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Local supporters host Dallas rally to honor slain Charlie Kirk

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Last week, while on his Prove Me Wrong campus debate tour in Utah, an assassin's bullet extinguished the life of Charlie Kirk, who at the age of 31, some are calling his generation's Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Charlie was the emissary of good spirited, kindly Christian, open-aired argument of warmth and peace," said Benny Johnson, fellow Christian and conservative pundit on YouTube.

By his producer's count, more than 20 countries around the world held vigils in honor of Kirk. That love for Kirk was on full display in Dallas Saturday where nearly 200 demonstrators of all ages carried U.S. flags and messages of support for the slain husband and father of two.

Kody Remington, 17, has been a supporter most of Kirk's career, getting into his messages in 2020 during the pandemic. He was in class in Amity on Sept. 10 when he heard the terrible news from a teacher that Kirk had been shot.

"It was horrible. I was praying all day. Then when I heard he died, it was heartbreaking. Because he was a big role model for me for many, many years," Remington said. "He spoke the truth to everybody. He didn't back down from his faith and was a big supporter of Jesus," Kody said.

Just 33 hours after the shooting, the alleged shooter, Tyler Robinson, turned himself into authorities with the help of a family friend and his own father. Investigators are still trying to piece together a motive that some are speculating is related to



PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

(Top) Darren and Brenda Stephenson, of Dallas, were among supporters of all ages at the Charlie Kirk rally. (Bottom) Supporters of slain conservative icon Charlie Kirk attend a rally in Dallas on Saturday with messages of love and patriotism.

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Jeremy Gordon

Jeremy Gordon announces reelection campaign

I-O STAFF REPORT

Incumbent Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon has announced that he will seek reelection in the May 2026 primary. Having previously served as the Mayor of Falls City, Gordon was appointed to the Board of Commissioners in 202. He was subsequently elected to a full four-year term in 2022. Prior to entering full-time public service, he worked in higher education workforce development and administration.

"I am fully invested in the work and people of Polk County and am seeking the public's support to serve another term," Gordon said. "Together we have made progress on rural broadband expansion, public safety, homelessness prevention, infrastructure, mental health services, and economic development. I'm fully committed to continuing this critical work, in collaboration with fellow Commissioners, staff, and community partners."

In addition to co-managing county government, Gordon represents Polk County at the state and federal levels. He serves as Co-Chair of the Public Safety and Veterans Steering Committee with the Association of Oregon Counties, Vice Chair of the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, and Chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance and Partners Aligned Toward Housing Solutions. Nationally, he is a member of the Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee with the National Association of Counties.

"Spending time with the people of Polk County and advocating for counties like ours is my favorite part of the position," Gordon said. "As someone raising a family here, I want to be sure the residents of Polk County have the high quality of life we all deserve."

Gabby Walton announces run for Mrs. Oregon

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Apparently, Gabby Walton doesn't think she has enough to do on her plate.

Walton is the interim President and CEO of the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce (MICC), founder of the non-profit Project Gear Box that provides sporting equipment for needy students, and owner of Waltons Collective - a resource development company.

Now, Walton wants to run for Mrs. Oregon 2026.

In applying for the Mrs. Oregon America Pageant, Walton was named Mrs. Independence. She said, on top of being required to be married, the pageant also focuses on contestants' community involvement, volunteerism and service.

Walton said to win the pageant, like most others, Mrs. Oregon contestants are judged on three criteria - an interview, a beauty pageant, and community involvement. She added contestants also come armed with a platform they argue for support during the process. For Walton, she wants the audience and judges to rethink their standard for beauty.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gabby Walton has announced her inclusion in the 2026 Mrs. Oregon Pageant with a platform promoting body positivity.

"Being honest, I'm in this for two reasons. I think when you hear 'beauty pageant' society has a beauty standard they think contestants fall

into that I think is not healthy to raise our next generation of females to aspire to," Walton said. "We're conscious on how to raise boys,

based on physical appearance. I want to help the next generation of females that society says have to be a certain size. I want to really show women that they can be any size that paints a beautiful image on stage."

Walton was "sashed" as Mrs. Independence on Aug. 7, going through several interviews to be named the local delegate. The Mrs. Oregon pageant is in May, 2026, at the Elsinore in Salem. She expects to be up against 20 to 30 other delegates from around the state.

"I definitely represent somebody not typically represented up on stage. So I expect to have a normal amount of nerves," Walton admitted. "However, I've learned to fuel fire that inspires me, and stop others to get them to think. I plan to focus on my mission that night."

In the meantime between now and the pageant, Walton said the organization encourages participants to continue their volunteerism, do several workshops and practice workshops, mock interviews and participate in monthly work sessions to prepare.

As the mother of five boys - ages 10, 9, 5 and three-year-old twins

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Dallas Chamber hosts leadership series

Join the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce for a once-a-month leadership class designed to strengthen our community from the inside out. This isn't just about leadership — it's about building relationships, discovering local resources, and shaping the future of Dallas together. The classes are the second Thursday of each month, beginning in October, 12-5 p.m. at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.

The leadership class covers:

- Leadership Development: Learn practical skills from experienced mentors and guest speakers who understand the challenges and opportunities in our community.

- Community Involvement: Collaborate with neighbors, local organizations, and city leaders to tackle real issues and spark meaningful change.

- Local Amenities Spotlight: Each session highlights a different Dallas gem—from parks and businesses to wellness centers and civic services—so you can connect with what makes our town thrive.

The courses are for all residents — whether you're a student, business owner, retiree, or simply passionate about Dallas. Space is limited.

The deadline for sign-up is Sept. 19. To apply, email board@dallasoregon.org.

MICF celebrates Community Fiesta's success

By MICF

The Monmouth-Independence Community Foundation (MICF) proudly supported this year's Community Fiesta, held Aug. 22–24, which drew over 2,000 people to celebrate Latin culture, traditions, and community spirit.

With the help of a MICF Community Grant, the Fiesta was able to host a new educational art workshop in partnership with Corazón Utilitarian Art. The workshop was filled with full classes both days, as participants of all ages engaged in hands-on creative expression.

"This was our first-ever workshop, and it was a success," organizers shared. "Every seat was filled, and the excitement in the room was inspiring."

Throughout the weekend, Fiesta attendees enjoyed lively cultural performances, including Tlansese Ballet Folklórico and Azteca Amayatzl, as well as Latino Musical Dance Theater. The celebration also included food booths, community dancing, and the highly anticipated coronation of the Community Fiesta Queen and Princesses.

Despite the summer heat, the event attracted a diverse group of nationalities, showcasing the

inclusive spirit of the Fiesta.

"It truly felt like a community event," organizers said. "People came together to celebrate, learn, and share in the richness of Latin culture."

MICF Board President Vernon Wells added, "The Community Fiesta perfectly represents what MICF aims to do—support opportunities that enrich and empower our community through education, art, and cultural connection."

The Community Fiesta continues to grow as a beloved annual event in Monmouth and Independence, fostering cross-cultural understanding and celebrating

the vibrant spirit of local Latin communities.

About MICF
Founded in 2000, the Monmouth-Independence Community Foundation (MICF) is committed to enriching and empowering the community through scholarships, classroom programs, community excellence initiatives, and collaborations with local organizations. By investing in education, culture, and connection, MICF creates opportunities that strengthen the Monmouth-Independence area for future generations. To learn more about MICF go to www.mifoundation.net.

WALTON

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Walton acknowledges she has an unconventional body type not usually associated with beauty pageants.

"I am not doing this to win. Of course, it would be cool. I want to bring awareness to that 13-year-old that I'm maybe more her size,

or for that girl with crooked teeth, or that mom sitting at home who doesn't know how to use her voice," Walton said. "Moms don't have to feel guilty for wanting to be allowed to do more. I want to set an example with my platform for my goals."

Walton, while raising those five boys, also made the time to found Project Gear Box on April 24, 2024.

"We've helped 211 kids get gear at no cost in the Monmouth, Independence and Dallas areas," she explained. "We've brought in \$12,000 in grants and roughly \$8,000 in sponsorships."

Even that is not enough. She is planning to expand Project Gear Box to the Salem-Keizer School District.

Walton was also the Resource Development Coordinator for the MICC before being named interim president and CEO through the end of November until the board of directors reorganize the organization's leadership. It was her company Walton's Collective that helped plan and execute the last MICC Community Awards Celebration. And

it was also there they surprised her with the 2024 Community Member of the Year award.

"They surprised me, they really did. The Chamber does three very open rounds of nominating and voting to the public. Project Gear Box was on the ballot for Non-profit of the Year," Walton said. "I had planned to come in and enjoy the evening with

family and friends. It was really cool. Acres of Hope won. So it was really cool to take home the award for Community Member of the Year. It was really beautiful. It means all the time I spent serving the community was seen."

As the Mrs. Oregon Pageant gets closer, you can follow Walton on Instagram @gab.and.her.guy.

RALLY

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Kirk's religious belief against transgenderism.

Kirk's support was taken up by other locals who didn't want his overall message to die with him. Brad, who only wanted to provide his first name, organized the Dallas rally, hoping a handful of people would turnout, but was pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of love for Kirk.

He said the rally was meant to send a message.

"It's time to stand up. It's the turning point," Brad said on the corner of Ellendale and Main Street as motorists drove by, honking in support of the rally. "It's time to stand up. It's time to take action. There's no more sitting at home, hoping things change. There's no more writing on Facebook about this, that or the other thing. It's time to stand up and show people how you feel and take some action."

Kirk has been inspiring the youth of his generation since he was 18. Ben Shapiro, co-founder of The Daily Wire, recalled spotting Kirk at an event, seeking donations for his own conservative projects.

Shapiro recalled saying at the time, there's "a young man so eager and determined that I immediately turned to a friend and said, 'That kid is going to be the head of the RNC one day.'"

Instead, Kirk went on to found his own organization, Turning Point USA, dedicated to recruiting the nation's

youth to conservative politics, mainly by focusing on the word of God and scripture.

"He died speaking his truth. He was willing to engage with people who didn't agree with him," Brad said, who had been listening to Kirk's podcast for the past four years. "He was willing to have that conversation. It's not a left or right thing. ... We all need to come together, have a conversation, that we all have a lot more in common than we think we do."

Some national pundits, ironically, pointed out Kirk

was facilitating that conversation with his campus tours, encouraging students to debate the hot topics of the day. By sticking to his beliefs and by being self educated and well read (Kirk himself never went to college), Kirk inspired others while seeking to make peace with his most ardent detractors.

Darren Stephenson, of Dallas, had come across Kirk's messages online mere months ago.

"I had no idea until he got shot that he was that young," said Stephenson,

whose sign read "You can't kill a Christian. You can only change his address."

"I was really impressed that not only was he intelligent, but he had a God-given gift to be compassionate and respectful at the same time," Stephenson said, adding that he told his wife Brenda on the way to the rally, "even if I didn't agree with him, I'm a Christian and I'm a Republican. But if I was an atheist liberal, I think I would still be here, because it was just wrong what was done."



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Fire district files new 5-year operations levy

By **DAVID HAYES**
I-O Editor

Southwest Polk Fire District has filed an operations levy with Polk County in the hopes their district voters approve on the Nov. 4 special election to continue their current manning levels.

Fire Chief Fred Hertel, said the 5-year levy would renew the levy voters approved in 2022. He said the new proposed levy would assess \$1.37 cents per \$1,000 valuation that would replace the 81 cents taxed per \$1,000. The levy measure estimates that a home valued at \$200,000 would pay \$274 in tax per year.

"Six staff were added in 2022. All firefighter, EMT/paramedics at the Bridgeport Station to man a fire engine, ambulance and wildland apparatus, 24/7," Hertel said.

He explained the SW Polk Fire District has one engine, medic and wildland unit in each of their three fire stations, with an additional water tender at one station.

"If we can't pass this, then we end up cutting staff by six," Hertel simply explained.

He said basically three things changed since the last levy passed that required asking for more money this go-around from their population base of between 7,500 to 8,000.

"In 2023, Paid Leave Oregon entitles a whole new paid leave process for sick leave. So that was unanticipated, it increased 400%, and escalated costs more than anticipated," Hertel said.

"Second was inflation. Gone up more than anticipated. And PP&L (Pacific Power & Light) increased their costs to citizens by 58%."

Hertel said the additional personnel are required to help cover Southwest Polk's district, which totals 142 square miles. In addition, he said their ambulance service helps cover an additional 91 square mile ambulance service area.

"Of that, a majority, 26 miles, is outside the fire district," Hertel said.

The levy in 2022 passed by 56% Hertel said. He added its support came on the heels of a bond measure that passed in 2017 that paid for a new station

"We've been pretty fortunate with our voters' support. We're hoping the renewal is also supported by the citizens," Hertel said. "The nice thing is our board does a good job and is candid in conversations as to what our needs are, what we are able to provide and how much to ask citizens for."

Hertel expects the board to host public forums throughout the district, like during the last levy election. Follow Southwest's social media to the meetings to be posted.

When voters receive their ballots in the mail, return locations will be limited.

"Due to the small scale of this election, only the ballot boxes in Falls City and Dallas will be open," said County Clerk Kim Williams.



FILE I-O PHOTO

A new, 2024 Type 3 engine, or brush truck, was added to SW Polk Fire District's fleet Nov. 27, 2024.

Sheriff's Office seeks reserve deputies

The Polk County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the position of reserve deputy sheriff.

Reserve deputies assist by riding with full time deputies (solo status can eventually be attained) on patrol, responding to emergencies, helping our community members resolve issues, and attending community events. Reserves have full-time jobs and

schedule their volunteer hours at their convenience. They all come together for public service, to give back and make a difference in their communities.

Many of the PCSO full time patrol deputies started as reserve deputies, so it is a great way to get your foot in the door and gain experience if you are interested in a criminal justice career; however, many of our reserves just enjoy the

volunteer work and have no intentions of leaving their current careers.

If you're interested in applying, please reach out to Cpl. Levi Higgins at higgins.levi@co.polk.or.us or find the volunteer application on the bottom of the reserve page on the PCSO website and return it to our office.

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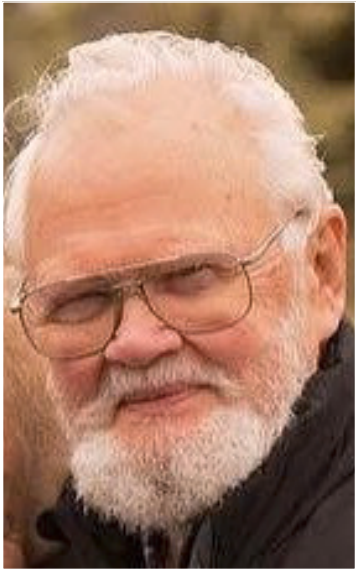
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he managed a farm, and he and his wife later owned and operated the Speedy San drive-through in Dallas. He enjoyed traveling with Glendoris, tending his flower garden, serving in his church, and spending time with family. He especially loved his dogs, cats, and the joy of being a grandfather.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Glendoris; his daughter, Jeannie Lynn (Craig) Stewart; grandchildren Adam (Cindy) Stewart, Kerri (Shay) Morrison, Jake (Nikki) Dyer, Angie (Sevie) Vejlil, and Eve Dyer; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Velma Perry; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Ruth Dyer, and his sons, Lonnie Wyn Dyer and Randy Charles Dyer.

A viewing was held at Dallas Cemetery on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, at graveside, with a graveside service that followed. A reception at Bollman's Tribute Center with refreshments (coffee, juice, water and cookies) followed.



Kenneth Ross Dyer Oct. 15, 1932 - Sept. 1, 2025

Kenneth Ross Dyer, 92, of Dallas, Oregon, passed away peacefully on Sept. 1, 2025, at Salem Hospital.

He was born in Salem, Oregon, to Kenneth and Ruth Dyer. After graduating from high school in 1950, he attended Oregon Tech before being called to serve in the U.S. Army. In 1954, he married Glendoris Floyd at the First Christian Church in Dallas. They shared 71 wonderful years of marriage.

Kenneth worked for many years at Gerlinger Carrier Company until his retirement. Alongside his career,



Eunice (June) Julia Krause was born on Aug. 11, 1927, the daughter of Theodore and Magdaline (Geising) Schrandt on the family farm near Festina, Iowa. June left Iowa and relocated to California to be close to three of her sisters. She married Kenneth (Ken) Keith Krause on March 17, 1953, in California. They settled in the bay area of California, eventually making their home in San Jose, California. June and Ken had three children that they raised in San Jose. After the death of her husband Ken, June relocated to Dallas, Oregon, where two of her children lived.

Throughout her years in California she was very involved in family and community. She built a dry cleaning business in 1971 and owned and operated that for 15 years, making it a thriving business.

When June arrived in Oregon she got involved in the community there. She joined the Dallas Area Senior Center and quickly became involved in all aspects. She was elected

president of the Dallas Area Senior Center, and headed up a fund-raising effort to build a new, and larger senior center. She enjoyed working with city managers on details and helping coordinate many fund raising efforts. One of her favorite nights was the music jam and singing with "The Leopard Chicks". For many years she was especially passionate about bingo nights at the senior center. She loved the activity, laughter and conversations.

Throughout her life she was an avid bowler and was in a bowling league pretty much her whole adult life. She loved gardening, especially flowers of all kinds. She could take a cutting off of just about anything and have the most beautiful plant in the yard in record time. Wherever she lived, her yard was one of her greatest joys.

One of her favorite places was on the beach, watching the waves roll in and out. She also enjoyed Bunko nights with friends, sharing meals and laughs. When she wasn't in town with friends, you might find her at the casino enjoying brunch and playing slots. She often joked with a friend that they "bought all the flowers" in the landscaping by loyally visiting.

She enjoyed hosting family holidays. She welcomed anyone who didn't have a place to go. She enjoyed (mostly) the loud boisterous times with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would also throw a knuckle into the

nerve root on your shoulder if you got a little too boisterous.

She spent the better part of the last two years of her life enjoying extended stays in Idaho, surrounded by family. She especially enjoyed the time she spent with her great grandchildren. They gave her much needed purpose and love at the last part of her life. It was a blessing she was surrounded by family at the end of her life.

June is survived by two of her children: Steven (Patricia) Krause and Susan (Scott) Drayton along with nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

June was preceded in death by her husband Ken Krause; eldest son Jeffery Krause; her parents Theodore "Dick" and Magdaline (Geising) Schrandt; six brothers, Walter, Herb, Tom, Bill, Hugo and Ted Schrandt; and four sisters, Winnifred Hartman, Wilma Schlee, Ann Wagner and Della Walz. She was also preceded in death by her father and mother in-law Lawrence and Evangeline Krause as well as numerous brothers/sisters in law nieces and nephews.

Private services were held in Idaho at the time of her death.

Death Notice

Sharon Marie Satterfield
Nov. 22, 1953 - Sept. 4, 2025

Sharon Marie Satterfield died Sept. 4, 2025. Funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

Van Duzer Vineyards Celebrates 25th Vintage with 2023 Estate Pinot Noir

By CARLIN RASKY

Van Duzer Vineyards, the defining winery of Oregon's Van Duzer Corridor AVA, has released its 2023 Estate Pinot Noir, marking the 25th vintage from the Thoma family and a quarter-century of cool-climate winemaking in one of Oregon's most distinct terroirs. The winery's broad Pinot Noir portfolio includes estate blends and block-specific wines, as well as vibrant whites and rosés shaped by the Van Duzer Corridor's cooling winds.

Founded in 1998 by Carl and Marilyn Thoma, Van

Duzer Vineyards helped pioneer winemaking in what was then an unproven, windswept corner of the Willamette Valley. Today, the estate remains family-owned and rooted in its original mission: to craft expressive, distinct wines shaped by nature and defined by place. Off the beaten path and surrounded by nature, the tasting room offers panoramic valley views and a front-row seat to the Van Duzer Corridor's defining marine winds.

"When we came here over 25 years ago, there was no blueprint," said Van Duzer Vineyards Founder Carl

Thoma. "But with three generations of ranching and agriculture behind us, we understood the importance of paying attention to the land. It took persistence and patience but over time, we identified 36 unique microclimates and figured out how to work with the cool winds instead of against them. This vintage reflects a belief that has guided us all along: if you respect the land and learn from it, even a rugged wind-shaped place like this can produce something remarkable."

The 25th vintage opens with abundant red cherry and strawberry from the Dundee

Hills, balanced by the Van Duzer Corridor's signature savory and floral notes including smoky black tea, forest floor, and blood orange citrus. The wine's fine-grained tannins, bright acidity, and medium-light body make it an exceptionally food-friendly expression of cool-climate Pinot Noir.

"I'm genuinely excited about our 25th vintage and I'm confident it will resonate with both longtime Oregon wine enthusiasts and newcomers," said Van Duzer Vineyards winemaker Eric Misiewicz. "This wine captures that distinctive

savory-floral combination that used to characterize the entire Willamette Valley but is increasingly rare due to climate change. It's an authentic expression of what made Oregon Pinot Noir famous: elegant, complex, and true to place."

The release of the 2023 Estate Pinot Noir honors Van Duzer's legacy as the ambassador of its namesake AVA, while also setting the stage for what's next. A refreshed tasting room is scheduled to open this fall with an exhibition featuring artwork from the Carl & Marilyn Thoma Foundation, the family's

foundation that focuses on access to arts and education. The Thoma Foundation's art collection spans over 2000 pieces and they have been recognized by ARTnews as Top 200 Collectors. The tasting room will exhibit work from their post war abstract and sculpture collection and will be on view starting in early October.

The 2023 Estate Pinot Noir from Van Duzer Vineyards retails for \$36 per bottle and is available at select retailers, online at www.vanduzervineyards.com, and at the winery's tasting room at 11975 Smithfield Road, in Dallas.

WOU Foundation releases 2024-25 annual report

By UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

The Western Oregon University Foundation released its annual report for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The report includes total contributions to the Foundation for 2024-25, highlights the impact of scholarships,

student aid, and competitive grants and illustrates endowment growth.

Contributions totaled just over \$3.9 million for the fiscal year, and include all new outright or committed private gifts and grants made to the WOU Foundation. Scholarships and student aid support surpassed \$1 million for the fifth year, with

the WOU Foundation awarding \$1,229,122 to students through emergency grants or scholarships based on financial need, academic merit, athletics participation, and more.

Katie Wojke, vice president of advancement and executive director of the WOU Foundation, shares that growth in areas that positively impact students is made possible due to every generous contribution.

"Support from private philanthropy and volunteer efforts plays a vital role in assisting students throughout their higher education experiences," Wojke said. "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all donors and volunteers for their impactful contributions that uplift Western and its students."

In December of 2024, Western launched the Wolves Rising campaign, the first-ever comprehensive

campaign in university history. This \$20 million campaign will expand and grow critical resources in three key areas: scholarships, Wolves athletics, and student success, ensuring that Western can continue to transform the lives and trajectories of students, families, and communities across Oregon. As of June 30, the Wolves Rising campaign has raised \$19,025,562, which is 95 percent of the overall goal.

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Celebrate Constitution Day today

Did you know that Sept. 17 is Constitution Day? On Sept. 17, 1787, 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the U.S. Constitution creating a blueprint for governing our nation.

Of the written national constitutions, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest and takes about 30 minutes to read.

It's available online at www.constitutionday.com. There you can read the Constitution and the 27 Amendments to the Constitution beginning with The Bill of Rights. You can also learn more about each of the men who signed the Constitution such as George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin.

Celebrate Constitution Day by learning about the document that shapes our nation's identity, government, and freedoms. Happy Constitution Day.

Polk County Women for Agriculture

Save the forests, support the Roadless Area Conservation Act

As a long-term resident of the state of Oregon, a healthcare provider and a former long-term Campfire club leader, I beg the citizens of Oregon to oppose this

disastrous proposal by the Trump administration that is both irresponsible and reckless that will rescind the rule for roadless forests.

The Trump administration indicates that it is an attempt to fight wildfires, but research by Forest and Wildlife indicates that wildfires are more likely to occur where roads are opened. It is nothing more than a corporate grab for logging and precious resources. Wilderness tourism is big business for our people. Natural resources extractions ruin the pristine landscape that we Oregonians call home.

My children and grandchildren are active backpackers and campers in America's forest. The damage that will be done to our forest will affect many generations to come.

As the Trump administration is irresponsibly harming environmental protections and ignoring science by refuting climate change by rescinding solar and wind farms, he has suggested planting trees in their place. It is hypocritical to then therefore plan reckless harvesting of our precious forests!

I want to thank my representative, Andrea Salinas, and other legislators in Oregon, such as Maxine Dexter and Susan Bonamici, who have signed on to protect the forest, and I want to thank you for your courage and integrity. I want to urge Representatives Janelle Bynum, Val Hoyle and Cliff Bentz to likewise support the Roadless Area Conservation Act, or RACA.

*Denise Duren
Salem*

Oregon's environmental battleground

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

If Oregon has a "brand," protection of its environment has to be integral to it.

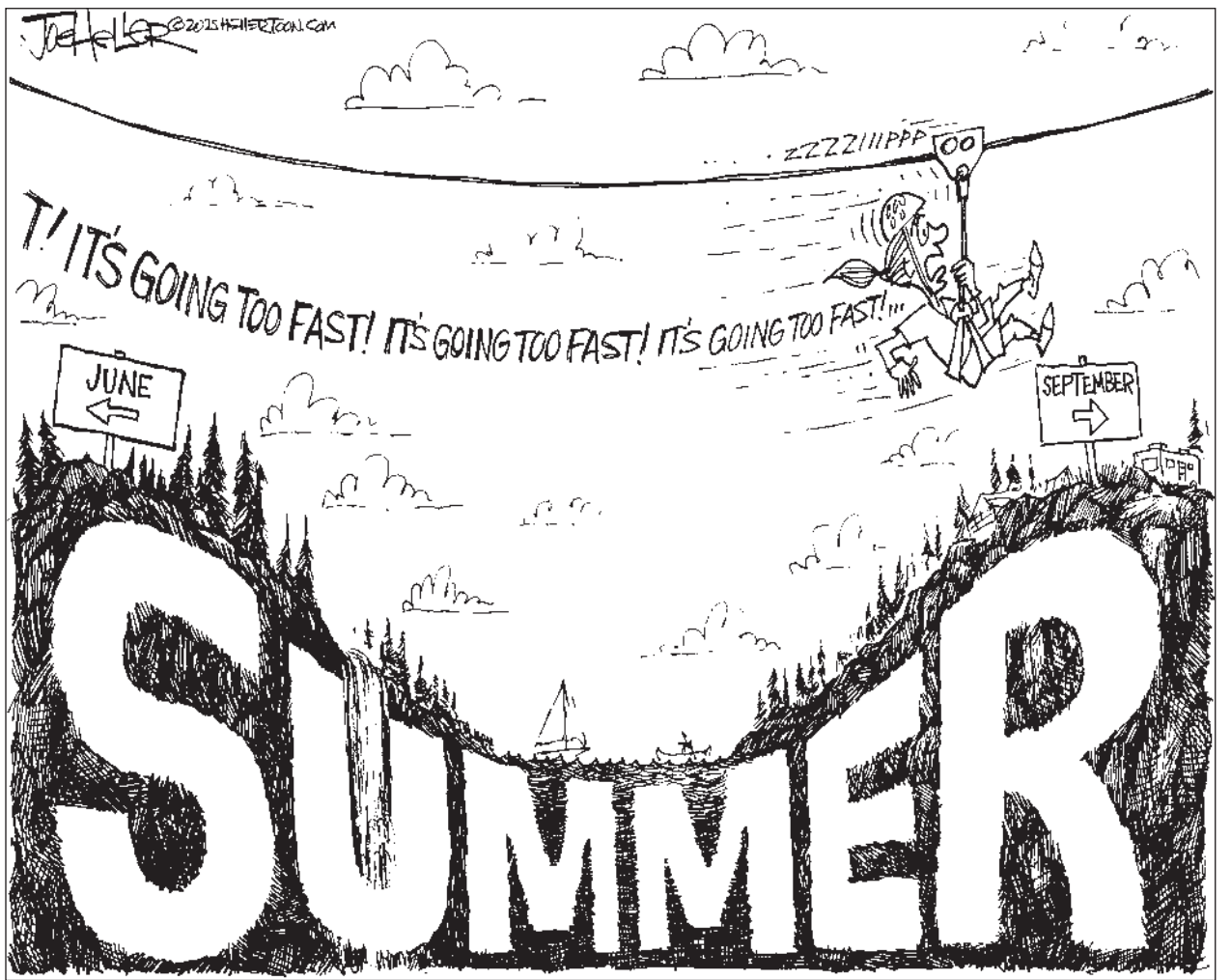
Probably no political figure in the state's history more represents it to the rest of the world than former Republican Gov. Tom McCall, the champion of pioneering Oregon laws that kept beaches publicly owned, charged deposits on bottles and cans to reduce litter and blocked cities from sprawling.

More than for anything else, McCall is known for his crusades — not always perfect but often effective — to protect the natural condition of the state. While other western states, including

Idaho and Wyoming, have been the scene of hard-fought contests over preservation against development and use, Oregon for generations has weighed in clearly on the environmental preservation side.

The Trump administration has begun weighing in on the other side, and Oregon likely will be putting a lot of civic effort into maintaining its course. While some efforts from the national capital — such as Utah Sen. Mike Lee's call for mass selloff of federal lands — have hit speed bumps, others are underway.

The argument in favor of that new direction, implicit or explicit, will involve expansion of resource



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industries and the jobs that have been attached to them. Forest industries were for generations the bedrock of the Oregon economy, supplying much of its wealth and many of its jobs.

It is a smaller component today. The state's forest sector today takes in about 62,000 direct jobs, a large number but just about 3% of jobs overall. The economic impact of wood products now is less than that: By one recent estimate, the sub-category of "logging" — as opposed to manufacturing wood products, work in nurseries and associated work — accounts for 5,736 jobs.

The number of Oregon mill jobs fell by about 500 over the last year, and one reason given for that was a lack of timber supply. But specific types of timber would be needed to supply the more specialized mills of today: Not just any stock would do. Even if more forests were opened to cutting, the number couldn't increase dramatically soon, because a large economic infrastructure would have to be built up to support it. And even if those problems could be solved, the weak demand for timber and in recent years difficulties finding an adequate work force would remain as major obstacles.

Whatever the rationale, the pressure against preservation from the nation's capital is clear and accelerating.

The most dramatic recent instance is the Trump administration's published intent to scale back — exactly

how much is unclear — the roadless rule from 2001 affecting vast stretches of forested land in backcountry areas nationwide, including in Oregon. The Sierra Club said the change "threatens nearly 58 million acres of undeveloped backcountry forestland, jeopardizing crucial drinking water sources for communities across the nation"

That includes 2 million acres of land now protected from development in Oregon — a big chunk of the 14.5 million acres in the 11 national forests in the state, and some of the most prized recreational areas.

That follows up on a pair of presidential executive orders earlier this year aimed at increasing timber production on national lands and bypassing rules that protect critical wildlife habitat.

There's much more from the White House affecting the Northwest specifically, such as the abrupt reversal of a long-negotiated deal — the Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement — to restore salmon runs along the Snake River.

More narrowly, the Friends of the Columbia Gorge said last month that "The Trump administration's FY26 budget proposes redirecting roughly \$387 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund's (LWCF) federal land acquisition budget to fund "deferred maintenance" — that is, repairs to trails, visitor centers, and infrastructure, in addition to logging — directly contradicting the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) that President Trump himself signed into law in 2020."

Taken together, this along with still more examples amounts to a massive reversal of national policy developed over decades and in some cases even in the first Trump Administration. It's easy to lose track of the larger developing picture amid the wash of daily news.

Resistance to it in the Northwest is just beginning to develop. But it will emerge visibly soon.

In addition to a supportive political environment, Oregon has an especially large number of environmental action

groups (owing in part to the large and often influential Friends network) but much of their activity — the Oregon Environmental Council is a good example — has been focused on state government activity, where reception to their efforts has been relatively (albeit not always) positive.

Expect the focus to change to the national level, alliances to shift, and legal and political conflict to ramp upward, in the next few months if not weeks. The environment is about to become a flashpoint in Oregon in a way it hasn't been in decades.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/09/04/oregons-environmental-battle-ground/>

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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: M equals T

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| 20 Great the day | 6 Amusement |
| 21 Muscat's country | 7 Pago Pago's place |
| 22 Maine university city | 8 Aircraft that can land on snow |
| 23 Bisquick or Betty Crocker product | 9 Following |
| 25 Be deemed acceptable | 10 Alley |
| 27 Capital of Turkey | 11 Docs' go |
| 28 — Free (contact lens solution brand) | 12 Rosh — |
| 30 Floor of a fireplace | 13 Auto racer Al |
| 31 — Cruces | 14 Full of gloom |
| 32 Iranian money unit | 15 Formerly, archaically |
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| 40 Mardi — | 18 And not |
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| | 35 Piece of gig gear |
| | 36 Baton-waving director |
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| | 39 Coup d'— |
| | 40 Govt. agent |
| | 80 "So yummy!" |
| | 84 Algerian port |
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- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Moments in time

• On Sept. 29, 1780, British spy John André, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was court-martialed, found guilty and sentenced to death by hanging. He wrote to Gen. George Washington asking to be executed by firing squad instead, which was considered a more "gentlemanly" death, but though Washington attempted to have him exchanged for Arnold, the original sentence was carried out on Oct. 2.

• On Sept. 30, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson gave a speech before Congress in which he supported a guarantee that women would be granted the right to vote. The House of Representatives had approved a 19th constitutional amendment giving women suffrage, but Congress would not pass the amendment for another year.

• On Oct. 1, 1958, the American Express company issued its first charge card, made of purple paper-board, in the U.S. and Canada, to give traveling customers more flexibility.

• On Oct. 2, 1965, during a football game between the University of Florida Gators and the Louisiana State University Tigers, UF players tested a new sports drink developed in the school's science labs to help them regain essential chemicals their bodies lost through sweating. The Gators won their match and the drink now known as Gatorade went on to make its investors wealthy.

• On Oct. 3, 2011, an Italian appeals court overturned the murder conviction of American exchange student Amanda Knox, who'd been found guilty of stabbing her British roommate, Meredith Kercher, to death in 2007. Imprisoned since her arrest, Knox flew back to the States the following day.

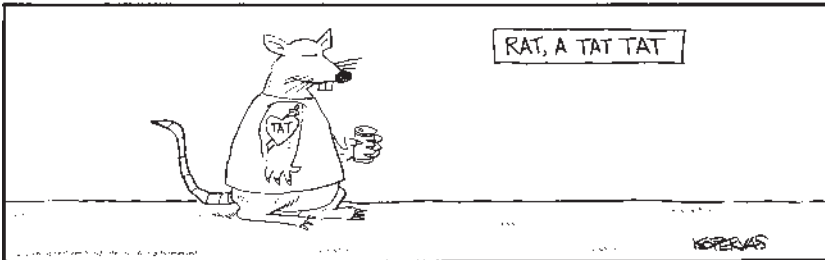
• On Oct. 4, 1970, singer Janis Joplin was found dead of an accidental heroin overdose in her Los Angeles hotel room after failing to attend a recording session. She was putting the finishing touches on the album titled "Pearl," that would prove to be the biggest hit of her career.

• On Oct. 5, 1892, the infamous Dalton Gang attempted a daylight robbery of two Coffeyville, Kansas, banks simultaneously. After someone recognized a member and spread word of the crime, the townspeople ran for their guns and surrounded the two banks, then took justice into their own hands, killing all but Emmett Dalton, who, incredibly, survived prison and eventually ended up as a Hollywood screenwriter.

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Out on a Limb

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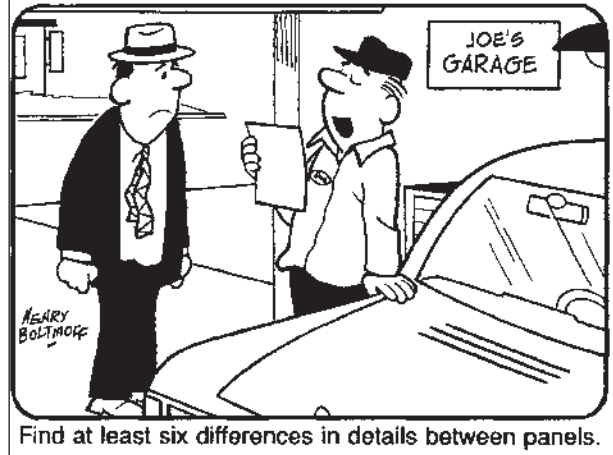


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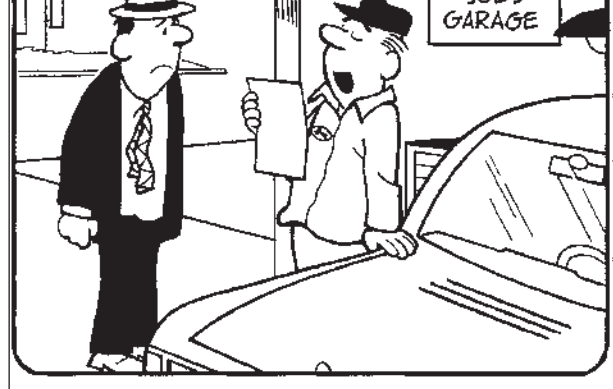


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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What was the name of Ron Burgundy's dog in "Anchorman"?
- LITERATURE: The middle school student Greg Heffley is the protagonist of which book series?
- SCIENCE: What is the Abyssal Zone in the ocean?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Aruba located?
- TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the series "Breaking Bad"?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear of colors called?
- ANATOMY: What connects muscles to bones?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Badlands National Park?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the sixth president of the United States?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is September's traditional birthstone?

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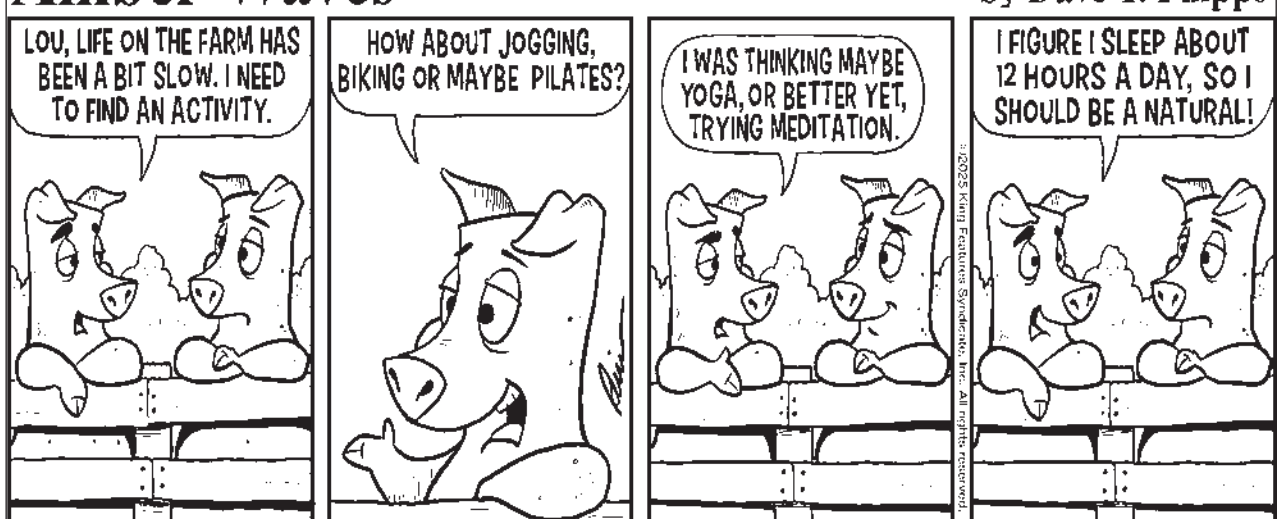
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- Southern Caribbean Sea.
- Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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- Tendons.
- South Dakota.
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- Sapphire.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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INVESTIGATING THE BIBLE: A selfish, empty life

By **DAVID CARLSON PASTOR**

The word “pelf”, uncommon for us today, means wealth which is often not accumulated honestly. We get our more common verb “to pilfer” from the same root. On a tombstone in a British cemetery is a poetic inscription which uses pelf.

“Here lies a miser who lived for himself; and cared for nothing but gathering pelf. Now, where he is or how he fares, nobody knows and nobody cares.”

In the Bible there are several stories of selfish people. Here’s one.

In his youth, David defeated the giant Goliath with faith in God, a rock, and his sling. God continued to give David many victories, so many that women began to sing in the streets, “Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten

thousands.” (1 Samuel 18:7, English Standard Version used throughout.)

King Saul was consumed with jealous rage and plotted to kill David, forcing David and his army to flee from Jerusalem. Soon David’s six hundred men needed food. He sent a small contingent of his men to a wealthy farmer. His army had previously protected the man’s flocks and fields and had never stolen from him.

“Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful, but the man was harsh and badly behaved; he was a Calebite.” (1 Samuel 25:3).

The Hebrew word for ‘fool’ is nabal. Since it was the man’s given name from his parents at birth, nabal likely meant something positive; his foolish behavior washed that unknown meaning from history. He was a descendent of Caleb, one of

the spies sent by Moses to scout out Palestine. Only Joshua and Caleb believed God would give Israel success. Nabal sadly displayed none of Caleb’s godly ways.

Nabal sent David’s servants away with nothing and mocked them. David was furious.

“And David said to his men, ‘Every man strap on his sword!’ And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword.” (1 Samuel 25:13).

Abigail learned of her husband’s folly and of David’s intention to kill Nabal and all his male servants. Without her husband’s knowledge, she hurried and put together enough bread, wine, cooked meat, and fruit to feed David’s army. She had her young men rush the food to David, then she met him and begged for mercy.

David said to her, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent

you this day to meet me!” (1 Samuel 25:32). David forgave her and sent her home in peace.

When she arrived home, she found Nabal feasting with friends and drunk.

“In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as stone. And about ten days later the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.” (1 Samuel 25:37-38).

When David heard of Nabal’s death, he took the wise and gracious Abigail as his wife.

While selfishness has consequences, generosity has its rewards. In Alice Gray’s book, “More Stories for the Heart,” a parent wrote about her son’s little league game. He was not the best player on the team, but he had worked diligently. At this game, the coach told her, “We’re

going to start your son today in right field. He’s worked hard this year.”

The grateful mother thanked the coach and when the team ran to the field, she looked to right field. She couldn’t believe it. Little Eddie was there, the worst player on the team! She was heartbroken for her son.

After the game, the coach walked over to her and said, “I wanted you to know that’s a fine young man you have there. When I told your son he could start, he thanked me and then turned me down. He told me to let Eddie start, that it meant much more to him.”

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



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Last week, while on his Prove Me Wrong campus debate tour in Utah, an assassin's bullet extinguished the life of Charlie Kirk, who at the age of 31, some are calling his generation's Martin Luther King, Jr. "Charlie was the emissary of good spirited, kindly Christian, open-aired argument of warmth and peace," said Benny Johnson, fellow Christian and conservative pundit on YouTube. By his producer's count, more than 20 countries around the world held vigils in honor of Kirk. That love for Kirk's was on full display in Dallas Saturday where nearly 200 demonstrators of all ages carried U.S. flags and messages of support for the slain husband and father of two.

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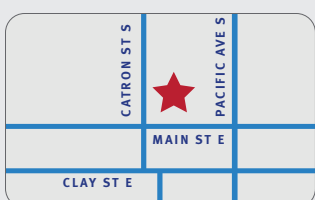
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Sept. 17-23

Thursday

PHS volleyball at Jewell, 6 p.m.
Chemawa vs. FCHS volleyball, 6 p.m.
CHS Volleyball at DHS, 6:30 p.m.
Newberg vs. DHS boys soccer, 7 p.m.
DHS girls soccer at North Salem, 7 p.m.
FCHS football at C.S. Lewis Academy, 7:15 p.m.

Friday

Corvallis vs. DHS football, 7 p.m.
PHS football at Pilot Rock/Ukiah, 7 p.m.

Saturday

DHS volleyball at Woodburn Tournament
CHS Cross Country at The Mook XC Invite
Alderbrook Golf Course, Tillamook, 8:15 a.m.
PHS volleyball at Western Christian
Mohawk Tournament, 9 a.m.
DHS cross country at Northwest Classic
Lane Community College, Eugene, 10 a.m.

Monday

Sandy vs. DHS girls soccer, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

CHS girls soccer at Reynolds, 4 p.m.
PHS volleyball at C.S. Lewis Academy, 6 p.m.
FCHS volleyball at Jewell, 6 p.m.
CHS volleyball at Silverton, 6:30 p.m.
DHS volleyball at Crescent Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Canby vs. CHS Boys Soccer, 7 p.m.

Prep Scoreboard

Sept. 7-13

Sept. 9

South Albany 3, CHS volleyball 0
Tigard 8, CHS boys soccer, 0
Clackamas 8, CHS girls soccer 0
Silverton 3, DHS volleyball 0
PHS volleyball 3, FCHS 0

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Panthers fighting to join league's top echelon

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

Cammy Baker is not just preparing her team for their next match. Instead, her goal is to build something bigger within the program.

Now in her second year as head coach of the Panthers' varsity volleyball team, Baker is focusing on developing a program where leadership, unity and belief in each other are as important as wins and losses.

"Our culture starts with serving. Serving the program, serving your teammates ... making your teammates look good," she said. "If it only stopped at the court, then I'd feel our mission had died. It has to extend beyond the court."

Two years ago, the Panthers were near the cellar of the Mid-Willamette Conference standings. Last year - Baker's first as the team's coach - the Panthers finished in the middle of the pack.

"This year, the goal is clear: make the playoffs," Baker said.

It's a goal shared by her staff and players.

"We came from second to last in the league. So we definitely improved (last year). But now the girls actually believe we can make the playoffs. That's 95 percent of the battle, getting them to believe," Baker said.

One major obstacle is that the conference is tough, from



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Central, showing promise against South Albany in last week's conference opener, still fell to one of the state's top teams, 3-0.

top to bottom. Perennial powers like South Albany, West Albany, Silverton, and Crescent Valley harbor their own post-season expectations.

In last week's conference opener, Central held its own before being swept by the RedHawks.

"The fact that we hung with South Albany for one set, that's a glimpse of who we

are," Baker said. "But the first two sets, in which we were overmatched? That's who we are, too. We're learning that we can't just show up and 'do our best.' We need to show up and compete."

Baker knows the margin for error is razor-thin. The Panthers lack size up front, but they hope to compensate for that

with chemistry and a strong work ethic.

"We know we'll never be the biggest team," the coach said. "But we're scrappy. We love each other. We communicate. And we pursue the ball."

That pursuit - the all-out dives, exhausting rallies, unrelenting fight - is what hooked Baker on volleyball as a libero at Hesston College in Kansas. Now she hopes to pass her love for the sport to her players.

"I don't think the girls realize what they're capable of until they throw themselves on the ground and get the ball back over the net," Baker said. "It's exhilarating. That's what I want them to feel."

But enthusiasm alone won't get them past the powerhouse programs.

"Consistency over intensity," Baker emphasized. "Yes, we need to be intense. But if you can consistently execute the ball well, points will come. And that's how we wedge ourselves into the top of our conference."

The Panthers' roster includes five seniors, some of whom Baker has coached since their junior varsity days. Others she's coached since middle school.

"This is probably one of the first years I haven't had to coach technique as much," she said. "Their IQ is there, their skills are there. Now we

get to focus on the details. It's exciting."

And with a strong core of juniors and sophomores logging significant court time, the future appears promising as well ... though Baker isn't one to look too far ahead.

"I haven't even thought about next year," she said. "I'm focused on the here and now. But we have an excellent core to build from."

To make the postseason, every point, every set, every game, every match matters.

"We have no wiggle room," Baker said. "We're not a program with a long history of championships. We have to battle every single game like it's the key to the playoffs."

It helps that the Panthers are buying into their coach's philosophy.

"They crave it. They don't even know what it's like yet, but they crave that level of competition. And when they get that signature win, they'll know," Baker said.

Until then, the Panthers, along with their coach, will keep grinding it out, one rep at a time.

This week's schedule includes matches at Dallas on Thursday and at Silverton on Tuesday. Both contests begin at 6:30 p.m.

'Gritty' Dragons on the rise in volleyball

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

This year, the Dragons' aim is to outwork the competition.

"We may not be tall, but we're athletic," Coach Shana Lavier said of her varsity volleyball squad. "We're still figuring things out, but this group has great chemistry and plays with heart."

Her group possesses other desired traits as well.

"We have grit, versatility, and athleticism," said Lavier, who is in the third year of her second stint with the team. "We'll counter any height disadvantage with hustle and a roster stacked with multi-sport athletes who know how to compete."

One of the biggest story lines this season is the emergence of senior Ruby Halligan, who has taken over the role of setter for the first time in her prep career. Despite her lack of experience at this key position, Halligan's ability and leadership have made her a cornerstone.

"She's the quarterback of this team," Lavier said. "Ruby never leaves the floor. She's quick, smart, can jump, and has good hands. She's taken on a huge role, and she's owning it."

In the middle, the Dragons bring back junior Ashlynn Firestone and senior Paige Brushe, both of whom have varsity experience along with strong presence at the net. The duo's familiarity with the pace of the league will help anchor a team filled with new faces in key roles.

"These two know what varsity play looks like," Lavier said of Firestone and Brushe. "They're helping guide the others while holding down the middle for us."

On the outside, junior Alexis Ward is one of the squad's most explosive athletes. A standout jumper on the track and field team, Ward's

vertical game translates well in volleyball.

"Alexis can fly," Lavier said. "You forget how short we are as a team because Alexis and others play so big."

Dallas lost six seniors from last year's squad, but the coach is confident this year's lineup has potential, albeit one that comes with a learning curve.

"We've got several girls stepping into varsity roles for the first time. They're figuring out their jobs," Lavier said. "But they're athletic, coachable, and working hard."

Among the new players drawing praise is Kenady Morrison, the team's senior libero.

"Kenady is showing leadership in the back row as we work to improve our defense and serve receive, two areas we are emphasizing in practice," Lavier said.

The Mid-Willamette Conference is one of the most competitive in Oregon, with perennial state contenders South Albany, West Albany, Corvallis and Silverton in residence. While other residents, like Central and Lebanon, join Dallas in harboring playoff hopes of their own.

"Every year, at least four teams from our league make the state tournament. So even finishing in the middle of the pack means we are competing with the best," Lavier said. "We need to stay sharp."

The Dragons (0-2, 0-4 overall) were tested early last week and came up short against Silverton and Corvallis, as there were breakdowns in fundamentals.

"We gave away too many free balls, but we're learning. We're focused on building skills each week," Lavier said.

Dallas hosts Central on Thursday, with first serve at 6:30 p.m. Then, it's on to the Woodburn tournament Saturday and to Crescent Valley on Tuesday.



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Shana Lavier coaches up the Dallas varsity volleyball team during last week's 3-0 loss to Corvallis.

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PAGES OF THE PAST

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Sept. 18, 1985: ATTENTIVE CLASS - Students and parents, including (from left) Brian Hoefling, Wayne Hull, Ray Stull, Doug McWhirter, Ed Gagznos, Joseph Gagznos, Arnie Retherford, John Hull, and Jason Hull, were all ears last week during a hunter safety class taught by Ralph Lettenmaier at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Twenty of the 21 students passed the class.

50 years ago

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1975

Dallas City Council keeps system charge

By a 5-2 vote the Dallas City Council voted Monday night to deny a request by Mrs. M.L. Vickery to exempt her from a systems development charge in the expansion of her mobile home court. The charge would total \$160 for every trailer she moved into her new mobile home area.

Mrs. Vickery requested relief from the charge because the \$8,000 she has reportedly already spent to bring sewer line to the mobile home property. She said because of the exceptionally long connection and expense already needed she should be exempt from a further charge.

School delayed at Grand Ronde

At the regular school board meeting Sept. 8, at

Grand Ronde, John Henslee, the architect, gave his final report. He explained the various changes that had been made in the plans and the budget during the building process. The original amount of \$932,400 grew to an expenditure of \$1,044,214.79 and the latest revenue is \$1,048,934 (result of interest and a federal kitchen grant). The building is almost finished, but concrete sidewalks are yet to be added around the back sides of the building.

Dragons halt Huskies in nonleague

The hosting Dallas High Dragons blasted the talented but mistake-prone Sweet Home Huskies Friday evening 27-14 before a good sized home town crowd.

The locals opened a 13-0 gap in the first quarter, watched the visitors narrow the lead to 13-8 by halftime, but then put the game away in the third with another two-touchdown explosion. Sweet Home tallied again

with 6:21 remaining in the game but the outcome was never in doubt.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1985

Numbers go up at Dallas High School

Inside the hallways of Dallas High School, an unusually high number of incoming students this year is especially noticeable at one crowded intersection.

Last year at this time about 797 students were enrolled

at the high school, with 586 making up the top three grades. This year has seen an increase in the top three grades to more than 600, while the freshman class is the largest of all at about 240.

Parents start up DHS booster club

Think what it would be like if all the activities in Dallas schools gained the strong support the football team garners - one local resident has started a group with just that purpose.

The Dallas Booster Club, a group started by Lonnie Baller of Baller's Family Restaurant, has close to 75 families singed up after one membership meeting and a membership drive and raffle at Friday's football game against Oregon City.

Ballas, who was one of the original founders of the Panther Club at Central High School, said the first booster club of Dallas has ever had is off to a good start.

Dragons take out explosives, win 33-0

Mike Locke's 88-yard kickoff return at the start of the game gave the rapid-fire Dallas High football team another quick start and another win - this time at home against Oregon City, 33-0.

A week earlier, Dallas had scored on a long run on the first play of scrimmage in a win over Tigard. Friday night at Gallaspy Field, the Dragons waited no longer than the opening kickoff to find the endzone.

Community Achievement

Local nonprofits receive Pacific Power Foundation grants

Polk County non-profits Project Gear Box and Strategic Economic Development Foundation were two of 62 nonprofits and community organizations to receive Pacific Power Foundation grants. The Community Enhancement and Environmental Respect Grants were earmarked to organizations whose mission is to enhance communities and promote responsible environmental stewardship.

"The Pacific Power Foundation is inspired by these critical community-serving organizations that help our region prosper," said Ryan Flynn,

president of Pacific Power. "It's an honor to support their work in building vibrant communities."

Community Enhancement and Environmental Respect Grants are made through one of four grant cycles offered by the Pacific Power Foundation each year. The foundation supports a wide range of organizations within the communities served by Pacific Power.

SNHU announces summer President's List

Southern New Hampshire University recently named its students to the

summer 2025 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

The following students from Polk County were honored:

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Community Calendar Sept. 17-24

Wednesday, Sept. 17

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Free Computer Basics: Google Email, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 3 p.m. - Bead Buddies craft class, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
 5:30 p.m. - Dallas Parks Advisory Board meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Thursday, Sept. 18

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces & Rhymes, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11 a.m. - Grief 101 Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2 p.m. - 3rd Thursday Book Club discusses "Everything I never told you" by Celeste Ng, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Community Center Board Meeting
 6 p.m. - Trivia & Vino at Elysium, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.

Friday, Sept. 19

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Trip to the Wall That Heals, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/Cards, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Drawing for fun/writer's workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, Sept. 20

8 a.m. - Dallas Area Senior Center Board of Directors Meeting
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot
 10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Remedy Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Moonfall Goes to the Movies, 11140 Orrs

Corner Road, Rickreall, purchase tickets at the Dallas Library or online at bit.ly/moonfall97371

Sunday, Sept. 21

8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
 10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.

Monday, Sept. 22

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group, Dallas Public Library
 10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Tertulia Spanish Group, Dallas Public Library
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Dallas Yarn Crafters Guild, Dallas Public Library
 5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Tuesday, Sept. 23

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Wii Bowling/Intermediate Stretch Exercise,

Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Free Fall Prevention Class, Trinity Lutheran Church - 320 SE Fir Villa Road
 9 a.m. - Meet volunteers from Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum at the Arboretum Center to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m., Dallas City Park
 9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Grand Activity Days/Kitchen Science Class, 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 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, 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. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center
 3:30 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 6 p.m. - Intergenerational Dinner, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Paint Night for Adults, Dallas Public Library

6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Free Computer Basics: Google Email, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Dallas Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Dallas Public Administration Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

Community Briefs

Deadline nears to sign up for Dallas Leadership series

The deadline to sign up for the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Series is Sept. 19. Join the Chamber at the Dallas Civic Center, located at 945 SE Jefferson St., leadership class every second Thursday, starting Oct. 9, designed to strengthen our community from the inside out. This isn't just about leadership — it's about building relationships, discovering local resources, and shaping the future of Dallas together. To apply, email board@dallasoregon.org.

Hop & Heritage Festival returns Sept. 20

The Independence Downtown Association presents the Hop & Heritage Festival from noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 20 in downtown and at Riverview Park. Admission is free. There will be more than 30 vendors. Purchase a passport for \$15 to sample beers at more than 10 locations or visit the beer garden. Activities include a corn hole tournament, a Heritage Stage with demos including fiddlers, weavers and glass art, and live music including opensers Nina and the Rebel

Rockers and headliners the Lucky Pluckers.

Visit Polk County Democrats at Hop & Heritage Festival

The Polk County Democrats will be sponsoring a booth at the Hop & Heritage Festival in Independence from noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 20. Come by and visit, where you'll find pins, posters, bumper stickers, and yard signs for sale. As always, voter information and lively conversation are free.

WOU class of 2015 reunion is Sept. 20

The Western Oregon University Class of 2015's 10-year reunion is at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at Yeasty Beasty, located at 167 Main St. W, in Monmouth. Come mix, mingle and catch up with old friends. For more information, contact Michael at mcalhoun11@mail.wou.edu or (503) 704-7837.

IACT hosts Forge Fest NW Sept. 20

Industrial Artistic and Creative Therapy presents

Forge Fest NW, at 10 a.m. Sept. 20 at 6665 Rickreall Road, in Independence. I.A.C.T. provides creative therapeutic services for veterans and former first responders. Forge Fest NW features hands-on fun at the Forging Academy — try your hand at forging with skilled

See BRIEFS B6

Project Gear Box has been named by the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce as their Member of the Week.

Project Gear Box is dedicated to young athletes in Polk County. Their mission is "to make sure every young athlete has the gear they need to get into the game, at no cost to them or their families." The organization, not yet two years old, has already equipped over 200 athletes.

Help by attending the "Suit Up for the Season Dinner and Auction." It will be held September 25th at the Independence Hotel Atrium. Project Gear Box promises a night of community, inspiration, and impact.

Donations can be made at local drop-boxes. To find one visit projectgearboxor.org. Questions can be directed to projectgearbox.polk@gmail.com

Founder Gabriella Walton is proud of the number of young athletes who have been served so far. And, she says, "We're just getting started."



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Estate Sale

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Garage Sales

Huge Yard Sale! Saturday, Sept. 20th, 8am - 4pm. 5007 Wigrich, Independence. Everything must go: Furniture, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas items, clothes, toys and more. Don't miss out on great deals!" Huge Yard Sale! Saturday, Sept. 20th, 8am - 4pm. 5007 Wigrich, Independence. Everything must go: Furniture, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas items, clothes, toys and more. Don't miss out on great deals!"

Sept. 19-20, Friday & Saturday: 1321 SW Clay St., Dallas, 9am to 4pm each day. Tractor, vehicles, farm equipment/materials/implements, clothes, dishes, housewares, and more.



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NEW LISTING! 2022 manufactured home in all age park. Open floor plan and big windows for natural light. Kitchen has fantastic counter space and storage. 2bd/2 bath. Primary suite has a step in shower and fantastic storage. Electric furnace and heat pump. **\$195,000.00** (#833424)



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1344 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk in the Matter of the Estate of Gilbert Kirkwood Riddell Jr., Deceased No. 25PB07416 - Probate NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present such claims within four months after the date of publication of this notice to Liam Riddell, c/o Heltzel Williams PC, Attn: Erin H. Pascual, P.O. Box 1048, Salem, OR 97308, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and published September 17, 2025, /s/ Liam Riddell Personal Representative Heltzel Williams PC Erin H. Pascual, OSB #143400 P.O. Box 1048 Salem, OR 97308-1048 Attorneys for Personal Representative 9/17/25

PCIO25-1336 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK in the Matter of: Case No. 25CV46054, VERONICA C. FUHRMANN, AS TRUSTEE OF VERONICA C. FUHRMANN TRUST, U/A DATED JULY 13, 2020, Plaintiff, v. CASCADE CEMENT CO., Defendant. NOTICE OF CIVIL PROCEEDING: CASCADE CEMENT CO., its shareholders or their successors or assigns are hereby required to appear and defend COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication, and in case of your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title). The COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) alleges that you have failed to advance rights you have in certain real property of Plaintiff. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY! THE DEFENDANT HEREIN SHOULD TAKE NOTICE THAT IF IT IS YOUR INTENT TO CONTEST THE MATTERS INVOLVED HEREIN, A WRITTEN RESPONSE SPECIFYING THE MATTERS TO BE CONTESTED MUST BE FILED BY YOU WITH THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR WITH PROOF OF SERVICE OF A COPY THEREOF ON PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION, September 17, 2025, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney. ABSENT GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, NO CONTEST TO THE COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) SHALL BE PERMITTED UNLESS THE CONTESTANT HAS FILED A WRITTEN RESPONSE. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503)684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800)452-7636. Zachary Dablow, OSB #073723 Attorney for Plaintiff 1491 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302 (503) 485-4168 / Email: zachary@dablowlaw.com. 9/17/25, 9/24/25, 10/1/25, 10/8/25

PCIO25-1341 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, Oregon 97338 on September 30th, 2025. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: David Dufour H30351, Jaime Givens B0007, Kira Jones H10026, Leah Williams A0052, Abigail Guerrero Ochoa A0124, Bianca Williams H20302.

PCIO25-1346 Notice of Regular Meeting, Clinical Advisory Panel, Tuesday September 23, 2025 7:30 8:30 am The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Clinical Advisory Panel brings together diverse local health care provider perspectives to advise on best clinical practice, health care quality, and health information technology initiatives. The CAP is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 7:30 - 8:30 am. The meeting is open to the public and will be held online via Zoom video/ conference call. For additional meeting information, visit <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/will-work/clinical-advisory-panel/>. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org.

PCIO25-1345 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Neal James Campbell,

deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB07992. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at PO Box 791, Salem, OR 97308, 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 personal representative. Dated and published: September 17, 2025. Myra A. Bielby Personal Representative Willamette Legacy Law Mayra A. Gonzalez, OSB No. 224053 Willamette Legacy Law PO Box 791 Salem, OR 97308 Phone: (971) 345-6986 Fax: (971) 345-6913

PCIO25-1334 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 135538-OR Loan No.: *****1475 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MARCELO DEL RIO AND KATHLEEN DEL RIO, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, as Grantor, to TICOR TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/25/2007, recorded 1/31/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-001616, Later assumed by Sara L. Vangilder who have assumed the loan), Assumption Agreement Recorded on 2/5/2024 as Instrument No. 2024-000718, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 3, BLOCK 1, OREGON TRAIL APARTMENTS, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POL COUNTY, OREGON APN: 385426 / 08429-BD-02200 Commonly known as: 632 S 13TH ST INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351 The current beneficiary is: MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC. 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: 8/1/2024 - 8/1/2025 Total: \$9,315.06 Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,754.57 Total Required to Reinstated: \$11,069.63 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$67,104.01 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 \$59,101.67 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.125 % per annum, from 7/1/2024 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 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 1/13/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, 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 place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes 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: 8/19/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1342 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on Oct 11th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Mike Silver unit 288, Jody Wilcox unit 358, Anthony Smith unit 206, Laura Kirk unit 168, Robert Carroll unit 177, Kaydra McCargar unit 371, Logan Keys unit 196, Angela Trinidad unit 142. Final Notice to Vacate Beverly Lang unit A018

PCIO25-1326 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73225 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by KEITH D RIGGS as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for PACIFIC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 9/19/2019, recorded 9/24/2019, as Instrument No. 2019-010640, Rerecorded on 10/03/2019 as Instrument No. 2019-01 1339, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 16, BLOCK 11, SALEM TOWNE NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1886 WOODSTOCK CIR NW SALEM, OREGON 97304 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 310682 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 1/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 1/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$31,313.32 Late Charges: \$404.91 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,119.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,793.00 Total necessary to cure: \$35,630.23 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and/or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$250,072.48 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 12/12/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove

described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 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 said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. 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 place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 7/31/2025 ZBS Law, LLP Dirk Schouten, OSB#1 15153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4850312 09/03/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/17/2025, 09/24/2025

PCIO25-1327 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 184430 APN: 376585 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Ramzi S. Gregory and Myrna R. Gregory, husband and wife as Grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC as Beneficiary, dated 05/18/2022, recorded 05/23/2022, in the official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2022-006255 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 16, BLOCK 3, GLEN EDEN, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 1798 Sunburst Ter NW, Salem, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 06/10/2024 as Inst No. 2024-004311 in the records of Polk, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 03/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance in the amount of: \$347,728.51; 2. Interest through 08/28/2025 in the amount of: \$28,734.01 3. MIP/PMI Advances in the amount of: \$0.00 4. Recoverable balance in the amount of: \$8,395.22 5. Late Charges in the amount of: \$295.08 6. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$10,984.94 7. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 5.25% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$347,728.51 together with the interest thereon at the rate 5.25% per annum from 02/01/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the

terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 12/16/2025 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, 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 Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. 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 place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS THE PROPERTY IN WHICH YOU ARE LIVING IS IN FORECLOSURE. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 12/16/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR AT LATEST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this

property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org> The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. Dated: 08/15/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Carmen Robinson, Authorized Signer Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A-FN4850828 08/27/2025, 09/03/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/17/2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1318 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73826 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by JENNIFER JAY RICKEY, A MARRIED PERSON as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 7/15/2022, recorded 8/1/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-008986, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 29, BLOCK 2, LOWELL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 2321 WEST FARTHING WAY NORTHWEST SALEM, OREGON 97304 The Tax

Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 359151 1 07320-AB-09500 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 1/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of

principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$25,155.84 Late Charges: \$1,378.26 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,186.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$976.00 Total necessary to cure: \$30,696.60 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and

review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$394,349.00 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 12/2/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.77 1(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property,

except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503)946-6558 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 said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. 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 place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 7/15/2025 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4848472 08/27/2025, 09/03/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/17/2025

PUBLIC RECORD

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, Sept. 4

At 2:19 a.m., police received a request for a welfare check on Levens Street of a resident who hadn't been heard from Since Aug. 31. Officers obtained entry under a community caretaking order and found the resident OK and not in need of assistance.

At 3:54 a.m., a passerby on allgood street reported being concerned about a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood. Officers determined it was a paper carrier.

At 7:49 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for driving uninsured and failure to register a vehicle. The driver received a written warning for speeding and illegal alteration of license plates. The 2026 expiration stickers from the license plate were seized.

At 8:04 a.m., a report of a white male in his 60s/70s looking into the window of

the bible study building on Levens Street. An officer was unable to locate the subject.

At 10:41 a.m., Bronti Jones was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with contempt of court (restraining order violation), then lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 3:01 p.m., a male subject was trespassed from the McDonald's on Ellendale Avenue after he acted out in anger.

At 3:44 p.m., a resident on Academy Street reported items were stolen from her home. Unknown suspect at this time.

At 4:26 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a dog inside a hot truck on Kings Valley Highway. The truck was gone by the time he got there.

At 7:29 p.m., Scott McDonald was arrested on Kings Valley Highway then lodged on a Polk County warrant for failure to appear after he was arrested on a Salem Municipal warrant for failure to appear. He was cited and released on the Salem warrant.

At 8:25 p.m., a resident on Crider Street reported finding a baby squirrel that had fallen out of a nest. An officer advised seeking out a wildlife rescue or Polk Animal Control.

At 8:40 p.m., a report of a white with bronze components "Transition" electric assist mountain bike was stolen from the Lunitas parking lot on Ellendale Avenue.

At 8:57 p.m., police investigated a report that a residence was broken into on Walnut Avenue. They found there were copious amounts of mustard spread across all of the furniture, walls and floors.

At 10:41 p.m., an officer admonished a juvenile on Ellendale Avenue for driving behaviors that were called in.

Friday, Sept. 5

At 4:16 a.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for failure to carry and present an operator's license.

At 8:05 a.m., a male subject on Southwest Ballston Road was cited and released for menacing.

At 8:54 a.m., a report that an unknown suspect painted the curb yellow on Pine Place.

At 11:30 a.m., officers investigated a theft from Walmart reported on Sept. 1.

At 12:14 p.m., a resident on Uglow Avenue reported their identity was stolen by a scammer.

At 5:14 p.m., a report of a hit and run crash on Ellendale Avenue.

Saturday, Sept. 6

At 1:45 a.m., an officer moved traffic cones out of the road on Miller Avenue.

At 8:14 a.m., officers received a request for a welfare check on a resident on La Creole Drive because he said he received a voicemail from her saying "I need help." Officers contacted the resident who advised she was okay and had no issues.

At 1:54 p.m., officers received a late theft report from Safeway. Staff refused to pursue theft charges and wanted the female subject trespassed from the location.

At 4:28 p.m., officers received a 911 hangup from a residence on Lalack Street. It turned out to be an accidental dial by a juvenile.

At 4:41 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a dog in a vehicle with the windows up. The officer found the animal who appeared not distressed or panting.

At 6:42 p.m., an officer found a two-year-old juvenile on Hayter Street then returned the toddler to an aunt who was babysitting about a block away.

At 9:35 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle with extensive damage parked on Washington Street, involving a possible intoxicated hit-and-run. An officer contacted the registered owner who stated

the incident happened at her residence involving a fence on her property.

Sunday, Sept. 7

At 1:29 a.m., while on another call, officers located a camp on Main Street with garbage, clothing items, a tent, and two bikes. One of the bikes was listed as stolen, but the bikes were locked together and too heavy to get up the cliff.

At 2:28 a.m., officers checked a boarded up residence on Hayter Street due to seeing lights on.. All doors were locked and there was not any activity of anyone inside.

At 7:06 a.m., officers investigated a report of a subject sleeping in front of a store on Ellendale Avenue. They were unable to locate anyone.

At 7:51 a.m., someone reported finding two goats with horns loose on Hayter Street. The reporting party volunteered to take them home until the owner was found. At 1:02 p.m., the owner called looking for the goats and was connected with the person who made the report earlier.

At 2:54 p.m., the goat owner called back to advise that one of the goats was very pregnant and is not any longer. She wondered if officers had found a baby goat somewhere.

At 8:07 p.m., a report of an unknown male was taking gravel from Ellendale and Levens streets city construction sites. The complainant provided a license plate and description of the driver. Officers contacted the registered owner of the vehicle who admitted to taking the gravel. He stated he would return the property.

At 9:08 p.m., a report of three unknown individuals on the roof of Dallas High School. The individuals left before officers arrived. No damage was observed.

Monday, Sept. 8

At 1:20 a.m., officers contacted someone walking in the Dallas City Park who was looking for a place to camp. The subject received a park exclusion citation for 30 days.

At 7:56 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for driving while using an electron device.

At 9:21 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for speeding 30 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 9:36 a.m., an anonymous report of juveniles on Lalack Street shooting BB guns at houses and a dog.

At 10:35 a.m., a subject was trespassed from Walmart.

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BRIEFS

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blacksmiths and bladesmiths. All ages are welcome. There will also be Community & Giving Back – every dollar raised goes to support life-changing programs for those who've served us.

Bambinos hosts swap & shop Sept. 20

Bambinos Oregon hosts a Fall Swap & Shop at 10 a.m. Sept. 20 at their Dallas location, 322 Main St., Suite 200. There will be free baby equipment and a car seat clinic.

Court Street Pub hosts free poker tournament Sept. 21

The Court Street Pub & Grub presents the King of Hearts Quarterly Poker Tournament from 2-7 p.m. Sept. 21 at 186 SW Court St. in Dallas. To sign up, RSVP Neil Anthony Young at Youngneil77@gmail.com.

Salt Creek Cider House hosts Fall Y'all Festival Sept. 21

Salt Creek Cider House presents their 6th Annual Fall Y'all Festival from noon to 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at 14500 Salt Creek Road, in Dallas. Take a Sip n' Stroll through the orchard with a Salt Creek Cider House mug and tastings of their seasonal cider, all for \$25. There will be live music by Nathan Meyers opening for Bailey Heide's first full band set. There will be food served up by El Pique all day and sweets from Sweet Wheels ice cream truck and We Are Cake shop.

Chambers present Polk County Women in Business Breakfast Sept. 23

The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center present Polk County Women in Business Breakfast, at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 23 at 300 Reuben Boise Road in Dallas. Network with other

professional women, enjoy a free breakfast and a fabulous guest speaker.

LDS Church hosts family history training Sept. 25

Lora M. Monroe and Cooper Hollow Ward Members present Family History Training at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1401 SW 13th St., in Dallas. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/477iSGy>.

Project Gear Box hosts charity dinner, auction Sept. 25

Project Gear Box invites the community to suit Up for the Season Dinner & Auction – a night of community, inspiration, and impact – from 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Independence Hotel Atrium, located at 201 Osprey Lane in Independence. There will be complimentary dinner and drinks, high-energy entertainment emceed by Hype Girl Jazz and live music by

Drey Tucker, and an auction to help kids gear up for their season. Seats are limited, so RSVP now to secure your spot at www.projectgearbox.org/new-page.

Dallas hosts Bigfoot, BBQ & Brews Sept. 27-28

The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce presents Bigfoot, BBQ and Brews, from 10 a.m. Sept. 27 through 8 p.m. Sept. 28 in Dallas City Park. Walk the paths to shop the vendors. Take advantage of inclusive activities, BBQ contests, bouncy castles and beer. There will be local business specials and highlights, live music, activities and a relaxing beer garden. For more information, contact dallasbigfoot@dallasoregon.org.

Bigfoot, BBQ and Brews seeks barbecue competitors

Calling all barbecue competitors. The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking participants for their first ever amateur barbecue competition at the Bigfoot,

BBQ & Brews event Sept. 27. Grand prize is a Mak grill valued at \$2,500, with second and third place prizes available. The cost to enter is \$149. Fill out an application at www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=24881. All team members must have a food handler's card. Apply at www.orfoodhandlers.com. For more information, email dallasbigfoot@dallasoregon.org.

History & Mystery Walk returns Oct. 3

The History and Mystery Walk returns to Monmouth Oct. 3. Join the city of Monmouth in Main Street Park at 7 p.m. for a fun-filled evening listening to stories about what life in Monmouth was like in days gone by. Storytellers dressed in costume will be stationed at various downtown businesses to share quirky tales with a variety of interesting facts about Monmouth's history, including a few spooky and mysterious stories thrown in to celebrate the upcoming Halloween holiday. The

historic MaMere's Guest House will also be giving free tours of their lovingly restored inn that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the event, contact Suzanne Dufner at sdufner@ci.monmouth.or.us or (503) 751-0147.

Ghost Walk returns to Independence Oct. 4

The Independence Ghost Walk, a free community event hosted by the Heritage Museum, returns Oct. 4. Pick up a Ghost Walk map at either the Umpqua Bank parking lot or Riverview Park by the fountain. Arrive early and enjoy a meal at one of our downtown restaurants. Apparition Avenue is from 4-6 p.m. A pre-ghost walk event where guests can explore off-the-beaten-path locations just a few blocks from Main Street. Don't miss the vendors by the fountain while you're there.

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BLOTTER

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At 12:31 p.m., a report of an unknown vehicle, most likely a big rig, hit a vehicle's side mirror on Hollman Avenue. The mirror popped out of the housing, but was undamaged. An officer was able to reinstall the mirror and reposition it back into place.

At 1:39 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a location on Ellendale Avenue.

At 2:01 p.m., Ryan Reaves was arrested and charged with trespassing at Safeway. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 2:02 p.m., a juvenile was referred for attacking another student, taking her backpack and cell phone, then smashing her phone.

At 3:30 p.m., Amanda Scott was cited and released on Academy Street on an outstanding Albany Municipal Warrant.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

At 6:05 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Ellendale Avenue for failing to obey a traffic control device. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and for driving while suspended - violation. The driver was warned for failing to obey a traffic control device.

At 8:33 a.m., a motorist on Polk Station Road was cited for driving while using a mobile electronic device.

At 2:03 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph school zone and failure to properly use a safety belt.

At 2:33 p.m., an officer spoke to numerous parents on Southeast Miller Street waiting for their kids at Whitworth. They were parked, partially blocking the eastbound lane making traffic more congested and unable for some vehicles to get around. The officer explained they could not be in the lane of traffic, stopped waiting for their kids and would need to either park across the street or loop around until there was room in the pick up lane.

At 8:27 p.m., a resident on Juniper Avenue reported a juvenile walked to his residence from across the street where he was visiting friends to tell the resident he was too afraid to walk home in the dark. The resident advised the neighbor where the juvenile was staying and drove him home.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

At 1:10 a.m., Michael Klein was arrested and charged with burglary 1 (attempted), criminal mischief 1, menacing (domestic violence), criminal trespass 2, and driving while suspended/revoked - misdemeanor.

At 1:25 a.m., officers investigated a report of an open garage door and main door on Forestry Lane. There was no answer at the door. An officer closed the garage and left a business card requesting a call back if anything was missing.

At 8:18 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph school zone and for driving uninsured.

At 9:45 a.m., a report of someone sleeping under the bridge at Main Street/Ian Tawny. An officer found a tent set up under the bridge, but did not see anyone around it.

At 12:35 p.m., a report of a hit/run in the Safeway parking lot. Damage was very minor.

At 1:59 p.m., a motorist who knew she was driving while suspended, decided to park in the 7-Star lot on Ellendale Avenue and smoke marijuana. She was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for drug use in a public space. She was warned for failing to carry/display a license.

At 11:31 a.m., a report of a bicycle found on Ellendale

Avenue. Police took it for safekeeping.

At 2:57 p.m., police investigated a report of a male subject laying in the driveway of Safeway. An officer contacted the subject who advised he was sitting and drinking his Iced.

At 9:59 p.m., William Prock was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with disorderly conduct 2 and prohibited exposure after he peed in the middle of a parking lot and getting aggressive towards others.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, Sept. 4

Suspicious Vehicle: A concerned neighbor reported a male getting out of a blue vehicle and slamming the doors, appearing very upset. A younger female passenger seemed scared. The vehicle was not located.

Ordinance Violation: Police attempted to contact a person regarding a recreational vehicle parked on the street. A person inside the vehicle stated the owner was arrested the previous day. The recreational vehicle was tagged for a 3-day parking violation.

Domestic Dispute: A 15-year-old reported to a neighbor that her mother was having a mental crisis. The mother also called 911. The mother was upset with her daughter acting like an adult, and the daughter was upset because her mother had been yelling and hitting herself. The mother admitted to hitting herself but denied wanting to self-harm. The daughter did not feel safe staying with her mother and waited at the police department with her 6-month-old son for her father to pick her up. Child Protective Services will be notified.

Suspicious Activity: A person was spoken with about their belongings at the amphitheater. The person said they would clean up and be gone by dark. When asked about needles, the person explained they were diabetic and were not acting unusual.

Minor in Possession: A report of a juvenile intoxicated in a parking lot. Her father was trying to get her into his car when another intoxicated female interfered. All parties were separated, and the juvenile was formally referred to the county juvenile center and released to her father.

Dispute: During a minor in possession call, two individuals were observed getting into a verbal argument. The vehicle left and was later located. One individual explained they had a dispute but nothing physical occurred. There was an open container in the car, and the individual received a citation for it.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A caller reported her 8-year-old son was chasing her around trying to stab her with scissors. She barricaded herself in the bedroom. The child came outside crying and upset, stating his mom was rude to him, so he was rude back and took it too far. The child has several behavioral diagnoses. There were many stab marks on the bedroom door. The child calmed down, and the mother felt safe enough to keep him for the night.

Runaway: A father reported his daughter had run away from his house shortly after a minor in possession incident. The father signed a missing person form and believed she might be at her girlfriend's house. The daughter's apartment was not located. The daughter is listed as a runaway in the state database.

Disturbance: A person was refusing to get off a bus after not paying the fare to go to a nearby city. The person was trying to get home after work and did not have cash. Upon arrival, the person willingly

got off the bus. Contact was made with his mother, who agreed to pick him up. The bus service did not want him trespassed or to press charges.

Friday, Sept. 5

Menace: A person reported that while he was parked on the street in his vehicle, a male came out and threatened him, attempted to punch and tase him. The person drove away and called later. Another individual stated they heard there was an incident but did not know who was involved. Another individual said a male confronted the initial reporter and that the initial reporter was the primary aggressor, but nothing physical happened.

Runaway: A father reported that his daughter (listed as a runaway) texted him saying she was headed to school. A law enforcement official confirmed she was there. Before the call could be cleared and the daughter removed from the runaway list, she left school. She will not be removed as a runaway.

Suspicious Person: A report was made of a male yelling, cussing, and riding a bike around a spray-painted car. No disturbance was located, but it was likely the same individual as the abandoned auto.

Found Person: A report of a 2-year-old juvenile found with no adult around. After 20 minutes of knocking and checking, police found the girl's unit. Her mother was asleep when the child got out the back door. The mother had safety nets in place but not on the back door. She was warned that this could be criminal.

Suspicious Person: A report of a male staggering around, watching kids, and gesturing for them to come over at a park. The male was not located, and the complainant informed law enforcement that the subject left in a white sprinter-style van.

Assist Other Agency: Law enforcement assisted another agency with a physical disturbance in a backyard. A person was reportedly fighting his dad and then threatened to kill the neighbor. Another agency was also dealing with something the person caused earlier and reported he does have firearms. Local law enforcement covered the other agency and detained the subject when he came out of the house.

Disturbance: Two neighbors got into an argument which resulted in one throwing a children's scooter at the other. The victim may have been grazed by the scooter in the head. Both females were cited for disorderly conduct.

Hit and Run: A driver reported that as she was driving, a cream-colored vehicle turned out of a business and hit the back of her vehicle, causing a small scratch.

Another law enforcement agency passed along the information. The victim only wants the other party's insurance information.

Suspicious Activity: A report of multiple juveniles chugging milk in the park. Law enforcement responded to the area but did not locate anyone.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Criminal Mischief: An anonymous caller reported a female jumped on the hood of a vehicle and cracked the windshield. There was a 30-minute time delay, and the female left the location. The vehicle had a smashed windshield, and the registered owner wanted to pursue charges.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported her daughter said a masked man was inside her house. Law enforcement arrived within a minute and did not see anyone fleeing the location. The caller was bedridden and had a dog with her. The residence was cleared, and no persons

were found. The back door was unlocked, but the caller normally keeps it unlocked. There were no signs of forced entry.

Drug: A cashier reported finding a check on the ground as well as a baggie of suspect drugs. Law enforcement responded and found a check written for \$3,400 with a memo including another person's name. Staff showed a receipt for the male who came in looking for the check, and it had another person's name. A welfare check had recently been done involving these individuals. The check and substance were seized. The business reported the male returned and was yelling outside about wanting his check but was not located.

Runaway: A juvenile listed as a runaway was verified to be home. She was formally referred for runaway and removed from the state database.

DUII: A driver was stopped for failing to maintain a lane. Upon contact, impairment was observed. The driver consented to field sobriety tests and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, with a blood alcohol content of 0.11%.

Welfare Check: A person requested a welfare check on her 87 or 88-year-old aunt, who had not been heard from in a week. Police contacted the aunt and her daughter, and both were okay. The aunt's phone had broken. The caller was updated.

Welfare Check: Fire personnel responded to a report of a person falling out of her wheelchair. While there, she reported a possible burglary from the previous night, which she had no recollection of. Her caretaker was with her and stated they were seeing if she was able to live on her own. The person was advised to call if she had further concerns.

Fight: A person reported his friend was assaulted by another friend. During the interview, the alleged aggressor, who is developmentally disabled but knows right from wrong, walked up. Another friend recorded the incident, which showed the alleged aggressor as the primary aggressor. The victim was not injured. The alleged aggressor was arrested and charged with harassment and disorderly conduct 2, then released. The victim was released to his mother, and the alleged aggressor was taken home to his mother.

Animal Incident: A person reported being bitten twice by a neighbor's dog. The dog, a 6-year-old German shepherd/great dane mix, got out of its yard through an open gate. The person was walking her dog when the other dog lunged twice, biting her once on the right forearm and a second time near her breast bone, but did not break skin or leave marks. The dog's owner's account was identical. A bite report form was completed, and the owner was told to quarantine the dog at home.

Domestic Dispute: A person called to report the father of her children was knocking at the door to see the kids. There was no parenting plan or protection order in place. Getting a restraining order was suggested. She stated nothing physical happened. The father was spoken to about getting permission before showing up uninvited and getting a parenting plan to see the kids.

Noise: A non-emergency noise complaint was received regarding live music. The complainant advised his children were trying to sleep. Due to priority incidents, a call was not made until almost two hours later. The complainant advised the music had stopped and was encouraged to call again if needed.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Arrest: A wanted person was located walking and was arrested on Marion County warrants for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft 2. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Noise: An anonymous caller reported a noise complaint and underage drinking. The caller was provided the non-emergency number and advised to use it for such complaints. Upon arrival, no loud music or noise was heard.

Attempt to Locate: Another agency initiated a pursuit of a stolen silver sedan, which went east into another city where they terminated pursuit. The vehicle hit local license plate readers multiple times over the last day or so, and the driver was possibly a male contact from a noise complaint.

Attempt to Locate: Another agency was in pursuit of a two-door white sedan southbound on the highway before losing sight of it. Law enforcement staged but was unable to locate it.

Theft: A person reported that two unknown males attempted to steal her sedan and stole money from her car. They were possibly two Hispanic males, with no further description, and drove away in a light gray or white sedan. It was possibly the same vehicle involved in another agency's pursuit that was stolen from another city.

Suspicious Vehicle: A resident was concerned about a tan vehicle that had been parked near the bank for a couple of weeks. It was clear, though full of trash. It appeared law enforcement had checked it a couple of times. The caller was updated.

Assist Other Agency: Law enforcement assisted another agency with checking a boat launch for two male subjects associated with a camouflage-colored boat. The subjects reportedly were shooting towards houses. Law enforcement located the subjects, who were cooperative and advised they were goose hunting. Law enforcement stood by as cover until the other agency arrived and cleared the scene. No further action was taken by local law enforcement.

Assist Other Agency: Law enforcement assisted another agency on a 911 hangup with nothing heard. The other agency was busy on an unrelated call. Law enforcement arrived and learned there had been a verbal, non-criminal disturbance between two individuals. One individual was intoxicated and unhappy with law enforcement presence. Law enforcement waited for the other agency to arrive and stood by as cover for their investigation. No further action was taken.

Suspicious Person: A person reported several subjects at a park. Law enforcement arrived and found four subjects smoking marijuana at a picnic table. Three were 20 years old and one was 21. All were cooperative. The complainant was updated.

Monday, Sept. 8

Arrest: A person observed driving to a market was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor. The person was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Arrest: A 19-year-old female motorist was stopped for following too closely and vehicle headlight issues. She exhibited indicators of impairment and consented to field sobriety tests, which she performed poorly on. She was arrested and provided a 0.09% blood alcohol content within two hours of driving. She was lodged at the county jail and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering another person (her passenger). She was also

cited for a vehicle headlight issue, speeding 90 mph in a 55-mph zone, failure to install an ignition interlock device, and driving with a suspended license.

Ordinance Violation: A complaint about a parked recreational vehicle with Texas plates. Police contacted two individuals who were aware of the three-day parking ordinance and stated they had just parked in that location tonight. The information will be forwarded to the community service officer.

Animal Incident: A report of two dogs chained to tires near the sidewalk that barked at and startled the complainant. The complainant advised they were associated with a RV where some subjects were living. Law enforcement checked the area but did not locate the dogs. The complainant was updated via voicemail.

Arrest: A report of an individual causing a disturbance at the drive through window of a restaurant. The individual was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Domestic Disturbance: A report of a physical domestic incident on Ecols Street North that involved an individual who menaced another person and a friend with a car, then punched and kicked the person multiple times in front of children and a friend. The individual was arrested on multiple charges and transported to a correctional facility.

Domestic Disturbance: A report of a domestic incident between two individuals on Monmouth Avenue South. There were no reported injuries and a report was taken.

Assist Other Agency: A stolen gun, reported to a local law enforcement agency, was recovered in Portland. Information about this will be added to a report.

Tow: A red vehicle was towed from an address on Ecols Street South for a seven-day parking violation and entered into a system.

Domestic Disturbance: A report of a physical domestic incident on Catron Street North that occurred between two individuals after one became angry about the other using a phone during mealtime. No mandatory arrest crimes were committed.

Check Welfare: At the local library, an individual was sleeping behind dumpsters and staff wanted them to leave. The individual was compliant, made comments about wanting to die but stated they would not commit self-harm. Fire personnel responded to evaluate the individual due to medical issues, and the individual willingly left.

Suspicious Person: An anonymous complaint about a male sleeping on a bench and another acting oddly/pacing on the west side of a local park. Law enforcement was unable to locate them.

Vehicle vs Pedestrian Crash: A motorist hit a bicyclist while turning at an intersection. All accounts of the incident were consistent, and the driver believed the turn was clear. The bicyclist declined medical transport but reported a head injury and road rash. Another bicyclist was not hit but corroborated the story. Crash report exchange forms were provided.

Drugs: An anonymous complaint about three subjects possibly doing drugs under a gazebo at a local park. Police contacted a family who denied the activity. They were warned about such behavior at the park and were understanding. None appeared intoxicated.

AD's ties to Dallas High School run deep

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas High School Athletic Director Ron Snively begins his third year in the position with a sense of deep-rooted familiarity.

This marks Snively's eighth year with the district. But he is also an alumni, having graduated as a Dragon in 2008. While in high school, he quarterbacked the football team and was a standout in baseball.

For him, the campus is not just a work site. "This is home," Snively said. "I've been hired by the district three times. I started here as a student teacher and assistant in special education. I moved away, came back, moved again, and returned in 2020. This is where I want to be."

Life on campus is both similar and different from

when he was a student here.

"The culture feels similar, but students engage differently and are motivated in new ways," he said. "The sports themselves have evolved too, like the offensive schemes in football or how baseball is played."

Logistics have certainly changed, with online ticketing and credit card readers available at gates and concessions. Another upgrade is the school's new concessions trailer.

"It's cleaner, more modern, and it's going to help us improve our game-day experience for fans," Snively said.

He added that the trailer was a Facebook Marketplace purchase made possible through funds saved from previous seasons.

A partnership with BSN Sports brings school spirit into the digital age.

Through the online team store, fans and staff can now purchase Dallas High apparel from major brands like Nike, Adidas and Under Armour, he said. QR codes posted around the school and stadium offer easy access.

"Even our custodians ordered Carhartt shirts with the Dallas logo. It's a cool way to move our brand forward," he said.

On the fields of competition, Snively supports the school's continued reliance on multi-sport athletes.

"That's rare these days. But here, two- and three-sport athletes still outnumber single-sport athletes," Snively said. "That was

true when I was a student here, and it's still true now."

As one of the smallest schools in Class 5A, Dallas doesn't benefit from having access to a large recruiting pool. Instead, the athletic program relies on homegrown talent.

"We build our own," he said. "When we win championships, whether in wrestling, softball, or elsewhere, it's a community win. It reflects everything from youth sports to our K-12 coaching pipeline."

With reclassification a possibility in 2026-27, Dallas football could find itself in a new league for a third time in as many

years. But this time the other sports will follow the gridders. A final decision is not expected imminently, so Snively focuses largely on the season before him.

"Our conference works really well together," he said. "If things change, it'll be an adjustment. But we'll adapt."

In the meantime, the AD's mission is clear: Support students wherever they are, be it on the field, mat or court, and in the classroom.

"We exist to support the whole student-athlete," he said. "It's not just about sports. It's about preparing these students for life."

Academic eligibility remains a top priority at Dallas High School. The school uses PowerSchool to run weekly grade reports, which are shared with coaches to monitor student progress.

"When a coach is checking your grades and holding you accountable, sometimes that means more than a teacher," he said. "Most kids rise to the challenge."

While coaching positions remained largely in place this fall, changes are coming in the spring.

"We'll be posting for girls tennis and girls golf soon," he said.

Panthers conquer Vikings 38-0

By LANCE MASTERSON
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The Panthers wasted little time setting the tone in their outing against Forest Grove, ultimately prevailing

38-0 in varsity football action on Friday.

Central led 17-0 after one period, and 31-0 at halftime.

Quarterback JT Girod led the Panthers' offensive charge,

completing 24 of 37 passes for 355 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Girod's scoring passes went to three different receivers: an 11-yard toss to Joe Mendazona, a 59-yard catch-and-run to Tyler Olfason, and a 12-yard strike to Ryan Perkins.

Braden O'Sullivan began and ended the scoring for Central. The back rushed for a 7-yard touchdown in the first quarter and for a 9-yard score in the fourth quarter.

Mendazona was perfect in the kicking game, converting all four of his extra-point attempts while adding a 25-yard field goal.

Perkins emerged as Girod's top receiving

target, racking up 135 yards. O'Sullivan led the team with 55 rushing yards on 11 carries.

Mason Vela, with 11 tackles, and Robert Ceja, with seven, anchored the defense. Moses Garcia recovered two fumbles, and Moses Garcia one. Branden Ball intercepted a pass.

The Vikings were limited to 260 total yards on 55 plays, with 168 of these yards coming via the rush.

The Panthers now head into a bye week.

They return to action at home Sept. 26, when they host perennial powerhouse Silverton in their conference opener. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

PREP

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CHS volleyball 3, McKay 0
Roosevelt 5, CHS girls soccer 0
Corvallis 3, DHS volleyball 0
Southridge 8, DHS boys soccer 0
Clackamas 7, DHS girls soccer 0
PHS volleyball 3, Chemawa 0

St. Paul 3, FCHS volleyball 0
Sept. 12
CHS football 38, Forest Grove 0
DHS football 65, Ida B. Wells 0
PHS football 86, Jewell 0
Crow 25, FCHS football 0
Sept. 13
Newberg 2, DHS volleyball 1

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