and Capital Fund Plan. Copies of the proposed plans are available for review as of August 12, 2026, and can be obtained from our website at www.wvpha.org or any of the WVHA's offices (main office address listed below). Written comments on the plan(s) may be mailed to the attention of Executive Director, West Valley Housing Authority, 204 SW Walnut Ave., Dallas, OR 97338 or emailed to wvpha@wvpha.org. Comments will be received through the 45-day public comment period that will close as of the completion of the public meeting to take place on September 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the WVHA's Main Office, located at 204 SW Walnut Ave., Dallas, OR 97338. The meeting location is wheel-chair accessible. Call (503) 623-8387 during business hours if other accommodations are required or you would prefer to attend the public hearing via conference call. 08/12/26

PCIO26-365 N THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department Case No. 26PB05813 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of Laurel Ann Zurlinden, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Katelynn Zurlinden is appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against Estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 4248 Galewood St., Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035, within 4 months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the

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personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on August 12, 2026. Katelynn Zurlinden Personal Representative Jennifer Martin, OSB #190038 J. Martin Esq. LLC Attorney for Personal Representatives 4248 Galewood St., Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 675-4367 JMartin@jmartinesqlaw.com 08/12/26

PCIO26-367 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of IVAN MERLE BARNEY, Deceased. No. 26PB06513 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C., PO Box 749, Salem, Oregon 97308-0749 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of this court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. DATED and first published this 12, day of August 2026. Ivana M. Barney, Personal Representative J. Kevin Shuba, Attorney at Law OSB No. 914263 Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C. PO Box 749, Salem, OR 97308-0749 08/12/26

PCIO26-364 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK (Probate Department) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF R JANE TREAT, ALSO KNOWN AS JANE TREAT AND ROSALIE JANE TREAT DECEASED. Case No.: 26PB06255 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carolyn M. Treat has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Decedent's Personal Representative's attorney, Cassie N. Hutton-Ross, Howard Law Group, LLC, at 1114 12th Street SE, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representatives, or the lawyer for the personal representatives, Cassie N. Hutton-Ross, 1114 12th Street SE, Salem, Oregon 97302. Dated and first published on August 12, 2026. /s/ Cassie N. Hutton-Ross, OSB No. 191678 Attorney for Personal Representative 08/12/26

PCIO26-368 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate

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Department In the Matter of the Estate of DONNA MAE BARNEY, Deceased. No. 26PB06511 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C., PO Box 749, Salem, Oregon 97308-0749 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of this court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. DATED and first published this 12 day of August 2026. Ivana M. Barney, Personal Representative J. Kevin Shuba, Attorney at Law OSB No. 914263 Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C. PO Box 749, Salem, OR 97308-0749 08/12/26

PCIO26-351 Notice Of Self Storage Auction Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on August 15th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Unit 330,36,24 Trina Perrault, Unit 177 Robert Carroll, Unit 196 Logan Keys, Unit 184 Jazzmyn/Wyatt Davis, Unit 27 Jasmone Orozco, Unit 190 Angela Trinidad. 08/05/26, 08/12/26

PCIO26-355 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK COUNTY CASE NO. 26PB05946 In the Matter of the Estate of Marshall Edward Downs NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rebekah Downs has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 925 Commercial St. SE, Ste 200, Salem, OR 97302 within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative. First published on August 05, 2026.

PCIO26-356 PURSUENT TO ORS CHAPTER 87 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 8/18/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by HKS Auto Company 8990 Dejohn Rd, Amity, OR 2014 Toyota Tacoma VIN = 3TMLU4EN0EM142544 Amount due on lien \$9440.00 Reputed owner(s) GALLOWAY, JEREMY RIVERMARK COMM CU LEACH, CHRIS 08/05/26, 08/12/26

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, JULY 30

At 2:10 a.m., a Dallas motorist was cited on Main Street for driving uninsured and failure to register a vehicle.
At 5:45 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a vehicle checking out houses in the neighborhood on Hankel Street. The officer spoke to a subject who was waiting to get paid to return to Portland.
At 9:46 a.m., a report of a deer hit by car on Oakdale Avenue. The Polk County Sheriff's office took it.
At 11:08 a.m., officers

investigated a report of a subject taking a nap in a tarp along the trail off Levens Street. They advised the subject of overnight camping not allowed in city parks.
At 2:54 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a dog in a vehicle on Kings Valley Highway, but was unable to locate it.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

At 8:39 a.m., an impounded truck was released to its owner on Mill Street.
At 9:21 a.m., Ricky Winkley III was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with theft 1 after he stole an eBike. He later had theft 3 charges added for shoplifting at Walmart.
At 11:59 a.m., a resident on Elmwood Drive reported his neighbor's kids were fighting. Officers spoke to each along with their parents and advised to keep separate.
At 2:36 p.m., a report of a gas line was hit during construction on Ash Street. Dallas Fire & EMS

requested Dallas Police assist, but seemed to have everything under control upon arrival.
At 9:15 a.m., homeless man Christopher Smith was arrested on Levens Street and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with Reckless burning, disorderly conduct 2, depositing trash within 100 yards of water and criminal trespass 2 after he lit a fire in Ian Tawney Park. Dallas Fire & EMS extinguished the fire.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

At 2:11 a.m., a motorist from Salem was cited on Main Street for driving while suspended - violation.
At 6:39 a.m., an iPone found in City Park was turned in.
At 7:24 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a subject walking around town with only a shirt on, but not unreasonably exposed, and yelling at people. Someone came along and picked up the emotionally disturbed person.
At 9:30 a.m., an officer

investigated a barking dog complaint on Greening Drive. The officer drove around the area but heard no barking dog.
At 1:25 p.m., Randall Platt was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving.
At 7:04 p.m., officers made contact with two homeless male subjects on Main Street. Christopher Stewart was arrested and was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with criminal trespass 2 and unlawful possession of methamphetamine. Aaron Vicario was cited and released for criminal trespass 2.

At 7:52 p.m., a resident on Barberry Avenue called in regards to questions about self defense if being attacked by a dog.
At 9:36 p.m., Jose Mexicano Moncada was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

At 12:11 a.m., an officer contacted a juvenile who was walking home on Ellendale Avenue. The juvenile lived two blocks away and was advised to get home before curfew in future.
At 7:23 p.m., Aaron Cloud was arrested on Oakdale Road on outstanding warrants out of Marion County and Dallas Municipal Court.
At 10:26 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle getting into community mailboxes on Jasper Street. The registered owner of the vehicle lived in the neighborhood.
At 10:36 p.m., several individuals on Ellendale Avenue were issued citations for minors in possession.
At 10:43 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Fern Avenue. The car was gone by the time the officer arrived.

MONDAY, AUG. 3

At 1:29 a.m., Michael Brooks was arrested on Dimick Street and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged

with attempted burglary, trespass 2 and disorderly conduct 2.
At 2 p.m., Public Works was reached to check an intersection on Washington Street for nails in the roadway.
At 5:23 p.m., a resident on Sheila Street reported receiving a call from a scam caller claiming to be a Polk County sergeant. The resident did not give any information or money to the scam caller.
TUESDAY, AUG. 4
At 2:55 p.m., extra patrols requested at night on River Drive after a potential trespass.
At 4:31 p.m., a report of a male voice heard yelling/banging on Hayter Street. An officer sat in the area but heard nothing.
At 5:25 p.m., a resident on Court Street reported a scammer acting as Polk Sheriff and requesting bail money for missing grand jury duty.
At 5:32 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a dog in a vehicle on Godsey Road. The officer
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spoke to the owner and warned him.

At 5:59 p.m., was seen slumped over in his vehicle on Court Street. He told me he was tired and had been taking a nap while waiting for another person. He did not appear intoxicated.

At 6:43 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported someone damaged her garage door. She stated it appeared as if someone kicked the garage door.

At 10:53 p.m., an officer responded to a report of three juvenile males walking in traffic on Ellendale Avenue but was unable to locate any suspects.

At 11:22 p.m., a Dallas Motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 58 mph in a 35-mph zone.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

At 12 a.m., a juvenile from Blueberry Street was listed as a runaway.

At 2:05 a.m., Teresa Spittles was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 10:40 a.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported their Republic Services yard debris container was stolen.

At 11:10 a.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported having Ring camera footage of a juvenile kicking the doors on Ellendale Ave yesterday.

At 12:08 p.m., a resident on Lewis Street reported her tires were slashed some time between noon and 5 p.m. the previous day.

At 1:18 p.m., a report of juveniles on mini bikes running stop signs on Court Street.

At 2:06 p.m., a report of adults smoking marijuana in front of minors on Godsey Road.

At 6:34 p.m., a report of a dog left in a vehicle on La Creole Drive.

At 8:02 p.m., a female motorist on Jasper Street was cited for failing to carry/present a license.

At 9:53 p.m., reports of fireworks going off somewhere on Southwest Levens Street. The responding officer heard nothing else.

At 11:13 p.m., a report of a handicapped sign on the sidewalk on Mill Street appeared to have been run into and knocked over and is leaning against the building.

Independence Police Department

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Officers were advised of a single vehicle motor crash into a tree at Monmouth and 3rd streets. Upon arrival they noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the breath of the driver, Eleuterio Ramirez. After failing a field sobriety test, Ramirez blew a BAC of .18%. He was arrested and charged with driving under the influence - misdemeanor, criminal mischief 2 (hit a tree and a traffic sign) and reckless driving.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Police investigated James Duran Jr. was at a residence in the 1200 block of Monmouth Street he was not allowed to be at. He was seen talking to a surveillance camera and spitting on the camera lens before leaving. Duran was later located and

arrested in Monmouth and transported to the Polk County Jail where he was charged with violating a restraining order.

An officer was standing outside of the police station and observed a motorist fail to stop at a stop sign and proceed southbound on South Main Street at a high rate of speed. The officer pursued the vehicle onto River Road but terminated the pursuit and asked Marion County Sheriff's Office to be on the lookout when he observed the high rates of speed and the motorist going into the lane of oncoming traffic. A short while later, a Marion County Deputy reached out to let the Independence officer know that there was a vehicle on fire at the Vitae Springs train trestle. The officer responded to the scene and confirmed that the driver, Ignacio Cadeza, was out of the vehicle and was transported to the hospital. Staff reported that his blood alcohol content BAC was 0.235%. Cadeza was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants - misdemeanor, failure to report as a sex offender, reckless driving and attempt to elude fleeing vehicle.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

A rowdy customer was refusing to leave a business in the 100 block of C Street so an officer responded to find that Brandon Crick had been yelling, threatening other customers, and said that he was going to cut up an employee. Crick was observed to be intoxicated and made statements that lead to medics being called to the scene for an evaluation. After being cleared at the hospital, Crick was transported to jail where he was charged with criminal trespass 2.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

Oscar Amezcua was observed to be looking down at his cell phone while driving through a construction zone. Being that it was Amezcua's third time in 10 years, He was cited and released with driving while using a mobile electronic device rose to misdemeanor level.

On July 27 an unknown female shoplifted items from a store. Surveillance footage was analyzed of the woman leaving the scene and Alaina Jezza was identified as the suspect. On Aug. 4, an officer spotted Jezza driving and conducted a traffic stop in the 1300 block of Monmouth Street. Jezza was arrested and transported to jail where she was charged with theft 3, driving while suspended - misdemeanor and failing to carry/present an operator's license.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

An officer on traffic patrol noticed a motorist looking down at his cellular phone in his hand while driving. Michael Tucker was arrested and charged with driving while suspended and issued a traffic citation for operation of a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device and for failure to install an ignition interlock device.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Noise Complaint: Residents reported a dog howling loudly throughout the night. Responders

could not locate the dog or receive an answer at the involved residence.

Found Property: A resident reported a damaged bicycle left on their property for several days. After checking the serial number, which returned no issues, no further action was taken.

Traffic Assistance: Officers investigated a report of a box creating a hazard in the road. The item was located on the side of the road and no further action was needed.

Citizen Contact: An individual inquired about a restraining order. They were advised to contact the appropriate local authorities.

Information: A report was filed regarding a specific vehicle and individual linked to an active warrant in another area.

Suspicious Activity: A report was made regarding a male riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, behaving aggressively toward a resident, and causing damage to landscaping and a vehicle.

Citizen Contact: A resident requested intervention regarding a neighbor who was behaving inappropriately at their home.

Trespass: The neighbor mentioned above was formally trespassed from the property.

Trespass: Staff at a healthcare facility reported a hostile client who refused to leave after a disagreement regarding medication. The individual was formally trespassed from the property.

Check Welfare: A parent requested a welfare check on their child due to custody disagreements. The other parent could not be reached.

Driving Complaint: A report was made regarding a motorcycle being driven at unsafe speeds in a residential area. Patrols were requested.

Crime Report: A resident reported that a former partner was using acquaintances to monitor their activities.

Noise Complaint: An officer responded to a report of a vehicle playing loud music at a skatepark. The officer asked the individuals involved to lower the volume and reminded them of park hours.

Suspicious Activity: A group of juveniles was reported looking into vehicles in driveways. When contacted, they retreated into a nearby residence.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Domestic Disturbance: A report was received regarding a physical altercation. Upon arrival, it was determined to be a situation involving a parent managing a child with specific behavioral needs. No criminal activity was found.

Suspicious Activity: A report of an attempted burglary at a business was cleared. Officers determined that an individual was frustrated by locked doors and knocked over a sign, causing no actual entry or damage.

Assisting Other Agency: Responders assisted another agency in taking an individual into custody for a restraining order violation.

Citizen Contact: A report was made regarding children riding a small motorized vehicle on a sidewalk. The parent was contacted and advised about safety concerns.

Mental Health Crisis: An individual in crisis requested support. Coordination for professional resources was initiated.

Civil Dispute: A report

was made regarding a late exchange of a child during a custody visit.

Driving Complaint: A report was made regarding a vehicle failing to stop at a red light.

Sex Offense: A report was made regarding allegations of a past sexual assault involving a minor.

Assisting Other Agency/Eluding: An individual eluded a traffic stop, crashed, and the vehicle caught fire. The driver was arrested for multiple charges, including driving under the influence and reckless driving.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

Animal Complaint: Multiple calls were received regarding loose dogs. The owner was identified and was working with neighbors to secure the animals.

Suspicious Activity: Individuals smoking in a restricted area were advised to move along.

Illegal Parking: A report of a vehicle blocking a driveway was investigated. The driver was observed relocating the vehicle.

Suspicious Activity: A report of mail tampering was filed regarding a debit card that appeared to have been removed from its envelope.

Driving Complaint: A driving complaint regarding a vehicle unable to maintain its lane was investigated, but the vehicle could not be located.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Arrest: A driver was stopped for traffic violations and arrested for driving with a suspended license.

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Suspicious Activity: A report was made regarding a transient camp left in a park. One individual was transported for care, and another was present and cleaning up the area.

Driving Complaint: A resident reported loud motorcycles.

Theft: A resident reported money stolen from their apartment after having guests over.

Assisting Other Agency: Responders assisted another agency with a report of a vehicle linked to a shoplifting incident.

Crime Report: A report was made regarding a rock thrown through a car window at a group home.

Trespass: Individuals previously trespassed from a university campus were reported to be on-site.

Harassment: A resident reported receiving threatening messages via social media.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal altercation between two individuals regarding personal property was determined to be non-criminal.

Arrest: A driver that was stopped for traffic violations provided a false identity. The driver was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant.

MONDAY, AUG. 3

Arrest: A driver was stopped for a traffic violation and arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Mental Health Crisis: An individual in crisis who had self-harmed was transported for medical attention.

Civil Dispute: A dispute regarding rent payment and potential eviction was documented.

Check Welfare: Officers responded to a report of an individual who appeared to have crashed

on a bicycle. They were unable to locate the individual.

Follow-up: Individuals were formally referred for trespassing.

Harassment: A youth reported receiving harassing messages and threats via social media.

Crime Report: A report was made regarding a potential stalking order violation involving communications between roommates and an ex-spouse.

Alarms: A silent alarm at a business was determined to be a false alarm.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

Assisting Other Agency/Arrest: Responders assisted in the arrest of a runaway juvenile. Another juvenile involved in the incident resisted officers and was released to a parent.

Criminal Mischief: A report was made regarding vehicle tires being punctured at a business.

Harassment: A resident reported receiving threatening messages via social media that included their home address.

Theft: A report of stolen medication was filed.

Death Investigation: An individual was found unresponsive and could not be revived. No suspicious circumstances were noted.

Found Property: A bag containing clothing and a passport was found and returned to the owner.

Unconscious Person: An individual found unresponsive was evaluated by medical personnel and did not require transport.

Suspicious Activity: A report was made regarding potential projectile damage to a vehicle window.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal altercation between a resident and a family member was documented. Officers found no physical violence occurred.

Suspicious Activity: A report of suspected tampering with a window was documented for follow-up.

Attempt to Locate: Officers investigated a report of a child riding unrestrained in a basket, but no child was found with the individual.

Prowling/Suspicious Activity: A report of suspected activity in an attic was determined to be a neighbor working on a home project.

Criminal Mischief: A report of an apartment being egged.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

Mental Health Crisis: An individual in crisis was reported to be behaving erratically. Resources were provided to the family.

Theft: A bicycle was reported stolen. An individual was later referred for the theft after being seen with the bike.

Criminal Mischief: Reports of slashed vehicle tires.

Criminal Mischief: A report of slashed vehicle tires and property damage to a rental van was filed.

Suspicious Activity: A solicitor was warned for not having the required permit.

Civil Dispute: A report was made regarding a resident being pressured by a solicitor into signing a contract.

Check Welfare: Officers checked on an individual living in a tent. No further action was needed.

Trespass: An individual was formally trespassed from a residence.

Intoxication: An intoxicated individual was found on the sidewalk with injuries. The subject

was transported for medical care.

Civil Dispute: A dispute regarding personal property left behind by a former resident was documented.

Citizen Contact: A report of a resident burning items in a yard was resolved after the resident was informed it was not advisable.

Check Welfare: An individual who collapsed in public was evaluated and transported for medical care.

Civil Dispute: Property damage caused by a trailer was resolved between neighbors.

Trespass: A resident reported an individual refusing to leave their home, but the individual had already departed.

Suspicious Activity: Two individuals hiding behind a building were asked to move along.

Suspicious Activity: A report of individuals posing as service workers at a residence was investigated, but they could not be located.

Theft: A dispute regarding withheld personal property between family members was documented.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

At 12:09 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near milepost 18 was stopped for no registration sticker on the license plate. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for the registration violation.

At 7:10 a.m., a resident on Independence Highway reported his spouse with dementia went missing the night before at 11 p.m. Deputies located her about a mile from her residence picking plants and was confused about where home was. A deputy transported her back to her residence.

At 7:15 a.m., a resident on Foundation Drive reported her ex broke into a shed and stole tools/blower. Deputies also developed potential charges for menacing and unlawful use of a weapon.

At 9 a.m., a resident on Independence Highway reported someone cut her flowers and placed them in bundles. A deputy explained it was related to the dementia resident from earlier.

At 11:53 a.m., a resident on Lewis Street reported 6 or 7 dogs got out, cornered her, and bit a neighbor who was trying to help her. A deputy arrived and was immediately cornered by a group of 7 dogs, who then ran after another neighbor. Using OC spray and his PA, the deputy got the two most aggressive dogs back in their yard. The deputy spoke to the owner who admitted his dogs got out on occasion and had bit neighbors in the past. He was cited for 9 various dog related violations. The deputy filled out a dog bite form and informed him of the need to quarantine one of the dogs for 10 days.

At 2:23 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a late fight at Polk County Jail. After watching video of the incident, the deputy determined who was the primary aggressor and charged them with physical harassment.

At 5:41 p.m., a resident on Mill Creek Road reported she had approximately 68 oxycodone pills stolen from her car on

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July 28 sometime between noon and 7 p.m. She said several people were going in and out of her car to get “snacks” as well as a couple people who she had given a ride to. There is no suspect information at this time.

At 5:38 p.m., a complainant reported windows being broken on the property on Wallace Road. Damages were estimated at about \$5,000 to three windows. There are no suspects at this time.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

At 7:40 a.m., a deputy contacted a female subject who was slumped over while standing on Edgewater Street. She told the deputy she had not used any fentanyl recently. The deputy asked her if she had any drugs and she said she had a pipe but did not want to surrender it. The deputy promised not to take her to jail if she handed it over. She complied and it was seized for destruction.

At 1:46 a.m., deputies responded to a single vehicle crash. On Highway 22. A vehicle ran a stop sign at Enterprise and Highway 22 before crashing into the ditch. The driver had very minor injuries and was very intoxicated. Oregon State Police took over the investigation.

At 9:30 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a male subject walking northbound on Kings Valley Highway near milepost 1, walking in and out of the roadway and flipping people off. The deputy found and told him to stay out of the road and he continued to walk northbound.

At 9:46 a.m., a motorist reported hitting a deer on Oakdale Avenue. A deputy responded and dispatched the deer.

At 11:09 a.m., a deputy responded to a burglary alarm at a business on Pacific Highway. When the deputy arrived, the reporting person was waiting outside and said he entered the wrong code.

At 2:10 p.m., a motorist on Bridge Street received a written warning for failing to obey a traffic control device and failing to renew their registration.

At 7:55 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to a trespassing call on Eagle Crest Road. The deputy contacted three people, a driver and two passengers. The deputy verbally warned them for trespassing and asked the driver to switch with the passenger due to the driver not having a driver’s license.

At 8:41 p.m., deputies responded to an Independence Police welfare check on a resident on D Street. They noticed the smell of decomp and many flies in the window. The deputies made entry and located a male deceased male in very late stages of decomposition.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

At 12:52 a.m., a resident on 32nd Avenue reported suspicious activity inside her house and outside in the shed. She led a responding deputy to the areas of concern, but the deputy was unable to find anything out of the ordinary.

At 7:17 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55-mph zone and was warned for expired registration.

At 7:25 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 20+ mph over the 55-mph speed

limit.

At 8:47 a.m., a resident on Larson Spur Road reported hearing gunshots on nearby BLM property. Deputies located a truck parked at the front of the main gate onto the road that looked like it had been there a while. They were not able to locate the registered owner of the vehicle or anyone else.

At 9:21 a.m., a deputy responded to a Dallas Police request to be on the look out for a bike thief. The subject was found on Ellendale Avenue. Because the suspect looked anxious and ready to attempt to flee, he was handcuffed, double locked. The deputy kept the suspect in custody until Dallas Police arrived. Ricky Winkley III was arrested and charged with theft 1 after he stole an E-bike.

At 9:25 a.m., Ricky Winkler was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail on charges of theft 1 and theft 3.

At 1:27 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a lost phone from Keizer Police that had last pinged on Highland Road. The deputy went to the location and found both vehicles in the driveway to come back to a male subject. The deputy found a phone number for him and left a voicemail.

At 2:36 p.m., a motorist passed a deputy on the right hand side while was waiting at the three way stop on Main Street in Monmouth. He then cut in front of the deputy as he was blocking traffic. The deputy stopped and cited the motorist for unsafe passing on the right side.

At 2:57 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone and for no insurance.

At 3:34 p.m., a motorist reported a resident on Sawtell Road threw a rock at his vehicle as he passed by twice. He did not know the male subject and did not want to pursue charges. He just wanted it documented in case it happened again.

At 4:30 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of an older male, shirtless, walking with a urine bag on Ellendale Avenue. The deputy drove around the area for some time but was unable to locate anyone.

At 7:24 p.m., a report of an active CPR on Salmon River Highway. Tribal police got to the scene first and reported it was not a CPR situation. Medics transported the subject to the hospital.

At 7:59 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a juvenile who bought mushrooms on Rickreall Road. The juvenile stated he bought mushrooms and was caught. He bought them from “Chaz” in a red car. Deputies called the Polk County Juvenile Department who wanted the juvenile referred. The juvenile was cited for minor in possession and he was referred to PCJD. A deputy confiscated the mushrooms, tested them, and placed them into evidence.

At 11:22 p.m., a deputy was flagged down by a passerby on Highway regarding a possible DUII, involving a blue truck with a rack and no plate. The deputy was unable to locate the truck.

At 11:46 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone and was warned for speeding in a safety corridor.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

At 12:27 a.m., a

resident on Cameron Street reported her neighbor’s dogs were barking long into the night. A deputy heard the dogs barking after turning off his vehicle. He planned to follow up regarding his dogs, dog licensing and being a good neighbor.

At 6:39 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding. The youth driver only had a learner’s permit with no adult present. The driver was cited for no operator’s license and warned for his speed.

At 10:29 a.m., a deputy investigated a late report of a hit and run with property damage on Berry Creek Road. The deputy observed the vehicle had failed to negotiate the turn in the road. He later contacted the driver who admitted she was driving and her power steering went out causing her to go into the ditch, go through the french, and damage approximately four hazelnut trees. The complainant did not want to pursue charges as she came back and helped get the vehicle towed.

At 12:05 p.m., deputies responded to a female subject who reported she was being held hostage by a male subject on Doaks Ferry Road. She said he broke her phone and iPad the previous day. Deputies contacted the male subject walking down the road. Salem Police took over the investigation and ultimately arrested and charged Taylor Smith with harassment.

At 1:29 p.m., deputies responded to an accident on Highway 22. They arrived and blocked traffic and obtained the witness statement/information. Oregon State Police arrived and took over the crash investigation. A deputy gave two involved in the crash a courtesy transport to West Valley Hospital in Dallas.

At 1:26 p.m., a female subject floating on the river off Buena Vista Road reported she found a submerged vehicle. She described it as a green Mini Cooper. A deputy was familiar with the vehicle in the river, which occurred from a crash back in February involving a CRV. No response was required.

At 3:32 p.m., a resident on Church Street in Falls City reported a female subject she loaned her truck to for the purpose of helping a dog absconded with the truck to California. A deputy planned to follow up with the owner and attempt to contact the suspect tomorrow.

At 5:15 p.m., a realtor reported a suspicious male subject sitting in a white sedan outside of an empty residence for sale on Andrea Drive. Due to a delayed response, the subject was gone by the time a deputy arrived.

At 8:01 p.m., a report regarding people shooting on BLM property off of Gooseneck Road. Deputies responded to the location and observed a good amount of 7.62, 5.56 and 12 GA ammo on the ground. Three trees nearby were damaged by what appeared to be the 12GA shot. They developed potential charges for criminal mischief and trespassing.

At 9:47 p.m., a report of a male subject trespassing and getting into a verbal altercation with juveniles on Bridge Street in Falls City. Deputies contacted the male who was walking home to his friend’s residence after the Falls City Pride event. He said he stepped

off the roadway due to a car going by, when juveniles came out and started yelling at him and calling him derogatory, sexually orientated slurs. His friend walked him home. The juveniles said the male subject told them he would bring a shotgun back. Deputies spoke with juveniles about using derogatory slurs towards others and the potential of it being considered a hate (bias) crime. All parties separated.

At 1:09 p.m., deputies spotted a female subject dancing under the bridge on Glen Creek Road. When they stopped to engage her, she ran off toward the river. When they caught up with her, she continued to attempt to get away rather than engage the deputies. She abruptly fell face first in the grass. She was unresponsive to sternum rubs and multiple Narcans. Medics arrived and transported her to Salem Hospital.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

At 10:24 a.m., a deputy located a deer in the southbound lane of Perrydale Road and moved it out of the roadway and into the ditch.

At 11:28 a.m., John Instenes was arrested on Powell Street on an outstanding Parole Board warrant and was also charged with possession of a controlled substance - fentanyl.

At 6:47 p.m., Christopher Owens was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with assault 4 from a domestic disturbance incident from last week.

At 7:23 p.m., deputies were assisted by Dallas Police on domestic disturbance on Oakdale Road. A male and female subject admitted to slapping each other. The female subject was cited for harassment

- domestic violence. The male subject, Aaron Cloud, was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Marion County and Dallas Muni.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

At 12:43 a.m., deputies investigated a vehicle parked in the 1700 block of Edgewater Street. They observed a scale with white power on the center console. They located and spoke with the vehicle’s registered owner, Anthony Hawk, nearby. Hawk advised it was meth and also produced three small baggies and a pipe. He was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 3:17 a.m., Aaron Root was arrested on Edgewater Street on an outstanding Jackson County warrant. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 4:54 p.m., a resident on Falls City Road reported two of his neighbor’s dogs attacked his sheep. He said after today he would have to euthanize a sheep due to its injuries and has had to euthanize three other sheep in the past. He said losing four sheep cost him roughly \$10,000.

MONDAY, AUG. 4

At 11:06 a.m., deputies investigated a report of someone shooting a .22 near the cemetery Helmick Road and some ricochets going over the complainant’s house. They contacted two male subjects who had been sighting in a .17 varmint rifle. The rifle had a “solvent trap” purchased on Amazon that worked as a suppressor. The deputy told the rifle owner he technically committed a felony by shooting this. Rather than taking him to jail for it, the deputy took the suppressor until he got his tax stamp and made this a learning lesson for

him.

At 3:19 p.m., deputies responded to a CPR call on 55th Avenue for an elderly gentleman. Salem medics worked the code for a while and ended up getting a pulse. They transported the subject to Salem Hospital.

At 4:39 p.m., two juveniles were playing with a lighter and started two fires on their property on Clow Corner Road. Fire personnel arrived and put the fires out. A deputy made the juveniles walk through the mess they made, apologize to the fire captain and made them both scrape the burned area to bare dirt, pile up all the burnt brush and bury it in dirt.

At 7:09 p.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 7:21 p.m., deputies observed a vehicle parked in the triangle on Rickreall Road and Highway 22. They contacted the driver, who advised her vehicle was broken down. She said she called for a tow that was supposed to have arrived already. They pushed the vehicle out of the triangle to a nearby gravel pull out. Just after clearing, the tow arrived.

At 8:03 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and for driving while suspended - violation. She was warned for failing to renew registration.

At 8:09 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:30 p.m., a deputy cited and released a female subject on 2nd Street in Salem for an outstanding warrant out of Marion County for contempt.

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Oregon looks to how other states fund their transportation needs

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The transportation group charged with vetting and recommending ideas to solve the state’s \$200 million 2027-29 budget gap spent its fourth meeting examining how other states fund their transportation systems.

Appointed by Gov. Tina Kotek, the 12-member “Rebuilding our Transportation Vision” workgroup has until the end of the year to deliver funding recommendations to Kotek, though lawmakers asked to receive recommendations earlier.

During the virtual session, experts from Minnesota, Massachusetts, Colorado and Utah shared insights into their funding models.

“We’re really looking to hear from other states as to how they approach transportation funding, major projects, accountability and long-term system needs,” said Travis Brouwer, deputy director of Oregon’s transportation agency.

Transportation funding insights from Massachusetts, Minnesota, Colorado and Utah

Like Oregon, all four states receive a large portion of transportation funding from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees.

Unlike Oregon, Minnesota and Massachusetts leverage a motor vehicle sales tax to cover transportation costs.

Massachusetts also brings in revenue from tolls and a 4% surtax on



Oregon receives most of its transportation funding from vehicle registration and title fees, driver’s license fees, its 40-cent-per-gallon gas tax, and a weight-mile tax on heavy vehicles. (Mid Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

personal income above \$1 million, which is split between statewide education and transportation needs. That tax generated \$3.4 billion in 2026. Additionally, Massachusetts dedicates a portion of its sales tax revenue to pay for the cost of public transit services in the Greater Boston area.

In Minnesota, residents across the seven counties comprising the Minneapolis-Saint Paul region pay a sales tax dedicated to funding public transit, maintenance, capital projects and walking and biking infrastructure.

In Colorado, the state gas tax has remained the same since 1991 because of a law mandating that the government receive voter approval before raising tax rates or creating any new taxes, Colorado Department of Transportation legislative affairs liaison Emily Haddaway said.

To bypass those limitations, the Colorado Legislature in 2021 passed a \$5.4 billion package that created several new transportation funding streams.

The law created a retail delivery fee, taxing people each time they make an order requiring a motor delivery. It created a rideshare tax, taxing people who use rideshare services by 15 cents per ride in zero emission vehicles and 30 cents per ride for standard vehicles. It also established a road usage fee for gas and diesel vehicles, a bridge and tunnel fee levied on diesel vehicles and an annual

road usage equalization fee for electric vehicles.

In recent years, Colorado also implemented a \$3 daily fee on rental vehicles and levied fees on oil and gas producers. To maintain transparency, the state publishes quarterly updates to an online dashboard showing the funding status and delivery progress of every project in its 10-year plan.

Utah Department of Transportation Commissioner Carlos Braceras focused his presentation on the state’s emphasis on accountability.

“Utah is a very

conservative state,” Braceras said. “We believe in limited government, but ever since going back to 1995... we have believed that the role of government is to build infrastructure, to essentially create the foundation for private industry to innovate and to grow.”

Every year, the agency publishes a report on its innovations and efficiencies.

“You can’t ask for more money until you’ve proven that you’re efficient and effective, and you have to demonstrate that continually,” he said.

How Oregon funds its transportation needs

Oregon receives most of its transportation funding from vehicle registration and title fees, driver’s license fees, its 40-cent-per-gallon gas tax, and a weight-mile tax on heavy vehicles.

Oregon also receives federal funding, 30% of which goes to local governments. The state also receives about \$700 million each year for construction projects on the state’s roads and about \$150 million to support public transit.

The state also levies a 0.1% tax on every Oregonian’s paycheck to support public

transportation services in rural and urban areas, a 0.5% tax on car dealers selling new cars to fund rebates for electric vehicles and a \$15 tax on the sale of new bikes with tires over 26 inches that cost at least \$200 to support off-road bike and pedestrian paths.

Using a sales tax or highway tolling aren’t the ideal option for Oregon. Oregon doesn’t have a sales tax, and tolling is extremely unpopular — so much that Kotek in 2023 issued a pause on tolling until this year after receiving intense backlash on a proposed tolling project on Interstate 5 and 205 to help pay for replacing the I-5 bridge connecting Oregon and Washington.

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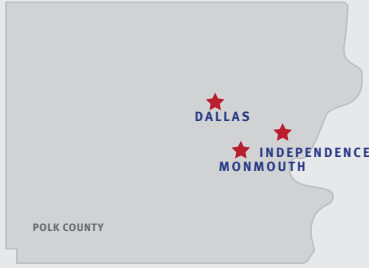


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