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Riverview Park reopens through nonprofit grant

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The fences surrounding Riverview Park began coming down the morning of Aug. 27 thanks to a grant from a local nonprofit.

Friends of Community Parks awarded a \$30,000 grant to the city of Independence to reopen and maintain Riverview Park and Independence Landing through the end of 2026.

The grant award provides stabilizing funds to offset a citizen

referendum petition that was certified last week with the Polk County Clerk's Office. The city of Independence temporarily suspended collection of its city's Community Services & Parks Fee ahead of the November election. Without those fees which were approved in the 2026-27 budget, the city announced it did not have sufficient funds to maintain park, library and museum operations.

Just days later, Friends of Community Parks swooped in with a

temporary solution.

Jenny Potter, Treasurer of Friends of Community Parks, made the announcement of the grant with City Manager Kenna West on the city's YouTube channel. She said the funding was generated entirely by local community support during the annual July 4th Independence Days festival and fundraiser held at Riverview Park last month.

"We support the public parks and recreational

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A check from Friends of Community Parks for \$30,000 sits at the reopened fences surrounding Riverview Park.

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A secondary group of clientele bid on table items at the Paul Thompson Auction Aug. 30 at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

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ON THE BLOCK
Auctioneer fears for future of county fairgrounds

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Twice a month, the confines of Building C at the Polk County Fairgrounds are lined with tables, filled with nick nacks, collectibles and useful items. It's Paull Thompson's job to make sure the thousands of items in his inventory leave the building each time.

He's the head auctioneer for Paul Thompson Auctions and Estate Services, LLC.

The business started in Independence 25 years ago, before they moved their home office to Stayton in 2021.

"Well, so we put our feet down here in Polk County because we started doing this as we owned our house in Independence. And this was a perfect footprint and location for our business because we love the local scene, right? We want to support our friends and neighbors that are local," Thompson said.

Their auctions started monthly, with the occasional farm auction or estate auction scheduled from their home. But their goal was to host two a month at the fairgrounds.

"So I approached the manager of the team here, Tina Anderson, and I said, hey, I really want to do a regular, our goal every two weeks. She goes, not a problem," he recalled.

Thompson has been running auctions at the fairgrounds Building C now for two years.

And his clientele has been growing steadily with his businesses.

"We've been growing and growing, and it's more popular. People come into the office. They might be attending a quilt show, and they're like, 'What's going on in that back building back there?' Oh, well, they have a regular operation, and we get a new customer," Thompson said.

He explained an auction is different from a flea market as they attract different clientele. The products for sale at a flea market usually end up with the end user, Thompson said, while an auction involves many storage buyers or liquidators looking for inventory of their own to sell at the same flea markets. He also attracts the casual spender.

"Maybe you came here ...



Paul Thompson gets into rhythm as head auctioneer taking bids from his company's inventory.

and then you see a toolbox. Or you see something that you had as a kid. A Tonka truck, it could be anything. And then we hook you, and not in a devious way, just we provide all this inventory," Thompson explained. "And you happen to be looking around, and boom, you see something that brings back a memory. You see something that you can use around your home. And now you're interested in the

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Cities partner with WOU to keep trolley alive

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The cities of Monmouth and Independence are brokering an interlocal partnership with Western Oregon University to keep the popular MI Trolley operating well into the future.

The Monmouth City Council discussed an ordinance to codify the agreement at their Aug. 18 meeting and were expected to approve it Sept. 1 (after the I-O's deadline).

City Manager Rochelle Anderson explained that the trolley began as a demonstration project supported by a \$3 million appropriation from the Oregon Legislature.

"The purpose was to determine whether there was sufficient demand for an intercity transit connection between Monmouth and Independence, while also supporting Western Oregon University, economic development, and tourism," Anderson said.

She said the ridership numbers spoke for themselves. The trolley averaged more than 11,000 rides per month during its first two years, with current estimates of some months getting as many as 13,000 rides.

Anderson said the cities have also been successful in securing additional funding beyond the initial \$3 million. In 2025, the trolley received approximately \$750,000 in STIF funding, and a portion of that was 5310 funding, which is federal. Monmouth also received \$1.75 million through HB 5006, including \$1 million for operations and \$750,000 for equipment.

"As we move beyond the demonstration phase, we need a formal governance structure

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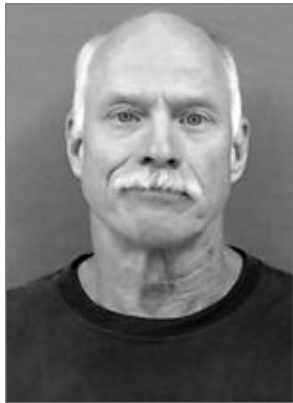


Joseph Wirkkala
SALEM MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN WALLACE MARINE PARK SHOOTING INCIDENT
Joseph Wirkkala, of Salem, has been found guilty by a Polk County jury of second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder for

separate shooting incidents in August of 2025 at West Salem’s Wallace Marine Park that left one person dead.
In addition Wirkkala, 37, was also found guilty of first-degree assault, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, two counts of menacing, two counts of reckless endangering another person, attempted first-degree assault, attempted fourth-degree assault, and felon in possession of a firearm.
The jury deliberated for approximately two hours before reaching its verdict after a three-day trial which was overseen by Polk County Circuit Judge Norman R. Hill. Wirkkala is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 1

at 8 a.m.
The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Matthew T. Wilson, and Deputy District Attorney Connor Amundson. The case was investigated by the Salem Police Department and Oregon State Police.
“IDOL ACROSS AMERICA” COMING TO OREGON VIA ZOOM
There will be an open call virtual Zoom auditions for “American Idol” in Oregon on Sept. 9.
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next “American Idol.”
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For more information about “Idol Across America,” including audition details, eligibility requirements, submission forms, and terms and conditions, visit www.americandidol.com/auditions.
AMITY MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL VICTIMS
On Aug. 23, the Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Unit



Lloyd Earl Rosenbalm
initiated an investigation into a reported sexual assault of a child that occurred in rural Amity. The named suspect was identified as Lloyd Earl Rosenbalm, 63, who is also known as Jay Rosenbalm.
On Aug 26, detectives located and arrested Rosenbalm at

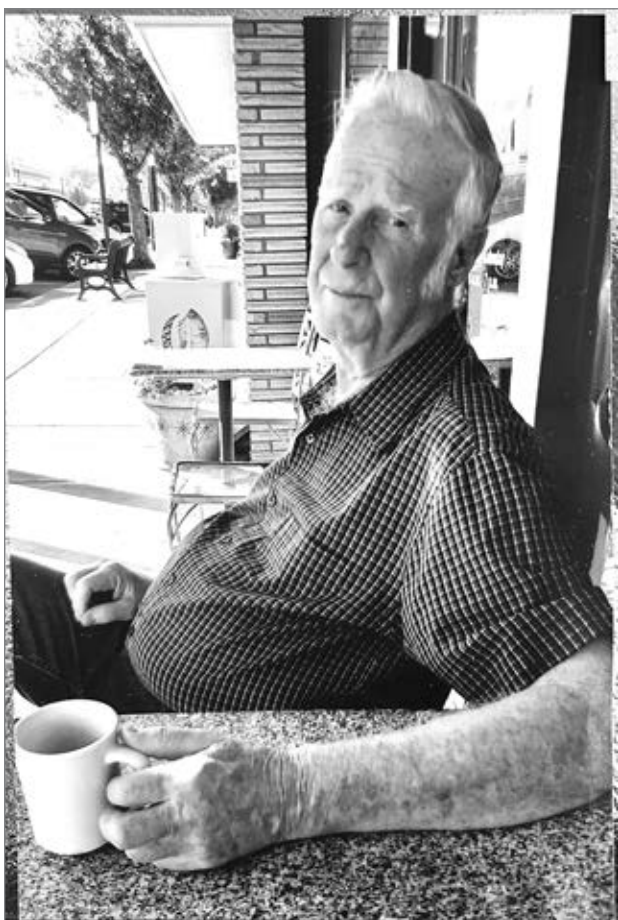
his residence in Amity. He was booked into the Yamhill County Correctional Facility on six counts of sex abuse in the first degree and one count of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree.
During the investigation, detectives developed reason to believe there may be additional victims who are unknown to investigators at this time.
Anyone with information related to this case or other potential incidents involving Rosenbalm is urged to contact the Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Unit at (503) 434-7349 (Det. H.Cerda) or (503) 474-6326 (Det.Sgt. W. Lavish).

Good Folk in Polk: Two Brothers

By DAVID CARLSON PASTOR
Longtime residents of Dallas who drive down Mill Street may have noticed two elderly gentlemen enjoying coffee at a table outside Mama Gordita’s Restaurant without fail, three or four times a week, for more than 25 years. The two, brothers Tom and Gary Howard, sat in front of the restaurant, talking and waiting for the noontime siren, quietly carrying on a tradition between loving siblings.
Life didn’t start easily for them. Tom was born Sept. 15, 1937, and Gary came two years later. Their father enlisted in the army for WWII, and while he was away serving his country, their mother fell in love with another soldier and left the two boys and their sister. In those days, if no family stepped forward, children went into foster care, which is what happened to the Howards. Tom and Gary were not always together, but when they were in the same home, Tom, even though only five or six years old, always protected his little brother. It was an obligation the big brother took on, watching out for his little brother throughout their lives.
In 1951, 23-year-old Gary was in a California swimming pool, running



The Howard family (from left) Tom, his wife Juanita, and Gary carried on a noontime coffee tradition on Mill Street in Dallas for more than 20 years.
around with his one-year-old sister on his shoulders, her legs wrapped tightly around his neck. Suddenly Gary accidentally stepped into the deep end and his head completely submerged. He struggled to get his sister off, but she panicked and kept his head beneath the water. He ran out of air and gulped in water. He was drowning. Tom heard his sister’s screams and saw her waist deep in water with Gary frantically struggling below. He quickly jumped in and pulled them to safety.
When Gary was 16, he and Tom were in a movie theater when a noisy older guy ignored their request to be quiet. Gary stepped out to tell the manager. In the lobby, the same guy pulled out a knife and pointed it at Gary’s chest. Tom rushed up and yelled, “Put that knife away or you’ll find it sticking in you!” The guy decided to leave.
At age 19, Tom contacted their mother who they had not seen since she abandoned them. She asked for forgiveness, which he gave, and he arranged a meeting with Gary. The family reconciled and enjoyed frequent visits for many years before she died.
When Tom lived in Encino, California, in 1957 he enlisted in the Navy to see the world. However, his first assignment aboard a ship in San Diego proved futile – it never left its homeport. So, all he saw was that bay and California scenery on his commute home



Tom Howard recently enjoys a cup of coffee by himself outside Mama Gordita’s Restaurant.
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for leave. After the service, he found a job with San Diego Gas & Electric and recruited his brother, who joined him. After 32 years, they both retired and moved to Dallas, Gary first, then Tom in 2001.
The coffee at the sidewalk table habit started as an after-bowling meeting to talk, maybe order lunch, and enjoy the town siren at noon. The siren is not perched in the courthouse tower, as some may think. It’s on top of Dallas City Hall. The siren was placed there when the building was built in 1936 and housed both the fire and police departments. Firefighting volunteers knew that one siren meant a fire in town, two for out of town, and 10 for a fire at the mill. The siren also used to sound early in the morning for the start of

work at the lumber mill, at noon for lunch, and finally again at the end of the workday.
Tom and Gary continued their coffee time, a little before noon, every day outside, no matter the weather. The restaurant has changed hands several times through the years. When it was unoccupied for some months, the tables were still there, so they brought their own coffee in a thermos. They reminisced and often repeated the old Leslie Nielsen joke. One would ask, “Surely you remember when...”, and the other said, “Of course, but don’t call me Shirley.”
A couple of years ago, Gary moved to Medford to be near his grandchildren. So these days, Tom’s wife Juanita joins him for coffee. So, if you walk down Mill Street Sept. 15 and see them, wish Tom a happy 90th birthday. You’ll get his usual greeting when people say hello. A big smile and the words he always has for passersby, “You have a good rest of your life.”
[Brief bio: Mr. Pastor lives in and enjoys writing about people, organizations, and businesses in Polk County, Oregon. Send him an email to recommend someone or some group, at DCPastor@polkio.com.]

CHILD FIND Notice

Parents who believe their child may benefit from special education services and programs offered by the Dallas School District are invited to call the district at 503-623-5594. Also, those who wish to inquire about what services and programs are available are encouraged to call. Any inquiries will be treated with all due respect and confidentiality.

Dallas Library welcomes award-winning author Rene Denfeld Sept. 10

The Dallas Library welcomes award-winning, bestselling author Rene Denfeld for an evening featuring her newest literary thriller “The Talking Bone” at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10.

Denfeld is the author of five novels, including “The Enchanted” and “The Child Finder,” and her work has earned widespread critical acclaim. For nearly 20 years, Denfeld has worked as a licensed investigator, including serving as chief investigator for public defenders. During her career, she has worked on hundreds of cases involving death-row appeals and exonerations. Her firsthand experience in the criminal justice system brings a powerful authenticity to her fiction.

Inspired by her work as a death-row investigator, “The Talking Bone” follows an investigator who has just two weeks to determine whether a condemned man is innocent. Suspenseful, emotional, and deeply concerned with issues of justice and injustice, the novel has received starred reviews and praise from Kirkus Reviews, Publishers Weekly, Booklist, and

others. Booklist calls Denfeld a “righteous and resounding storyteller.”

Denfeld has received numerous literary and humanitarian honors, including the New York Times Hero of the Year Award and the Breaking the Silence Award in Washington, D.C., as well as recognition from the American Library Association Medal for Excellence in Fiction and the International Dublin Literary Award.

This free event is made possible through funding from the Friends of the Dallas Library and the Polk County Cultural Coalition. For more information, contact the Dallas Public Library at (503) 623-2633.

Rene Denfeld

Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub honors Dolly Parton

“You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children.”
— Dolly Parton

By MARION & POLK
Early Learning Hub

Dolly Parton was a national treasure whose music and artistry touched generations. Perhaps one of her most enduring legacies, however, is the gift of literacy.

Through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, children from birth through age five in Oregon have the opportunity to receive a free, high-quality book delivered directly to their home every month. The program makes books accessible to children regardless of their family’s income, helping put books in the hands of

young children and fostering a lifelong love of reading.

Parton launched the Imagination Library in 1995 in honor of her father, who never had the opportunity to learn to read or write. What began as a local effort in her home county of Sevier County, Tennessee, has grown into an international program that has gifted millions of books to children around the world.

The Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub serves as the local affiliate for Marion and Polk counties. In partnership with community organizations, businesses, volunteers, and families, the Hub works to ensure families know about the program and have the opportunity to enroll their children.

“Because of Dolly

Parton, we know the power of music. We also know the power of literacy. Perhaps her greatest legacy is the thousands of children who now have books in their hands, opening the door to a lifelong love and joy of reading,” said Lisa Harnisch, Executive Director of Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub.

In Marion and Polk counties, Dolly Parton’s vision is making a lasting difference. Today, more than 9,200 children receive one of Dolly’s books every month, and nearly 5,000 children have graduated from the program locally after aging out at age five.

“In our community, Dolly Parton’s vision is making a lasting difference. Today, more than 9,200 children in our

region receive books in the mail each month, and nearly 5,000 have graduated from the program. We are honored to carry forward her vision by prioritizing literacy and nurturing a lifelong love of reading among our community’s youngest learners,” said Harnisch.

“Dolly will live in all of our hearts and minds forever for her beautiful music and generous spirit,” said Margie Lowe, a local volunteer who dedicates her time and energy to supporting the Imagination Library in our community.

Kathy Martel, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and an Imagination Library champion, also reflected on the lasting impact of Parton’s work.

“Dolly leaves a great legacy that will be felt

for many, many years. Besides her great music, she shared her fortune with many. Her Imagination Library is helping young children in five countries get excited about reading. The world is a better place because of Dolly,” Martel said.

In May 2024, Oregon legislation established Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library as the state’s early childhood book-gifting program. The state currently covers 50% of the cost of books and mailing, with local affiliate organizations and their community partners responsible for raising the remaining 50%. The total amount to raise per child is \$16 for one year of receiving books delivered to their home. This is a worthy investment that will pay dividends over

time.

The partnership between the state, local affiliates and communities allows Dolly Parton’s commitment to literacy to Oregon children — one book, one family and one child at a time.

“Dolly Parton was an icon who leaves behind a powerful legacy — one that will live on right here in our community and across our state. Beyond her music, she used her influence to ensure children have access to books and to inspire a lifelong love and joy of reading. Her impact on children and families will continue for generations to come,” said Harnisch.

To learn more about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library or donate, visit www.parentinghub.org/dolly.

Three-alarm wildfire burns 25 acres outside Monmouth



Fire crews from across the region responded Thursday, Aug. 27 to a three-alarm vegetation fire that burned approximately 25 acres.

The fire was reported at approximately 11:57 a.m. and escalated to a three-alarm response as crews worked to contain the blaze and protect nearby structures.

One vacant home and one outbuilding were engulfed and destroyed in the fire. No injuries were reported.

The response included personnel and resources from Southwest Polk Fire District, Polk County Fire

District No. 1, Dallas Fire & EMS, Falls City Fire, Adair Rural Fire Protection District, Hoskins-Kings Valley Rural Fire Protection District, Philomath Fire & Rescue, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Fire Marshal, and additional

resources through the Benton County task force.

The fire was extinguished by 5 p.m., and crews remained on scene to address remaining hot spots and complete overhaul operations.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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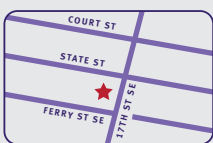
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for how the trolley will be managed, operated, and funded going forward,” Anderson said. “That is what this IGA is intended to accomplish. The agreement establishes two commissions. The Monmouth Independence Trolley Operations Commission, or MITOC, and the Monmouth Independence Trolley Advisory Commission, or MITAC.” MITOC will be a staff-level commission and includes three representatives from each city

and one representative from the transit district. Anderson said MITAC will be the broader community advisory body with the focus on the operational side of the trolley, including developing operating rules, policies, procedures, work plans, and service plans. It includes appointments from Monmouth and Independence, Western Oregon University, and representatives of several populations that use or are impacted by the service. MITOC will provide oversight of the trolley, approve operational plans and budgets, and help

ensure the service continues to meet the needs of our communities. One of the most important responsibilities of MITOC will be identifying, developing, and pursuing new funding sources. “That is particularly important because approximately half of the grant funding supporting trolley operation has already been expended. We know there is demand for the service. The challenge now is developing a sustainable funding model that allows it to continue beyond our existing grants,” Anderson added. She clarified that under

the interlocal agreement, Western will not be obligated or expected to financially contribute to the trolley, MITAC, or MITOC. City Councilor Jason Ridgeway was worried the commission would be unable to find ways to make the continued trolley operations feasible. He said he fears if the cities were to impose a rider fee, of even \$8 a ride, the math just doesn’t add up. “I really struggle with the idea of moving this project forward when it’s not sustainable financially. We don’t have any expectation that riders are going

to foot the bill of \$8 plus per ride to fund a project that costs \$90,000 per month,” Ridgeway said. He added the city already has enough burden trying to fill a \$600,000 hole funding police services with a public safety fee and doesn’t want to see another financial burden on residents. Anderson countered explaining that usually public transportation systems are not fully funded by the rider. Rather, it’s a mixture. “It’s a mixture of grants. It’s a mixture of state and federal funding and possibly additional grant

funding that could come forward in the future. So just to keep that in mind, that there are other areas,” she said. Councilor John Oberst sought and received clarification that “our local tax dollars are not directly supporting this. Everything’s on grants?” Anderson said he was correct. “And in the agreement, if the funding were to go away and we would not be able to operate it, then ... the councils would shut it down, and then we would sell the trolleys and split the proceeds between the two cities.”

OBITUARIES



George Savage Jr.
July 20, 1935 - July 15, 2026
George Joseph Savage Jr. went home to be with the Lord on July 15, 2026, surrounded by his loving wife and two daughters just 5 days short of his 91st birthday. George was born in Ware, Massachusetts, in 1935 to George Joseph Savage Sr. and Rose Savage. He was their only child. The family later moved to Los Angeles, California, where George was raised. In 1961, George met the love of his life, Rosemary Lovret, on a blind date to the Orange County Fair, arranged by his lifelong best friend, Art Feldman. From the beginning, George and Rosemary shared the same hopes and dreams: to build a family and raise their children with a strong love of God. Their love grew into a beautiful marriage that lasted 65 years.

George had a lifelong love of learning. He earned several degrees in Engineering and Drafting and shared his knowledge through his work as an educator at several colleges. He later worked for the State of Oregon’s Workers’ Compensation Division, where he spent 18 years writing safety training materials and serving as a trainer before retiring. George’s greatest pride and joy was his family. Along with his beloved wife, Rosemary, he cherished his two daughters, Cat Brabson and Leanne Paxton; his sons-in-law, Steve and Pete; and his grandchildren, Ashley (husband Caleb), Ky, Michael, Matthew (wife Emily), and Tristan. He was blessed to live long enough to meet and enjoy his great-grandchildren, Harley, Piper, Jackson, Beau, and Henry. George was the kind of man who would do anything for his family. He never needed to be asked and never complained. He simply saw what needed to be done and did it, always out of love. His family knew they could count on him, no matter what. George also loved to joke around with people. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a gift for bringing a little mischief and a lot of joy. Wherever he went, people enjoyed talking with him,

and he had a way of leaving them with a smile. Throughout their 65 years together, George and Rosemary kept their faith in God strong. George held firmly to that faith throughout his life and all the way to the end of his 90 years on earth. We know that George is now resting peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus. His love, wisdom, faith, and devotion to his family will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. To honor George’s memory, donations can be sent to Union Gospel Mission PO Box 431, Salem OR 97308. Funeral Arrangements, Virgil T Golden Funeral Service



Griekie Sytske Moran
Nov. 15, 1936 - Aug. 20, 2026
Griekie Sytske Moran passed away on August 20, 2026. She was born in Drachten, Netherlands to her parents Abe and Akke Veenstra. She had one older sister, Tity,

twin brothers Greelt and Douwe, and Tjerk who was born after World War II. Griekie’s father was active in the Resistance against Nazi occupation. Seeking adventure and after completing certification as a Registered Nurse, she immigrated to the United States in 1964. She located in Long Beach, CA, where she met her future husband, Denis, on the beach. Son John was born in 1965, Michael in 1967 and daughter Monica in 1976. Griekie was a Registered Nurse for nearly 40 years having worked in the Netherlands, Long Beach (CA), Columbus (Ohio), Eugene, Salem and Dallas where she spent the majority of her career at the current West Valley Hospital. She was known as Beppe by her grandchildren Megan, Blake, Sara, and Mason. They brought her joy with their laughter and willingness to enjoy snacks together. In addition to spending time with her family, she also enjoyed shopping with her friends, reading, and being in her garden with her cats. Griekie will be remembered for her kindness, determination, and ability to find humor in any situation. She was preceded in death by Denis (2003) and Michael (2016). She

is survived by son John, daughter Monica and her wife, Adele, daughters in law Katie and Shawn, 4 grandchildren, sister Tity, brother Tjerk and many beloved nieces and nephews. Her family would like to acknowledge the loving care Griekie received while residing at Boone Ridge over the last few years. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Griekie Veenstra Moran RN Nursing Endowed Scholarship through Western Oregon University. Services will be held Friday, Sept. 4, 2026, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem. Service begins at 1 p.m. followed by a reception with private interment at 3:30 p.m. “Wy leavje dy” (We love you)

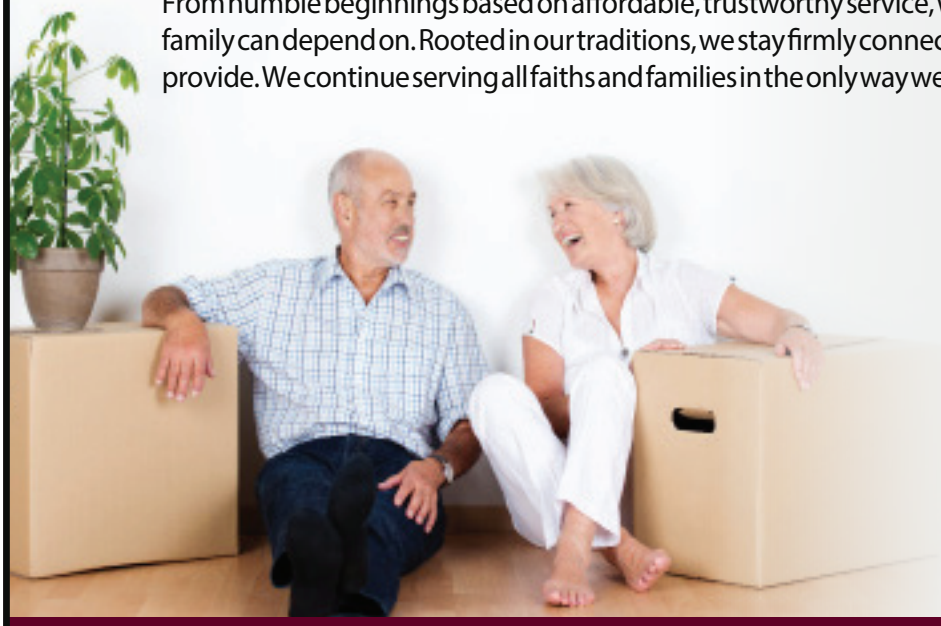
Darrell Aune
Nov. 03, 1942 - Aug. 26, 2026
Darrell Aune was born November 3, 1942, in Colfax, WA, to Hjalmar and Eileen Aune. He passed away surrounded by his loving family on August 26, 2026. Darrell attended Lacrosse (WA) public schools, graduating from LHS in 1961. He went to College at Washington State University earning a BA in communications in 1966. It was at WSU where Darrell met his

wife, Catherine. They were married on July 9, 1966 in Washougal, WA. They were married for 60 years. After starting their professional careers in Pueblo, CO in 1966, they moved to Portland, OR, in August 1970. Darrell acted as Sports Director at KEX Radio for 20 years. Darrell’s football and basketball play-by-play for Oregon State University lasted for 29 years. Later he spent many seasons broadcasting games for Linfield College, the University of Portland and Western Oregon University. Darrell was named the Oregon Sportscaster of the Year on 12 occasions and in 1990 was honored with an alumni achievement award from his alma mater, Washington State University. Darrell loved his family, his friends and sports, especially the Atlanta Braves. Darrell and his sons, David and Brian, made numerous baseball trips to root for his favorite team. Finally, Darrell loved his dogs, and he and Cathy owned many during the course of their marriage. Darrell is survived by his wife of 60 years, Catherine, sons David and Brian, daughters in law, Miwa and Jolie and daughter Marilou Dietz. Remembrances can be made in Darrell’s name to Selbu Lutheran Church 6004 Mud Flat Road, LaCrosse, WA 509-549-3492. Funeral Arrangements, To Be Determined.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Special Memories: Prehistoric Sloth

By GARY DEROWITSCH

States famous for pre-historic finds include Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and California. The famous tyrannosaurus rex was found in the Hell Creek Formation in Montana. But did you know we have prehistoric remains right here in the surrounding hills of the Willamette Valley?

In fact, we have the remains of a prehistoric sloth in an area near Airlie. During the Pleistocene Epoch, giant ground sloths as large as small oxen wandered the woodlands and river valleys of Oregon. I had the pleasure of actually going to a site and handling the bones of a prehistoric sloth, not more than 45 minutes from Monmouth. The University of New

Mexico did the initial excavation but later turned it over to the University of Oregon. The day I handled the bones, a paleontologist living nearby happened to be at the site and explained the discovery of this sloth. He remarked that during the Pleistocene Epoch, there were also bison roaming throughout the Willamette Valley. During the winter months, the Willamette

River would flood throughout the area as far as Airlie and Hoskins. The bison would make their way to higher hills by the thousands to keep from drowning. The sloth was found on Maxfield Creek Road in Airlie, in a small pond located in the middle of a field. I am not at liberty to share the exact location due to private property rights and the

possibility of an ongoing excavation and study by the University of Oregon. The only reason I had the opportunity to handle the bones was that the landowner and I are good friends, and he invited me to the site on a day when an expert was present. I remember picking up some very large rib bones. So you don't have to travel to other states to find prehistoric fossils;

they happen to be in our own backyard. If you want to see the remains of Oregon's prehistoric ground sloths, you can do so at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History in Eugene. Learn more online at <https://natural-history.uoregon.edu>. Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WHY WOULD YOU USE THAT FORK IN THE ROAD?

The Democratic Party is at a Y in the road. Looking down one fork Democrat voters are ecstatic over the thought that Republican candidates are faced with a responsibility to defend the policies, action and character of Donald Trump. Current opinion polls show Trump's performance as President to be strongly unacceptable to the majority of those voters who were polled. His policies and performance pertaining to the war in Iran, economic tariffs, projects and lack of attention to dinner table issues are greeted with disfavor. His failure to improve the lives of the families of John and Jane Doe will show itself on election day. If these points are not enough to deny Trump backed candidates the opportunity to emulate their mentor in political office, a look at Trump's approach to foreign policy might be convincing. His admiration for dictatorial world leaders such as Putin, Orban, and Kim Jong Un in North Korea are alarming enough but at the same time he

alienates our traditional allies in NATO and our friends in Canada. Mainstream Democrats have much more than adequate talking-points to win debates and elections against all Republicans and especially Trump's MAGA sycophant candidates. Mainstream Democrats don't need to be associated with a word that provokes distrust and alienation. In the election of 2026 mainstream Democrats should not try to defend their friends in the Democratic Socialist Party who create an abstraction from mainstream issues. The DSP has chosen its strategy of

promoting travel along the other fork in the road, the fork with the potholes and bridges in the state of collapse. The DSP creates danger for mainstream Democrats by proposing open borders and creating the fear of Americans being inundated with hordes of aliens, abolishing prisons, defunding the police, questioning support for Israel, abolishing the Senate and the all too popular idea of abolishing

Thanksgiving. The danger with these crack-pot ideas offered by the DSP is that Republicans will be tempted to paint all Democrats with the same brush. The voters in today's world are more concerned with daily living by reducing gas and food prices, the cost of rent and home mortgage rates and issues of education and Child care costs. Today the party of the

Democrats is at that fork in the road requiring a decision. If Democrats choose to campaign down the more hazardous fork in the road, the Republican Party of Trump and MAGA will be oveooyed. To be sure, Not only Democratic Socialist but all Democrats will face the accusation of being sympathetic with Communism. Trump is not above resurrecting

the 1950s threat of Joe McCarthy's campaign against the "Red Scare". Considering the consequences of choosing the wrong fork in the road, I urge the Democrat Party to take the 2026 election campaign down the fork in the road that leads to providing needed help for America's families by taking control of Congress. Norm Silvey, Dallas

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Online poll results

Was the city of Independence justified in closing its city parks until learning the results of the November vote on approving/ disapproving the fee to pay to maintain the library, museum and parks?

Yes - 34.2%

No - 63.0%

No opinion - 2.7%

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: TALLEST PRESIDENT

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Harding Jackson Jefferson Johnson

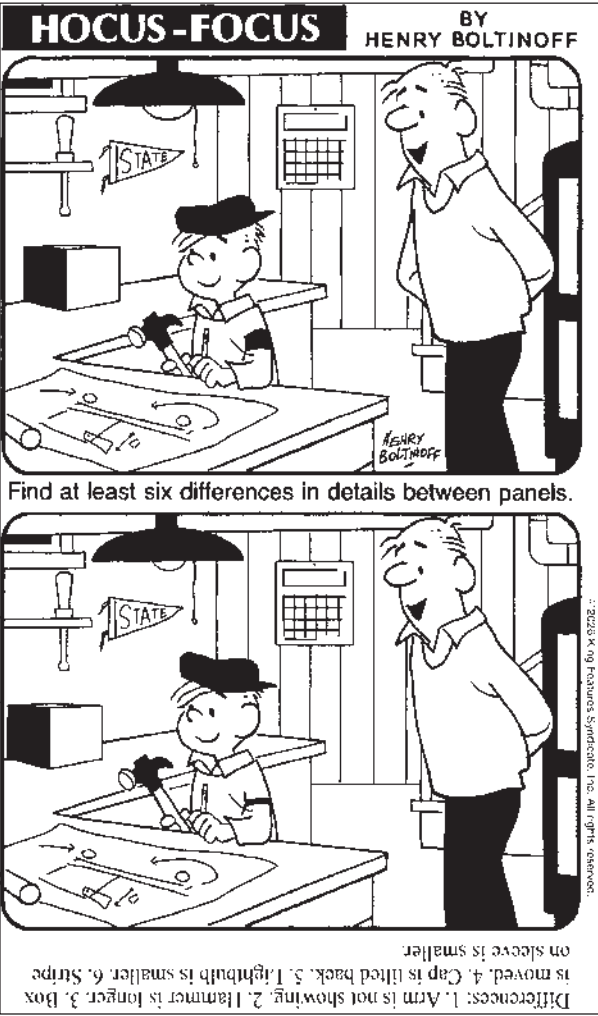
Kennedy Obama Reagan Roosevelt

Trump Tyler Washington

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Hammer is longer. 3. Box on sleeve is smaller. 4. Cap is tilted back. 5. Lightbulb is smaller. 6. Stripe is moved.

Americanisms

“The artist must bow to the monster of his own imagination.”

— Richard Wright

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Super Crossword

FELINE FROM AFAR

ACROSS

1 More serious, as a matter

7 It's hidden by head hair

12 Quivered

20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition

21 Marisa, of "Cyrus"

22 César Pittz or Conrad Hilton

23 Immediately

24 Of the hipbone

25 With great happiness

26 Start of a riddle

29 Breathe hard and fast

30 Seal of Kansas' Allen County

31 Whale like Shamu

35 Bouncer's age-verifying duty

39 — Park (site of Edison's lab)

41 Shock absorbers, of sorts

44 Riddle, part 2

47 Overly affected

48 Two, in Spain

49 Certain blood type, in brief

50 Quantity; Abbr.

51 Egyptian sun god

53 Fiber-yielding plant

56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)

58 Erwin of old films

61 Web portal since '95

62 Riddle, part 3

66 Mailed, e.g.

68 Pen name

70 Try, informally

71 Riddle, part 4

74 Really binges, briefly

77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.

78 Dog's tether

79 Edict

80 Expend all of

82 Lay (down)

83 84-Down of Bart Simpson

85 "Indubitably!"

87 Dazzling effects

91 End of the riddle

97 Signs up

98 Fishing line attachments

99 Private school

100 Personal manner

101 Chimney stuff

102 Skewed view

103 Riddle's answer

113 Egyptian carrier until 2021

116 Makes level

117 Disappear without —

118 Least narrow

119 Fix, as a bow

120 Papal crowns

121 Cutting parts of some

122 Sully states

123 Accompany for security

DOWN

1 Chew like a rat

2 Horror film director Eli

3 Emollient plant juice

4 Gold-winning skier Lindsey

5 Locked place where people solve puzzles to find the key

6 People staging old battles, say

7 Clown's leg lengthener

8 E. — (bacterium)

9 Lady friend, in France

10 On a slant

11 Small flute

12 Iota precursor

13 Do deep message therapy on

14 And the like: Abbr.

15 Portion (out)

16 Ignored, informally

17 Pan topper

18 Sinuous fish

19 Patched

27 Egyptian sacred cross

28 Truckloads

32 Goes over, as old issues

33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.

34 Deputy; Abbr.

35 Harry TV cousin

36 Whoop-de—

37 Co. VIP

38 Ows, to Shakespeare

39 L-P link

40 Bag VIPs

41 Big Mac base

42 Worms

43 Fill with steam

45 Mag revenue sources

46 Cry to a baby who makes a boo-boo

52 Potentially offensive, in brief

53 Attacked aggressively

54 Business coll. subject

55 Repair

57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.

58 Dir. 45 degrees from

77-Across

59 "Madam Secretary" star

60 Porturb

62 Rig on a road

63 Panther

64 Med. insurers

65 "Ready Player One" co-star

67 "J to — L-O!" (Lopez album)

69 Until now

72 Dots on ocean maps

73 Switch gears

75 Become less intense

76 In the current state

80 Land with a 50-star flag

81 Said "guilty" or "not guilty"

82 Apple discard

84 Bro's sibling

85 Hearty laugh

86 Three in "maximum"

88 "Bolch- —" (1952 hit)

89 Pro — (for now)

90 Pigs' hangout

92 Makes an allusion to

93 Sneaker, e.g.

94 Horn honkers

95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one

96 Longtime depilatory brand

101 Singer Patti or Sam

102 Greyhound transports

104 Deputy

105 Body part with a cap

106 Brooklyn Bridge's river

107 Legendary snow beast

108 Doing the back

109 — II (Gillette razor)

110 Starchy tropical root

111 Plug-in auto

112 Repose

113 Sit-up targets

114 Lyricist

115 Seating tier

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals P

YJK NKYWYWAS BRM NVKMKSYKL

BWYJ YJK MYVASEKMY

NVAYKMYAVM RY YJK YAN.

WY'M WS LWMMKSYWSE AVLKV

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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UZCO KWJ UCSO QD OW MHO

GQP WV UZCO KWJ PWS'O.

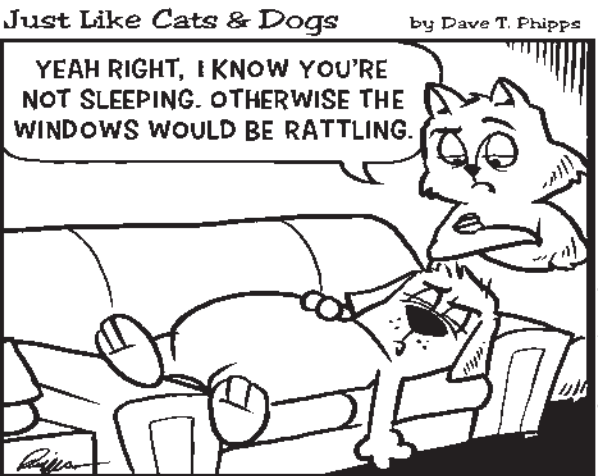
— XCJEW IWHEZW

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

YEAH RIGHT, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING. OTHERWISE THE WINDOWS WOULD BE RATTLING.



Out on a Limb

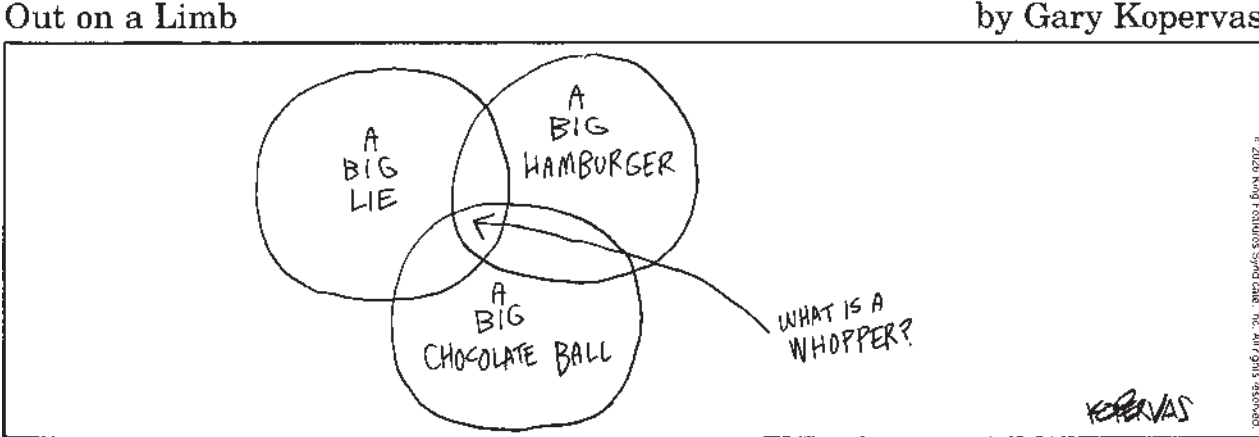
by Gary Kopervas

A BIG LIE

A BIG HAMBURGER

A BIG CHOCOLATE BALL

WHAT IS A WHOPPER?



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WOW, WHAT A GREAT DAY! FIRST, THE FARMER SERVED UP EXTRA CORNCOBES AND GRAIN.

THEN I WAS ABLE TO GET A NICE SHADY SPOT IN THE MUD FOR AN AFTERNOON NAP.

AT THIS POINT I DON'T THINK ANYTHING COULD WRECK A PERFECT DAY LIKE THIS.

DID YOU WATCH THE NEWS TODAY? I WAS WRONG.

Moments in time

• On Sept. 14, 1964, author John Steinbeck was honored with the U.S. Medal of Freedom. He had previously received a number of other honors and awards for his work, including a Pulitzer Prize in 1940 for “The Grapes of Wrath” and a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1962.

• On Sept. 15, 1931, a small dirigible docked briefly at the mooring mast on top of the new Empire State Building before winds forced it away. While hopes were high for the creation of an airship port in midtown Manhattan, they were never realized.

• On Sept. 16, 1810, Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla launched the Mexican War of Independence with the issue of his Grito de Dolores (“Cry of Dolores”), a tract calling for the end of 300 years of Spanish rule in Mexico, redistribution of land and racial equality. Thousands assembled at his banner of the Virgin of Guadalupe and soon after a peasant army was marching to Mexico City.

• On Sept. 17, 1976, NASA publicly unveiled the Enterprise, its first space shuttle, in Palmdale, California. The following year it became the first space shuttle to fly freely when it was lifted to 25,000 feet by a Boeing 747 airplane and then released to glide back to Edwards Air Force Base.

• On Sept. 18, 1981, the 20,000-car parking lot at Canada’s West Edmonton Mall earned a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest parking lot in the world, a distinction it’s held for years, though some have disagreed, saying that because the lot is half indoors and half outdoors, it’s not one structure but two.

• On Sept. 19, 1955, after a decade-long rule, Argentine president Juan Domingo Perón was deposed in a military coup.

• On Sept. 20, 2012, 16 members of a dissident Amish group in Ohio were convicted of federal hate crimes and conspiracy for forcibly cutting the beards and hair of fellow Amish with whom they had religious differences.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did Labor Day become a federal holiday?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hop from side to side but can’t walk forward or backward?

3. MOVIES: What is the only international (non-English) movie to date that has won the Best Picture Oscar?

4. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word “alibi” mean in English?

5. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is known for the soup called pho?

6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest bay in the world?

7. MUSIC: What 1996 song by Los del Rio became an international dance phenomenon?

8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College?

9. SCIENCE: How many times does the average human blink per minute?

10. TELEVISION: What is SpongeBob’s pet named in the animated series “SpongeBob SquarePants”?

Trivia answers

1. 1894.

2. Kangaroo.

3. “Parasite,” 2019.

4. “Elsewhere.”

5. Vietnam.

6. Bay of Bengal.

7. “Macarena.”

8. George Washington.

9. 15 to 20 times.

10. Gary.

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PARK

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areas of Independence and Monmouth. We just completed our first and biggest fundraiser, Independence Days, and we are very pleased to take the next step in supporting our community by awarding grants that are in line with our charitable purpose,” Potter said.

West expressed her gratitude to the efforts of Friends of Community Parks members and their donation to keep Riverview Park open through Dec. 31.

“I know every step that you guys took through that entire time builds up to the money that you’re

granting to the city to reopen Riverview Park. This is our community’s living room. It was devastating to our community that we had to close it. It was devastating to our kids. It was devastating to our staff. We love this as much as our community,” West said. “And your team, your people coming together to help is incredible. Coming together in emergency meetings at the last minute because we just found out that it was going to have to close. And coming within a few days with \$30,000 is incredible.”

While West was grateful to receive enough funds to reopen Riverview Park, she confirmed they were not enough

to reopen the rest of the city’s parks. That includes the Independence Dog Park, Mt. Fir Park, Sunset Meadows Park, and Pfaff Park which all closed on Monday, and Pioneer Park and Henry Hill Park, which closed on Tuesday. In addition, the Independence Heritage Museum, which closed on Wednesday, will also remain closed. The city wrote on its website that while the museum building is closed, “the museum collection will continue to be cared for in secure, controlled storage for the time being.”

“But the living room of our community will reopen through the 31st and it will give us the breathing room we need

to try and find our next steps,” West told Potter. “So thank you. Thank you to everybody with Friends of the Parks.”

The city’s initial closing of Riverview Park forced the cancellation of the showing of “Hoppers” at the free Movies in the Park. City Communications Director Emmanuel Goicochea confirmed the movie will remain cancelled.

“The Movie in the Park remains cancelled as our crews are focused today on reopening Riverview Park to the public,” Goicochea said. “We are grateful for the grant funding received yesterday, which made the park’s reopening possible. Given the timing,

our crews are prioritizing the work needed to safely prepare the park for today’s reopening.”

Potter said the work of Friends of Community Parks is not done. A grant to the city of Monmouth is also in the works and on their website, the Board of Directors of Friends of Community Parks has also announced that they have also rolled out a Donor-Supported Parks Fund.

Potter said they are inviting members of the community to donate to the upkeep of their favorite parks during this “period of insufficient funding.”

Friends of Community Parks has more information about the Riverview

Park grant and the Donor-Supported Parks Fund online at www.friendsofcommunityparks.org/projects-fundraisers.

“And check it over the next few days because we are putting together hopefully options where community members who love their parks can put their money where their mouth is,” Potter added. “And donate and help and maybe even earmark it towards a specific park if they have one near their house or something like that. So we’re trying.”

Track updates to park closures and get more information and answers to frequently asked questions at www.ci.independence.or.us/closure-faq.



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Salt Creek Baptist Church — 15075 Salt Creek Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Interim Pastor John Dotson, Family Pastor Josiah Buhler. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday morning Worship Gathering 10:50am. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Middle and High School youth at 6:30pm. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 589 SW Birch St PO Box 450 Dallas, Or 97338 503-623-5872 Pastor Ted Perry, Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11 am Study and Prayer Wednesday 7pm Office hours: Wed, Thurs & Friday 9-12 . Community Services for food and clothing Wednesday 10am to 1pm.

St. Philip Catholic Church — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor
Pastor Email: mpjinpdx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338
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Monday- Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Mass
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Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) — 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Youth: Jeff Anderson; Children: Crystal Barker; Worship/Media: Jesse Ceballos. Sunday Service is at 10:00 am and online streaming at 10:00 am (www.valleylife.love.) On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, there is Men’s Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Ignite Youth, Rangers Boys Club, Mpact Girls Club, Rainbows, and nursery care. For more information, contact us at www.valleylife.love, info@valleylifecenter.com or 503-623-4116.

FALLS CITY

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INDEPENDENCE

Christ The King Church — Service on Sundays 10 am, 580 S 9 St., (Corner of S 9 St. and F street) Independence OR 97351 . 503-551-9516 or visit us at www.ctkindependence.com.

Cornerstone Church of God — 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children’s Church 9:30am Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30pm. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30pm

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MINET celebrates 20 years



Photos by David Hayes

MINET(Monmouth Independence Network) celebrated its 20th anniversary of bringing fiber optic communications to the community at its fifth annual customer appreciation day Aug. 26. Here’s a look at some of the images captured.



COUNTY

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Thompson said. “What’s the kiss of death for me in my opinion is big, bulky furniture. It’s like, blah, nobody likes that. The market’s just not there anymore for that kind of big stuff.”

As his business has grown, Thompson said the fairgrounds has proven to be the perfect home for the auctions that regularly attract 200-300 people, with 100 buyers among the groups.

“It’s an amazing facility,” he said.

But Thompson fears losing his home base if the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center Local Option Tax does not pass in November. The county is asking voters to approve a 12 cents per \$1,000 valuation of property value.

He said the biggest hurdle the levy faces is a misconception the general public has about the fairgrounds and event center.

“A lot of people think the ... fair is three days a year,” said Thompson, who is also a member of Fairgrounds Board of Directors. “This fairgrounds holds over 300 events a year. And we’re lucky enough to be one of them.”

When Thompson advocates for approving the levy, he admits to getting



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Employees indicate which items are up for bid between the two lighted, blinking poles they hold, here a tandem bike.

pushback because some think he’s biased as the local auctioneer. He counters, saying he could operate an auction from the middle of a field. But he wouldn’t because he’s built up a sense of loyalty to the fairgrounds thanks to the people who have kept it running all these years.

“What is different about here is this place has run safely for so many years on duct tape and tie wire,” he said. “Tina, the manager here ... has created this vast network of people that would die on the cross for her. And that’s how she holds it all together.”

He added another under-appreciated use for the fairgrounds is it’s also an emergency command center and emergency shelter. Thompson recalled families evacuating from the Beach Creek

and Echo Mountain fires ended up at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

“I watched my kids working here when people with horse trailers were bringing their horses in. And you look at the people, and they’re blank. Like the lights are on, but nobody’s home because they’re lost,” Thompson said. “Their home is burning while they’re sitting here in the driveway trying to get shelter for their animals. And park just to, you know, just to sleep. And that’s huge and impactful. And I don’t think people get it because they want to just say no new taxes.”

He said approving the levy would just be an extra \$30 a year, something he equates to one family trip to McDonald’s.

“And you understand nobody wants to pay you

taxes. It’s like, you’re going to save this facility that you come to every year anyway. And if it’s not here, where’s everybody going to go to have their events?” he added.

In the meantime, Thompson continues his optimism the fairgrounds will stay open, continuing to be a home for his auction business with his wife Janice (the brains of the operations he said).

“I absolutely love being an auctioneer because it’s so much more than that. Doing auctions, you have somebody that locals have a house fire. They come in. They’re a regular customer. We generate funds for them. We do pledges. We do fundraising. We do a bank sale. And 100% of the money we generate for anybody goes directly to them,” Thompson said. “So all around, I absolutely am in love with this business. And if I was rich, I’d do it for free. That’s how much I love it.”

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Central runners embrace competition, early challenges

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

There's starting from scratch, and then there's the challenge facing Central's varsity boys cross-country team this season. Gone are generational talents Ty Cirino and Aidan Wendring, who took their leadership, abilities and low times to the University of Colorado and University of Portland, respectively. So, for the first time in years, Central enters the season with a young and largely untested roster. It is also a group growing in confidence as runners compete for varsity spots.

The Panthers' new core begin with their returning runners: Thomas Butler, Hudson Stange, Colton Engdahl, Alex Fink, Bayden Williams, Liam Castle, Henry Hunt, Owen Cift and Angus Aldrich.

Stange is emerging as a team leader. He trained alongside Cirino and Wendring last season, giving him a close look at the consistency that is required to succeed. Stange carried those lessons into the summer and attended Steens Mountain Running Camp for the second time. His determination and growth has been noticed by others.

"Hudson has really stepped up," Central coach Eli Cirino said. "He shows up every day and sets the tone for this group."

Stange's approach has also impressed his teammates. "It's clear that Hudson understands the importance of dedication and consistency," Cirino said. "He has a genuine passion for running, and I think that is very important as a leader." Numbers remain consistent with past seasons, giving the Panthers depth and competition within the lineup. That competition should intensify as runners gain experience and



COURTESY PHOTO

Bayden Williams runs for the Panthers in The Opener meet, held Friday at Western Oregon University.

Central works through several early injuries. A similar story is playing out for Central's girls team, as it also is blending experienced runners with those new to high school competition. A talented freshman class is providing an immediate boost. Annika Baltzley led the newcomers during Central's season opener. She finished in 11 minutes, 30 seconds, adding another strong runner near the front of the lineup.

"She just ran pretty fast, and that gives us a little strength there that we haven't had in the last couple years," Cirino said. "I think the other girls are excited about that." Baltzley's was not Central's only encouraging performance. Several runners lowered their previous best times by more than a minute. Katarina Glasman delivered one of the largest improvements, cutting approximately 90 seconds from her personal record.

"I knew she was stronger than she'd been in the past, but I had no idea that was coming," Cirino said. Early results reflected the work runners completed before official practices began. They also demonstrated the team's growing chemistry. "The girls support each other, and they enjoy being around each other," Cirino said. "It's fun to see a group of girls coming together like that." Central has eight girls on

its roster, approximately the same number as last season. The focus now is developing five healthy runners capable of competing in the varsity race at the district meet. It's a goal that involves more than identifying the five fastest runners. Central wants athletes who compete with confidence and are not intimidated by the strongest runners in the field. "I'd like to see five girls who

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Dragons focus on rivalry with Panthers, not the road ahead

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Andy Jackson does not spend much time making predictions about the Dragons' upcoming football season. Instead, the Dallas head coach focuses on the next practice, the next play and the next opportunity. That's because the here-and-now is much more important. "We're worried about today," Jackson said. "What do we have to do today?" It's the same mindset he expects from his players. So for now, the Dragons are focused on Friday's season opener at Central. The game is a non-league matchup following the Panthers' move to Class 4A.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Dallas travels to Central on Friday for the season-opener for both teams. This is now a non-league game, however, as the Panthers were reassigned to Class 4A beginning this season. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

Jackson's and his team's approach appears to be working. Preseason expectations again place Dallas among the Mid-Willamette Conference's top teams. Just how successful this season will be depends in large part on how well the Dragons replace departed stand-outs from a year ago. This group includes first-team all-league selections Izzy Mabry, Hunter Rivers, Chase Ericksen, Landon Holbrook and Nikolas Schneider. Mabry was also named the conference's Offensive Lineman of the Year. These players often delivered in key moments. Mabry and Rivers combined for 25 tackles in last year's

See **FOOTBALL**, page B8

SPORT

CALENDAR

SEPT. 2-8	BOYS SOCCER	Saturday	Saturday
GIRLS SOCCER		Perrydale at Echo (Dufur Classic), 4 p.m.	Dallas at Southridge, TBD
Thursday	Thursday		Monday
Dallas at Gresham, 7:15 p.m.	Central at Thurston, 6 p.m.	VOLLEYBALL	Perrydale at Grand View Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday	Friday	Thursday	Tuesday
Stayton vs. Dallas, 8 p.m.	Dallas at Central, 7 p.m.	Corvallis vs. Central, 6:30 p.m.	Gladstone vs. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Central at North Salem, 7 p.m.	Falls City at Crow, 7 p.m.	Livingston Academy vs. Falls City, 6 p.m.	C.S. Lewis vs. Falls City, 6 p.m.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3, 1986
Schools near Sept. 16 levy

The first round of the Dallas School District levy election was lost to “no” votes, but students, school officials, teachers and other budget supporters are hoping the second round will elicit a more favorable response from voters.

Those hopes will be tested on Sept. 16 when district patrons go to the polls to vote on the \$3,772,267 levy.

The levy was defeated soundly during the May 20 election with 2,063 of the 3,631 voters casting no votes.

As a result, reductions were made in hopes the levy would pass during the Sept. 16 election. The budget committee and school board approved \$300,000 in cuts from various programs throughout the district.

Program will protect historic Polk bridges

Nearly 150 historic highway bridges spanning the years before WWII have been singled out for protection by the State Highway Division in a new Historic Highway Bridges of Oregon book.

The division inventoried all public highway bridges to determine their historical value, concentrating the study on the 1,200 bridges built before WWII. Nearly 150 are

recognized as special historic resources worthy of recognition and preservation.

Polk County bridges identified for the program are Rickreall Creek Covered Bridge, Luckiamute River Bridge, Riner Creek Covered Bridge, and Willamina South Yamhill River Bridge.

‘Ouch!’ Black vs. White is black and blue

This year’s “Black and White” pre-season scrimmage between two Dallas football teams could have been more aptly called the “black and blue” game.

The Saturday evening game demonstrated that the Dragons’ offensive threat is for real as the two sets of gridders scored a total of 55 points – 35 for White to the 20 for the Black – and gained nearly 550 yards total – primarily on the ground.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1, 1976

Mobile home case dismissed

A land use case that has been of great controversy since last October was dismissed by Judge Darrell Williams in Circuit Court on Friday, Aug. 27.

The controversy originated over a 119 acre tract of land on Parker Road near Independence on which four families, all members of the Trinity Missionary Mission in Corvallis, wished to farm

and to place three mobile homes on the property. The problem originated when 69 residents signed a petition questioning the legality of the families moving on land zoned Exclusive Farm Use minimum 20 acres.

At the time the board of commissioners allowed the homes to be placed on the property through a statement of ordinance allowing dwellings for farm workers. This was the original controversy.

Drivers beware of new bus stop light system

A new school bus stop law in Oregon will get its first major test when schools in the Dallas School District open on Sept. 7. Drivers should take note that this year will mark a change in the school bus warning light system.

The new law requires traffic either overtaking or meeting a school bus to stop when the bus stops to load or unload children and the driver is using flashing red lights on the front and rear of the bus. The old law permitted traffic meeting the bus to proceed with caution if the highway had two or more lanes in each direction.

Couple captures tourney

Seventeen mixed-doubles teams fought through 30 matches and 85 degree weather last weekend in the first Dallas Mixed-Doubles Tennis Tournament.

The undefeated team of Cecil Dillard and Melanie Stradley took the top

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1976: **READINESS TESTING** - Mrs. Betty Klann, first and second grade teacher at Oakdale Heights Elementary School, helps Norman Hunter, a new first grader, go through some of the motor skills and readiness tests given to incoming first graders. Dallas District Schools will open their doors on Sept. 7. (File I-O photo.)

honors with a win in the Sunday finals, beating Steve Kunke and Kathie Woods in straight sets. Willard and Stradley took the first set 6-3 and then came from behind to win a tiebreaker in the second set and took the match with the final score of 6-3, 7-6.

Go Figure!

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answer

The petition was presented with the strongest protestors at the top. It's in dissenting order.

Community Achievement

DALLAS WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

The Dallas School District held a New Teacher Inservice last week and welcomed the following instructors (names not in order of appearance in photo): Gillian Coplin, Atlas DiSalvo, Lillian Eberle, Katherine Garvin, John Harkins, Lauren Harris, Bryan Huber, Abby Meador, Madison Mil, Molly Moore, Heather Kary, Rebekah Sampson, Brenden Traywick and Andrew Shreve.



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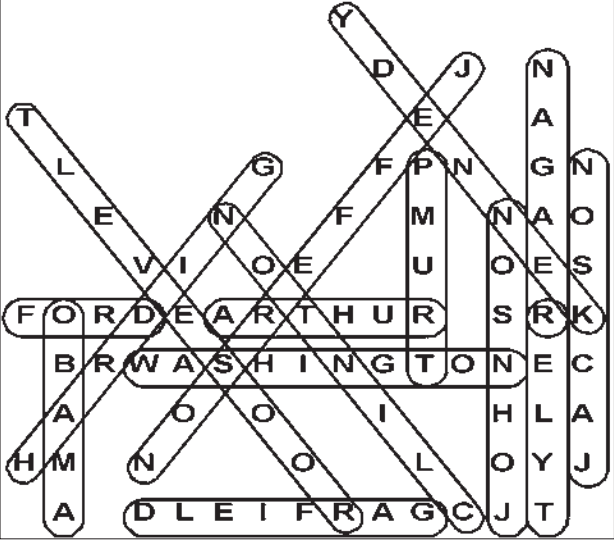
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2,

Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle/ Watch repair & knife sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Name That Tune Music Trivia with Sam, West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Bedhead (tropical, yacht and 80s rock), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Summer Reading Wrap Party, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
12 p.m. - Watch repair

clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Live Music: Rockaway (70s & 80s rock), with opening act Anomaly, Parallel 45, 240 Monmouth St., Independence
6 p.m. - Live Music: Dallas Nights presents DTW, rotary amphitheater, 182 SW Academy St.
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: The Radio Riots (five-piece rock band), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, Monmouth Senior Community Center, \$10 all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, juice, and coffee
9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
9 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Riverview Park, Independence, free
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Dance Floor Mafia (high energy dance music), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road,

Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

1 p.m. - Live Music: Robert Meade (Beatles Unplugged), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
5 p.m. - Live Music: Unpause (high energy rock and roll), tickets \$10, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
5 p.m. - Live Music: Gage Carter, Dry Town Tap Station, 180 Main St., Monmouth
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth
7 p.m. - Live Music: Rockaway, Main Street Park Amphitheater, Monmouth

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/ Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Grief Support Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist

Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
12:30 p.m. - Cornhole, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Bunko/ Tai Chi with Cheryl/ Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/ Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Scrabble - Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Darts, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Dallas City Council work session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

7 a.m. - Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, for ages 2-6, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Winnie, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board, 281 S, 2nd St.
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

COMMUNITY CENTER UNVEILS NEW MURAL SEPT. 2

Come celebrate the unveiling of the new age friendly community mural at the Monmouth Community Senior Center. The reception and refreshments start at 6 p.m. Sept. 2 at 180 Warren St. S.

RIVER GALLERY HOSTS ANNUAL ART EXHIBITS SEPT. 3

River Gallery, a fixture in downtown Independence for nearly 30 years, opens its annual exhibit showcasing the work of the gallery's Associate Artists and their Window Show, "Celebrating Pottery". Both exhibits begin on Sept. 3. Meet up with your family and friends to admire the diverse and local art available at the gallery, located at 184 S. Main St. For more information, go to www.rivergalleryart.com.

DALLAS MOSAIC LADIES HOST BUNCO NIGHT SEPT. 3

Join the Dallas Mosaic Ladies for a night of community, yummy food, and some belly laughs on Ladies Bunko Night, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for food and social time and the game play starts at 6 p.m. The cost to play is \$5. Bring a dish/snack/dessert to share if you want. For more information, text Jenny at (541) 300-8713.

PNW WILDFIRE WORSHIP HOSTS A WORSHIP NIGHT SEPT. 4

PNW Wildfire Worship hosts a Worship Night at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at Monmouth City Park Amphitheater, 120 Main St. E. They will have testimonies and a resource table. Bring your blankets or chair and a favorite

snack. Sit or stand and soak in the presence of our Lord. Dogs are not allowed at this event.

PENTACLE THEATRE ACTING WORKSHOP BEGINS SEPT. 12

Pentacle Theatre hosts the return of Acting Workshop with Jo Dodge from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pentacle Theatre Rehearsal Space at 197 Liberty St. SE, in Salem. Join skilled director and actress Jo Dodge in a fun, hands-on 11-week theater workshop exploring the human spirit. Students participate in improvisation and scene work in a safe, supportive and non-competitive environment. The focus is on individual self-development. This workshop is for all skill levels, from beginners to the most experienced. You must be 18 yrs. of age to attend these classes. To sign up, go to <https://purchase.pentacletheatre.org/ChooseSeats/12401>.

MONMOUTH SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS CRAFT DAY SEPT. 19

Join the Monmouth Senior Community Center for an opportunity to craft in the company of other creative folks. The third Saturday of each month (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 19), bring your hobby and meet new people. All ages and crafting styles are welcome at 180 Warren St. S.

BIGFOOTSTOCK COMES TO DALLAS SEPT. 26

Come to the Dallas City Park for BigfootStock Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for a day of legendary community, fun and flavor. It features vendors, food and live entertainment from. Stay tuned for more details.

IDA HOSTS 25TH ANNUAL HOP & HERITAGE FESTIVAL SEPT. 26

The Independence Downtown Association hosts the Hop & Heritage Festival and 25th Annual Harvest Celebration at noon, Sept. 26. The day features the Fresh Hop Fiesta at Parallel 45 Brewing - the only weekend in Oregon where fresh hop beers are poured all in one place, in the town that grew them - alongside the Downtown Passport, a Vendor Marketplace, buskers, and a cornhole tournament. Tickets are available at <https://hopand-heritage.com>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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PCIO26-384 N THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA L. CABLE, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 26PB07707 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Timmothy C. Cable has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative, c/o Meghan V. Graf, Saalfeld Griggs PC, 250 Church St. SE, Suite 200, PO Box 470, Salem, OR 97308-0470, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or

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the Lawyers for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on September 02, 2026. Meghan V. Graf, OSB #213304 Attorney For Personal Representative Saalfeld Griggs PC PO Box 470, Salem, OR 97308-0470 Ph: (503) 399-1070 Fax:(503) 371-2927 Email: mgraf@sglaw.com 09/02/26

PCIO26-383 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of EUGENE V. VALEK, Deceased. No. 26PB07535 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEBRA VALEK has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice. 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 first published September 02,2026. /s/ Marcus R. Whitney, OSB No. 096348 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DEBRA VALEK 4142 State St. #4, Salem, OR, 97301 (503) 364-0816 ATTORNEY Marcus R. Whitney OSB No. 096348 MELIORA LEGAL, LLC PO Box 787, Salem, OR 97308 Telephone: (503) 363-9231 Facsimile: (503) 363-9232 Email: marcus@meliora-law.com 09/02/26

PCIO26-381 Notice of Self Storage Auction Monmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on September 19th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Gabby Walton Unit 167, Mike Silver unit 288, Belinda Cook unit 156, Dinnis Dixon unit 148, Derick Turner unit 173, Ryan Taylor unit A022, Jonathan Mellen unit A019, Robert Carroll unit 177 09/02/26, 09/09/26

PCIO26-385 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of DICK EUGENE BOGUE, Deceased. No. 26PB07745 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sherri Ann Jenne has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present these claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative in care of Lawrence W. Andrews PC, Lawyer, 494? State Street, Suite #230, Salem, Oregon 97301-3654, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the lawyer for the Personal Representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED: September 02, 2026. LAWRENCE W. ANDREWS PC, OSB #871520 Lawyer for Personal Representative 09/02/26

PCIO26-375 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 9/16/2026 at 10:00AM. Jacquelyn Petersen Unit #267. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 08/26/26, 09/02/26

PCIO26-374 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 9/16/2026 at 10:00AM. Mark Chaney Unit #069; Chris Christensen Unit #196; Tawnya Haverkost Unit #229. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 08/26/26, 09/02/26

PCIO26-372 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Monmouth City Council

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will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM to consider the annexation of a 15-acre property located in the easterly 800 - 900 blocks of Warren St. S. (A 26-01), including the adjacent street right-of-way (approximately 1.19 acres). The property has a comprehensive plan designation of Low-Density Residential. The property is also identified as Tax Lot 1300 on Polk County Assessor's Map 8.4.31. The City Council will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria listed in MCC 18.40. The public hearing will be conducted in a manner which permits testimony from the applicant and other interested parties. Additional information on how to attend the meeting will be posted with the meeting agenda on the City's website at: www.ci.monmouth.or.us. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the address of 151 Main St. W., Monmouth, OR 97361 or by email to: ccraig@ci.monmouth.or.us. Written comments need to be received by the City no later than 4:00pm one (1) day prior to the hearing. The staff report will be available at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing on the City's website. The documents and evidence submitted by the applicant, copies of the applicable criteria and the staff report are available for inspection at no cost and copies will be provided at no cost. Failure to raise an issue accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Monmouth City Council and other interested parties an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. For further information, please contact Carter Craig, Community Planner at (503)751-0148 or ccraig@ci.monmouth.or.us. 08/26/26, 09/02/26

PCIO26-370 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 9/10/2026 at 12:00PM. Belinda Mercier Unit #B. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 08/26/26, 09/02/26

PCIO26-360 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 149831-OR Loan No.: *1844** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JAMES M WORRELL, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 5/5/2023, recorded 5/11/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-003521, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOTS NUMBERED FIVE (5) AND SIX (6), BLOCK NUMBERED THREE (3), IN EARL J. RICHARDSON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WILLAMINA, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. APN: 480338 / 482204 / 06701-CD-01502 Commonly known as: 931 SW BARBER AVENUE WILLAMINA, OR 97396 The current beneficiary is: GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is caused is by the death of the borrower. TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$98,731.56 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 \$70,599.25 together with interest thereon in the total amount of \$18,743.16, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/10/2026, at the hour of

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11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/28/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 By: Name: Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 08/19/26, 08/26/26, 09/02/26, 09/09/26

PCIO26-359 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 147340-OR Loan No.: ***2923** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by CHRISTOPHER E. WARD AND MYRNA E. WARD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 3/3/2023, recorded 3/8/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-001540, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD WITH CAP THAT IS SOUTH 00°08'00" EAST 485.40 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 6, WESTWOOD HEIGHTS ADDITION NO. 2, SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON: THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID WESTWOOD HEIGHTS SOUTH 00°08'00" EAST 262.96 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 736 (EOLA DRIVE) AND AN IRON PIPE; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 57°30'09" WEST 135.84 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE AND AN IRON ROD WITH CAP; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY THROUGH A 348.31 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT (DELTA = 02° 26'09", L = 14.81 FEET, LC = 14.81 FEET AND BEARS NORTH 58°43'15" WEST), TO AN IRON ROD WITH CAP; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 03°16'07" EAST 183.80 FEET PARALLEL AND 25' EQUIDISTANT FROM THE WEST LINE OF THAT PARTICULAR PARCEL DESCRIBED IN

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POLK COUNTY BOOK OF RECORDS REEL 244, PAGE 29, TO AN IRON ROD WITH CAP; THENCE NORTH 86°39'54" EAST 62.90 FEET TO AN IRON ROD WITH CAP; THENCE SOUTH 84°47'22" EAST 53.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 27,592 SQUARE FEET. APN: 263234 / 07329-AA-10200 Commonly known as: 2091 EOLA DR NW SALEM, OR 97304-4442 The current beneficiary is: ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 11/1/2025 - 7/1/2026 Total: \$21,734.64 Late Charges: \$386.40 Beneficiary Advances: \$9,688.38 Total Required to Reinstale: \$31,809.42 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$451,901.38 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 \$426,898.56 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.125 % per annum, from 10/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/9/2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, In the new lobby of the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 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

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at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/27/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 08/19/26, 08/26/26, 09/02/26, 09/09/26

PCIO26-358 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 146730-OR Loan No.: ***0601** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by ROBY T POTTER, MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/30/2021, recorded 12/1/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-018773, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: A PORTION OF THAT TRACT CONVEYED TO JAMES A. BRIEDWELL AND T. CHRISTINE BRIEDWELL PER VOLUME 258, PAGE 1560 POLK COUNTY BOOK OF RECORDS AND A PORTION OF TRACT 2 OF THAT LAND CONVEYED TO RICKREALL FARM SUPPLY, INC. PER VOLUME 205, PAGE 312, SAID DEED RECORDS, LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN., POLK COUNTY, OREGON, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1, PARTITION PLAT NO. 2004-0010, POLK COUNTY, OREGON; TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION OF SAID RICKREALL FARM TRACT; BEGINNING AT A 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 1, ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY 99W, THENCE ALONG THE PARCEL 1 SOUTH LINE, S 89°56'54"E 135.43 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE PARCEL 1 SOUTHEAST CORNER, THENCE S 00°00'00"E 2.77 FEET TO A STEEL FENCE POST LYING S 00°00'00"E 0.17 FEET FROM A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE S 87°21'37"W 74.34 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE N 89°19'29"W 61.15 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD ON SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, N 00°08'51"W 5.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: 157531 / 07430-CA-00400 Commonly known as: 260 MAIN ST RICKREALL, OR 97371 The current beneficiary is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3).

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The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 10/1/2025 - 7/1/2026 Total: \$18,084.33 Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,209.03 Total Required to Reinstale: \$20,293.36 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$311,605.23 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$302,643.07 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.625 % per annum, from 9/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/1/2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/17/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 08/12/26, 08/19/26, 08/26/26, 09/02/26

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Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

At 5:04 a.m., a report of an unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle on Kings Valley Highway and the theft of a wallet. were

At 7:42 a.m., a resident on Uglow Avenue reported CD’S were taken from an unlocked vehicle overnight. There was no damage to the vehicle and there were no security cameras. The caller will be reporting to the apartment manager.

At 7:43 a.m., a homeless person was sleeping in the playground area on La Creole drive and was asked to leave the property.

At 9:54 a.m., Doyle Morehead was arrested on Mill Street and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with assault 4 and harassment.

At 10:14 a.m., an officer documented damage to the rear fender on the driver’s side of the vehicle due to a hit and run in a parking lot off Kings Valley Highway.

At 10:58 a.m., a report of a damaged vehicle window on Holeman Avenue.

At 12:33 p.m., officers investigated a report of possible cat neglect on Stump Street. The report was unfounded.

At 3:15 p.m., a subject was trespassed from all West Valley Housing Authority Properties, including Southwest Donald Street and Southwest Walnut Avenue.

At 4:15 p.m., a motorist on Birch Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 4:56 p.m., a report of a stolen phone that was last tracked to Southwest Academy Street.

At 7 p.m., an officer investigated a report of juveniles running into the roadway on Jefferson Street but was unable to locate them.

At 7:54 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a teal blue truck failing to maintain a lane on Oakdale Avenue, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

At 9:14 p.m., an officer investigated a vehicle stopped on Ellendale Avenue with its hazards on. The driver stated he was hired by the location to take pictures. He did not explain why the hazards were on.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

At 1:19 a.m., a motorist from Portland was cited on Kings Valley Highway for driving while suspended - violation, driving uninsured and failure to carry and present an operator’s license. The driver also received a written warning for failure to register a vehicle.

At 2:20 a.m., a subject on Main Street was excluded from the parks until Sept. 21.

At 3:55 a.m., an officer walking the park off Main Street found a teal/pink/black kids bike on the creekbank.

At 12:29 p.m., a motorist from Salem was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone on Highway 22.

At 1:16 p.m., a report that a subject walked out of the emergency room on Washington Street before being seen.

At 1:32 p.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for expired registration.

At 2:14 p.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 5:44 p.m., a subject on Uglow Avenue flagged down an officer to talk about miscellaneous, non-criminal issues.

At 6:40 p.m., a report of a two vehicle, non-injury accident at Monmouth Cutoff Road. Damage was over \$2,500.

At 7:16 p.m., a homeless person Park Street was excluded from all parks/trails until 6 a.m. on Sept. 20.

At 8:57 p.m., a report of a found bike at 7 a.m. that morning 0700 hours at a park off Applegate Trail Drive.

At 11:01 p.m., a report of theft on Washington Street.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

At 8:23 a.m., a report of an abandoned trailer on Academy Street. The trailer was later reported to code services.

At 1:59 p.m., a report of a subject sleeping in a vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. The vehicle was gone by the time an officer arrived.

At 3:17 p.m., a motorist from Washington was cited for failing to carry proof of financial responsibility and also received a written warning for obscured lighting equipment.

At 3:49 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to carry and present and for no insurance.

At 8:22 p.m., a motorist on Appleside Drive was cited for failing to carry and present an operator’s license.

At 9:09 p.m., a report of a juvenile who ran away from home on Walnut Avenue and did not want to go home. The youth was found around town and was picked up by their mom.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

At 8:08 a.m., a subject on Mill Street wished to report that the church was “brainwashing” people with their bells on Sunday. The subject was advised to talk with Code Services about permits needed.

At 8:49 a.m., Papa Diop-Crossfield was arrested on Kings Valley Highway and charged with criminal trespass 2 and theft 3.

At 10:10 a.m., a resident on Mill Street reported losing a wallet and called to see if it was turned into police.

At 1:23 p.m., a report of an injured Chihuahua on Church Street that bit the complainant when he tried to help it. He saw the dog briefly in someone’s backyard, but it ran away. An officer attempted contact with the property owner but got no answer.

At 3:14 p.m., a report of a male subject popping out of bushes near the creek on Robin Hood Drive and looking at kids. An officer contacted him and advised him of the complaint.

At 7:40 p.m., two juveniles called in a suspicious activity for what appeared to be something wrapped in plastic the size of a body while exploring south of Hayter Street. After a brief hike, an officer determined it was discarded plastic that contained no animal or human remains.

At 10:13 p.m., Jeffery Coatney was cited and released on La Creole Drive for harassment.

MONDAY, AUG. 24

At 1:32 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a vehicle doing a burnout on Kings Valley Highway, but was unable to locate the vehicle upon arrival.

At 11:19 a.m., officers received a late report of an assault that occurred during a LARP event in January on Brandvold Drive. They had a harassment case with a suspect possibly out of Oregon City.

At 3:57 p.m., a stolen vehicle was found on Levens Street. It was removed from the stolen vehicle registry and left at the location at the request of the registered owner.

At 3:59 p.m., a report of a hornets nest found in a park off Main Street was referred to Public Works.

At 6:51 p.m., a report of a house fire on Fairview Avenue.

At 9:49 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited and released for failure to carry and present an operator’s license.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

At 3:41 a.m., an officer advised on-site management on Kings Valley Highway that they needed to stop construction due to noise. They were advised that 7 a.m. is working hours and they will need to contact the city for a working variance and potentially hand out fliers to local residents.

At 9:16 a.m., a resident from Shetterly Drive tried to turn in a GoPro she thought was stolen.

At 12:11 p.m., a homeless person was trespassed from locations on Southeast Mill Street and Southeast Jefferson Street.

At 12:47 p.m., a juvenile from Cascade Mountain Drive was entered as a runaway.

At 2:21 p.m., an officer talked with a resident on Mill Street about abandoned property after a resident moved out.

At 2:48 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle reportable crash on Ellendale Avenue. There were no injuries and no blocking of traffic.

At 6:07 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a location on Walnut Avenue.

At 11:23 p.m., officers investigated a report of a vehicle racing in the area of Hayter Street but were unable to locate any suspect vehicles.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

At 12:49 a.m., an officer investigated a report of two vehicles racing in a parking lot off Ellendale Avenue, but was unable to locate anything.

At 10:41 a.m., Daniel Hazelton was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with theft 2 after he stole keys belonging to the manager of Abby’s Pizza.

At 1:08 p.m., Steven Karm was arrested on La Creole Drive on an outstanding Linn County warrant for parole

violation and was also charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

At 4:42 p.m., a Toyota Camry was repossessed on Walnut Avenue.

At 5:24 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle non-injury, partially-blocking crash on Kings Valley Highway. Damage was well over \$2,500. One involved motorist was cited for making an illegal U-turn.

At 8:26 p.m., Zachariah Tinder was arrested on Howe Street on an outstanding Umatilla DUII warrant and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

Officers responded to a road rage incident between an electric scooter rider and a motorist. Witnesses at a gas station in the 1400 block of Monmouth Street heard Victor Riddle threaten to stab the motorist. After Riddle created a disturbance by yelling and making similar threats to unrelated people in the area, multiple people called 911. Riddle was arrested and was charged with disorderly conduct 2.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

At 1:07 p.m., officers responded to a report of harassment on Main Street. They talked with the complainant about various options to include trespass notice and stalking orders.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

At 8:28 a.m., officers responded to a report of an emotionally disturbed juvenile in Monmouth Street blocking traffic. Care home staff arrived and retrieved the youth.

At 8:28 a.m., officers responded to a trespassing report on Main Street. A male subject was ordered to move along and he complied.

At 9:37 a.m., officers were conducting a follow up at a local store on Monmouth Street when a shoplifter was stopped by staff. The juvenile suspect was released to his parents’ custody with a trespass notice. The store did not press charges for theft.

At 2:24 p.m., officers responded to a report of a house fire on Mooney Street. The resident had used a weed burning earlier that caused a small fire on the side of the house. Fire personnel had extinguished the fire before officers arrived.

At 2:43 p.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious male subject on the bridge with a rope. After being contacted, the male said he was magnet fishing and had connected with a metal object that was too large to retrieve by himself.

At 4:32 p.m., officers responded to a report of a male subject on Jackson Street who appeared high and was swinging an ax. The officers did not observe the behavior after contacting the subject and he denied the accusation.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

At 11:15 a.m., an emotionally disturbed male subject was trespassed from a location on Osprey Lane. MCIT staff came out and transported the subject back to their office.

At 3:59 p.m., officers responded to a report of a

group of males who were at the boat launch off Deann Drive with kayaks, with one that appeared to have a shotgun/rifle. By the time officers arrived, the group was already in the water.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

A warrant request was granted stemming from a 2023 case where Emily Campbell continually contacted a protected party that she was restrained from contacting per court order. On Aug. 23, an officer noticed that Campbell was in jail so charges were filed for violating a restraining order.

At 11:22 a.m., officers and deputies responded to a report of an overdose on 9th Street. Upon arrival, an officer administered NARCAN on an unconscious male subject with altered breathing and reports of fentanyl use. The male recovered and denied medical transport, wanting his family to instead take him to the hospital.

At 2:07 p.m., a resident on 11th Street called with questions about threats to throw her cat outside.

At 5:35 p.m., a dog loose on Main Street was turned into the police department and was later retrieved by a family.

At 7:43 p.m., a report of a subject riding an ATV in the street on 6th Street.

At 11:27 p.m., officers responded to a report of aerial fireworks being set off behind the school on 16th Street. Upon arrival, officers found five juveniles, ages 11-14, in the field by the baseball diamond. They initially tried to run, but immediately stopped. They admitted to setting off the fireworks. Their parents were contacted and responded. All were warned for criminal trespass and use of illegal fireworks. They denied being involved in prior calls of the same nature.

MONDAY, AUG. 24

At 2:28 p.m., officers responded to a report on River Drive of a domestic disturbance with allegations of choking. They found the choke to be legally justified due to circumstances of the caller trying to take children from the location without permission. Officers planned to contact DHS.

At 8:27 p.m., a male juvenile on C Street reported an unknown female subject was yelling at him, flipped him off, then flipped/swiped his helmet off his head.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

At 7:26 p.m., a report of a juvenile jumping on top of an Amazon truck on Morning Glory Drive.

Anonymous report of potential neglect regarding a dog kept on a tether. An officer inspected the property and confirmed the animal was healthy, well-fed, and had access to water and shade.

Civil Dispute: A disagreement regarding child custody and medical record documentation. The caller was advised to seek legal counsel and file for formal custody through the courts, as the situation did not meet criminal standards for coercion.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical altercation involving pushing between two individuals. No injuries were reported.

Animal Complaint: Report of excessive dog barking. An officer was unable to contact the resident and left a notification door hanger.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

Assist Other Agency: Officers assisted in locating an elderly person with dementia who had wandered away from a care facility.

Driving Complaint: Report of a sedan running another driver off the road. An officer noted the vehicle description and will monitor the area.

Vehicle Crash: Follow-up on a reported vehicle collision. After an insurance dispute arose regarding who caused the accident an officer will review potential camera footage.

Person in Crisis: An officer assisted a resident concerned about documenting hidden cameras found in their home.

Illegal Camping: Contact made with an individual camping on a public easement.

Medical Emergency: Officers responded to an unconscious person suffering from a seizure. Medics were requested to transport the individual.

Suspicious Activity: Report of an individual swinging an axe in public. The individual was located, but no weapon was found.

Welfare Check: An intoxicated person was found sleeping on the sidewalk.

Citizen Contact: Report of an individual dancing shirtless in public.

Attempt to Locate: Assisted another agency in searching for a suspect involved in a driving complaint. The suspect was not located.

Assist Other Agency: Assisted in the rescue of a paraglider who landed in the river.

Assist Other Agency: An intruder report was determined to be an individual in crisis.

Driving Complaint: Reckless driving reported in an apartment complex.

Suspicious Activity: Suspected drug transactions reported. None were observed.

Prowling: Report of a subject banging on a door. No one was located.

Theft: After a report of a bicycle stolen evidence was gathered for the investigation.

Citizen Contact: A report of a physical incident was referred to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Noise Complaint: Officers responded to a report of a loud party but upon arrival, the party could not be located.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Suspicious Person: An intoxicated subject was observed rambling.

POLICE

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Ordinance Violation: A parking violation was resolved after the vehicle was moved.

Fireworks Complaint: Residents agreed to stop using fireworks after a complaint.

Suspicious Person: After juveniles were found smoking, their vaping device was confiscated for destruction.

Domestic Disturbance: Physical domestic violence incident reported. The subject fled the scene before officers arrived.

Field Interview: A subject was stopped and cited regarding a previous threat.

Found Property: An iPhone was found and returned to the owner.

Burn Complaint: A resident who reported garbage burning had their information forwarded to the fire department.

Noise Complaint: Loud music reported. The responsible resident agreed to lower the volume.

Noise Complaint: Noise reported but not heard by the responding officer.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers investigated a report of physical domestic violence involving strangulation and theft. The subject’s whereabouts are unknown.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Suspicious Activity: A note with nonsensical writing was left at a residence. The resident requested the subject be trespassed.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical domestic incident was reported. No criminal charges were requested by the parties involved.

Citizen Contact: Officers responded to check a property for an intruder. Nothing was found.

Animal Complaint: A report of dogs running loose and allegedly attacking neighbor pets.

Citizen Contact: A resident requested police standby during a child custody exchange. The caller was encouraged to use the police station for future meetups.

Citizen Contact: Request for extra patrol during a community event.

MONDAY, AUG. 24

Suspicious Activity: Banging on a door reported. Officers found no suspicious activity upon arrival.

Assist Other Agency: Officers provided traffic control at a crash scene involving injuries. One driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Fireworks Complaint: A report of juveniles setting off aerial fireworks. Their parents were contacted and warned.

Assist Other Agency: Officers investigated a report of an intruder via camera footage. They checked the property but found no one.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers responded to a report of a physical altercation but found no disturbance upon arrival.

Suspicious Activity: A report of juveniles acting suspiciously near a church.

Attempt to Locate: After reporting a hit-and-run, the parties involved decided not to pursue charges.

Harassment: Dispute regarding recording individuals in public.

Information: A lost

wallet was reported.

Driving Complaint: Reckless driving report. The vehicle was not located.

Trespass: A report of juveniles on electric bikes in a restricted field.

Information: Lost keys were reported.

Theft: An officer conducted an interview for an ongoing theft investigation.

Disturbance: After officers responded to a physical domestic dispute, the involved parties separated.

Harassment: Dispute regarding flashlight use.

Citizen Contact: Assistance provided to a resident with a lost wallet.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

Person in Crisis: A caller who reported allegations of forgery and human trafficking was directed to contact the appropriate investigative agencies.

Citizen Contact: Ongoing roommate dispute regarding text messages.

Hit & Run: A vehicle was hit while parked in a lot.

Noise/Animal Complaint: Barking dogs reported. An officer heard nothing upon arrival.

Trespass: An individual was trespassed from city buildings.

Assist Other Agency: A house that fire reported was determined to be cooking smoke.

Information: Inquiry regarding legal camping locations.

Suspicious Activity: Juveniles smoking was reported but nothing was found.

Found Person: A lost toddler was located and reunited with a parent.

Harassment: A bullying incident was reported at a school.

Suspicious Activity: A subject was reported near business trailers. Officers found no forced entry.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

Suspicious Activity: A subject in a hoodie was acting suspiciously near food carts. There were no signs of forced entry.

Animal Complaint: A barking dog was reported to be behind dumpsters. The subject was uncooperative with the officer.

Suspicious Activity: A subject on a bike without safety gear was confronted.

Fraud: A subject who reported a financial scam involving an alleged prize had their information forwarded to authorities.

Animal Complaint: Deceased wildlife was disposed of.

Animal Complaint: An officer checked on the welfare check on a dog and it appeared healthy.

Assist Other Agency: Officer responded to a medical emergency involving an unconscious person. The patient was transported to the hospital.

Trespass: A report of juveniles suspected of smoking at a university building.

Crime: Dispute regarding a stalking order and child custody.

Polk County Sheriff’s Office

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

At 1:23 p.m., a deputy contacted a female subject down by the creek off Mitchell Street in Falls City. The deputy informed her she was parked facing the wrong direction and likely walked through private property to get to the creek. She was packing

up to leave so received just a warning.

At 2:57 p.m., Zackerie House was arrested on Palmer Road related to a case under investigation for which he was charged with burglary 1, theft 2 and attempted assault 4.

At 3:50 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 5:34 p.m., a deputy was getting gas in his patrol vehicle on Ash Street and observed a male digging through the garbage. The male stated he was a county surveyor and found good parts for a zip line in the scrap metal bin. He left the listed area.

At 7:33 p.m., a resident on Jefferson Street reported a long and confusing story regarding her gun safe and approximately \$10,000 in cash missing from her apartment since July 7. She mentioned many possible suspects.

At 7:53 p.m., a resident on Pacific Highway reported a worker brought in from Las Vegas, who was also a friend of her hired hand, started acting erratically, which she suspected was the result of drugs. The subject admitted to medics he took meth. He was persuaded to be taken to the Corvallis Hospital. The resident did not want Javier back on the property once released from the hospital. The plan was to purchase him a bus ticket back to Las Vegas.

At 9:28 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 20-31 mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

At 1:55 a.m., Phillip Splawn turned himself into the PCSO on an outstanding assault 4 warrant out of Polk County. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 2:39 a.m., a deputy driving on Bethel Road narrowly missed hitting a black dog that ran in front his cruiser. The dog circled around and tried to get into the car. While checking the collar, a second dog came up to the deputy. Both were friendly, but not chipped. The deputy was unable to locate an owner living nearby. The two dogs were taken to the county dog kennel. Photos taken and emailed to animal control.

At 5:23 a.m., a motorist on Taggart Drive was cited for no operator’s license and unsafe lane change.

At 5:36 a.m., a male subject approached the staff at VP Racing Fuels on Salem Dallas Highway having a medical emergency and wanting staff to call 911. A deputy stayed with the subject until medics arrived and transported him to the hospital. However, a check turned up the subject, Troy Ingram had a cite and release warrant out of Yamhill County.

He was cited and released at the hospital.

At 7:29 a.m., a deputy ran the plate of a vehicle in front of him at Wallace and Glen Creek and found it was reported stolen out of Pasco, Washington. The deputy followed the vehicle until it pulled into the Goodwill parking lot and units conducted a high risk stop. The occupants were cooperative and detained. The front seat passenger claimed ownership of the vehicle. He was the listed suspect in the original report. Mario Mendoza was lodged at Polk

County Jail and charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle. Driver Elijah Torres was cited and released for driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

At 8:42 a.m., deputies responded to a report of two vehicles involved in a head-on crash with injuries on Wallace Road. They stabilized the scene and Oregon State Police took over the investigation shortly after.

At 8:54 a.m., a resident on College Street reported a motorist hit one of her boulders and pushed it into the roadway, then the driver fled the scene sometime in the early morning. A neighbor reported the driver contacted him and admitted he hit the boulder and parked his vehicle nearby, thinking it was the neighbor’s boulder. No crimes were committed.

At 9:41 a.m., a deputy stopped to check on a driver on the side of the road with flashers on. The driver was cleaning up the backseat after a kiddo spilt their breakfast. The driver and kiddo were ok.

At 11:32 p.m., a male subject under investigation turned himself in at the PCSO where he was arrested on an outstanding Polk County warrant and was also charged with elude and criminal mischief.

At 12:33 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Street was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for no insurance and no Oregon driver’s license and was warned for the expired registration.

At 1:02 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Street was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for no insurance and received a warning on the expired tags.

At 1:49 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle broken down and blocking the eastbound lane of Hoffman Road. The driver had a tow on the way. The deputy located the manual override to shift the vehicle into neutral and helped push the vehicle off the side of the road until the tow arrived.

At 2:14 p.m., a resident on Ash Avenue a neighbor’s dog has been running onto her property trespassing and charging at her grandsons.

At 4:01 p.m., a resident on Corvallis Road reported she had about 17 dozen eggs stolen from her egg stand since Aug. 10 that were each valued at \$5 a dozen since. She reported possibly having the suspect on video and will provide it to deputies.

At 8:25 p.m., a motorist reported a driving complaint of two vehicles, speeding and crossing double yellow on Pacific Highway. A deputy was unable to locate the vehicles.

At 8:49 p.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and received a written warning for the expired tags. He was advised to park on the side of the road until a friend could pick him up.

At 11:13 p.m., deputies assisted Dallas Police with translating on a DUII stop. They found the driver was not intoxicated. However, the passenger was intoxicated and there were a couple open cans showing the passenger had been drinking.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

At 2:13 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a naked male running around the inside of the Independence Hotel. Independence Police were tied up on a missing person call. Deputies located the male who was inside the hotel in the West wing. He thought he was in Las Vegas and stated he took LSD and DMT (dimethyltryptamine). Medics did an evaluation and he went back inside his room.

At 6:03 a.m., a deputy opened a locked gate for a motorist trapped behind it off Mill Creek Road. The motorist was cited for a TMA violation (illegal vehicle operation in a protected wildlife area).

At 7:36 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of subjects illegally camping off Mill Creek Road. The deputy found two subjects camping and had a small fire who said they did not see the walk-in only signs. They put the fire out. One was cited for TMA violation and they followed the deputy out of Mill Creek Road.

At 8:11 a.m., a subject on Silva Road was arrested and lodged on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

At 2:45 p.m., a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone and for failing to install an ignition interlock device.

At 6:40 p.m., deputies arrived at the scene of a crash on Monmouth Cutoff Road. After speaking with one of the drivers involved, the deputy gave the information over to Dallas Police who took over since the incident was in city limits. The damage was over \$2,500.

At 7:12 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near milepost 55 was stopped for speeding 79 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance, and was warned for speeding.

At 8:38 p.m., a resident on Rickreall Road reported the theft of dog medication by his foster child. The child admitted taking the drugs to get high. He faces referral to Polk Juvenile on charges of theft 3.

At 9:30 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near milepost 33, who admitted to driving fast to get home, was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:39 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a motorcycle crash with injuries on Kings Valley Highway. The motorcyclist said she crashed her bike after trying to swerve and miss a deer. Medics transported her to the Corvallis hospital.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

At 12:58 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a downed tree blocking Zena Road. Folks were working on removing the tree from the roadway, with another deputy enroute with a chainsaw. While on scene a local farmer used a backhoe to push the tree from the road.

At 4:39 p.m., a report of a motorcycle crash into the ditch with injuries on Monmouth Highway. The rider was transported by medics. Deputies assisted with traffic control until OSP arrived.

At 8:41 p.m., a deputy stopped to check on a disabled vehicle on the side of Zena Road. The driver said he ran out of gas and AAA was on the way. The deputy learned the driver was driving

while suspended, but did not cite him as he did not witness him driving.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

At 12:54 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:14 a.m., deputies assisted the Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office with a high risk stop at Main and D streets, taking into custody subjects wanted out of California for a burglary and armed with a firearm.

At 3:31 a.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was stopped for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and warned for speeding. The deputy hole punched her license.

At 4:21 a.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was stopped after almost crashing numerous times by crossing the fog line. The driver, Ismael Munoz-Tlatilpa, showed signs of impairment and failed a field sobriety test. He was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving. At Polk County Jail Munoz-Tlatilpa provided a BAC of .14%.

At 6:33 a.m., deputies responded to an initial report of a car fire on Bursell Road that turned out to be an accident. The driver said she was attempting to avoid a deer that was in the roadway when she lost control on the gravel road and flipped her car. When it came to a rest it caught fire. The driver was uninjured but her vehicle was totalled. She was also issued a citation for driving uninsured due to not having insurance on the vehicle.

At 11:22 a.m., officers from Monmouth and Independence, a deputy and a medic from Polk County Fire responded to a report of an overdose on 9th Street. The deputy arrived and administered Narcan after finding a male subject unconscious with altered breathing and reports of possible fentanyl use. The male regained consciousness and refused transport to a hospital as he wanted family to take him. His parole officer and DHS were notified.

At 8:04 p.m., a deputy checked on a vehicle that broke down and parked along the eastbound shoulder of Salt Creek Road with its hazards on. The driver said he had an uber coming to take him to Walmart and back to get oil to then hopefully get the car moved.

At 9 p.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported a female subject was trespassing on his property and refusing to leave. She was also in her vehicle smoking marijuana. After leaving the scene then returning again, a deputy located the female subject in the 19000 block of Bridgeport Road. She was arrested and charged with DUII and trespassing. A warrant was approved by a judge for a blood draw.

At 9:27 p.m., deputies responded to a crash with possible injuries on Pacific Highway. They provided traffic control and obtained brief initial statements from involved parties. One of the passengers fled on foot but another deputy located him on Riddell Road. He was transported by medics to Salem Hospital for a diabetic issue. Oregon

TRACK

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will run in that varsity race with pride and not worry too much about who everybody else is or how fast the fastest girls are going,” Cirino said. “We want them to show they’re ready and confident about running at that level, not just being in the race.”

The move from Class 5A to 4A does not guarantee a significant drop in competition. There are plenty of talented runners at this level.

Central leaves a deep Mid-Willamette Conference that included perennial powers Corvallis and Crescent Valley. The Panthers now join another competitive league in the Oregon West Conference, which includes the likes of Stayton, Newport and Philomath.

In fact, the Philomath girls won Friday’s The

Opener and have captured the team title there several years in a row.

“By no means is it going to be easier,” Cirino said. “Philomath is for real. They’re tough to beat.”

For now, Central is measuring progress against itself.

The season opener gave the coaching staff a chance to establish training paces and evaluate runners after a summer of preparation. It also allowed athletes to identify teammates they can pursue during practices and future races.

The meet was held at Western Oregon University and hosted by the Panthers. The meet attracted some 50 schools, its largest field to date.

“It makes me really proud to have this kind of event happen here,” Cirino said. “It’s awesome for our community and for the sport.”

Central will take a brief



COURTESY PHOTO

Runners Emmalyn Flugum, Annika Baltzley, Blake Nabity, Julia Boyd, Aliyah Wilson, Clementine Aldrich, Katarina Glasman and Elyssa Glasman opened the Panthers’ cross-country season at Western Oregon University.

break from competition before returning for the Ash Creek Invitational on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11-12, also at Western Oregon University.

The Panthers hope the break allows injured runners to recover and the rest of the team to settle into a consistent routine as classes begin.

“A lot of these guys will be very different in a few weeks,” Cirino said. “We’re hoping to get into a good rhythm as they get back into school.”

The boys placed 21st out of 30 teams. The girls did not field a complete varsity team, though Dallas finished sixth.

FOOTBALL

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14-0 quarterfinal loss to Mountain View, for example.

Dallas will turn to an experienced group to fill these roles.

Senior Thomas Hess returns for his second season as starting quarterback. Aidan Galusha leads the running backs, while Bertram Latta and Asher Olliff anchor the offensive and defensive lines. All four earned all-league honors last season.

The Dragons have traditionally built their offense around a powerful running game. With Hess returning at quarterback, however, Dallas turned to its passing game more often.

Greater variety creates

another challenge for opposing defenses. The Dragons were among the state’s highest-scoring teams last season.

Jackson continues to value players who compete through every drill and respond to coaching. Talent matters, he said, but effort determines who earns time on the field.

Realignment leaves the Mid-Willamette Conference with seven teams: Dallas, South Albany, Lebanon, West Albany, Silverton, Corvallis and Crescent Valley.

The Dragons begin the season with non-league games against Central and Newberg. They also face Glencoe on Oct. 9.

Dallas opens conference play Sept. 18 at Lebanon. Two of its most anticipated league games come Oct. 2 at West

Albany and Oct. 16 at home against Silverton.

Jackson acknowledged the schedule offers few, if any, breather.

A talented roster isn’t the Dragons only advantage over most teams. Dallas also benefits from strong community support. Fans fill the stadium for home games and travel well on the road.

The players and coaches appreciate that support.

“It’s a special place,” Jackson said of his hometown. “Friday nights here are awesome.”

The Dragons, who played one of the state’s toughest schedules last year, finished 4-2 in conference, 7-4 overall. They defeated Milwaukie in the opening round of the state playoffs, but fell to Mountain View, 14-0, in the quarterfinals.

POLICE

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State Police ultimately arrived and arrested one of the drivers for DUII. The driver of the other vehicle was also transported to West Valley Hospital for injuries.

MONDAY, AUG. 24

At 12:15 a.m., a crashed vehicle was located in the 15700 block of Oakdale Road. The driver, Nina Encinas, crashed her truck but did not know where, so she walked to get help. This crash killed about six chickens and mortally wounded a duck. Encinas exhibited signs of impairment but refused to take a field sobriety test. She was arrested and charged with DUII, reckless driving and criminal mischief 2. Her blood was taken under exigency.

At 8:41 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for no valid driver’s license.

At 1:58 p.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and for driving while suspended - violation.

At 6:10 p.m., a resident Church Street in Falls City reported a male subject had broken the glass in a display case over a property line dispute. The subject was cited and released for criminal mischief 3 and provided a court date.

At 9:24 p.m., a deputy

contacted a male subject in a tent off Edgewater Street. The subject, Keegan Rowe, had an outstanding statewide felony parole violation warrant out of Marion County. He was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:30 p.m., deputies covered Dallas Police on a domestic dispute on Walnut Avenue. The male subject, Ashton Harding, was gone before officers arrived, but faces charges of harassment - domestic violence. The female subject involved, Hannah Wilcox, was arrested and charged with two counts of disorderly conduct 2, three counts of harassment, assault 3, criminal mischief 2, and attempted assault on a public safety officer.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

At 3:21 a.m., a subject reported her father may have lost his wallet after pulling over on Rogers Road and got out to stretch. A deputy searched the area but was unable to locate the wallet which contained \$400 and credit cards.

At 12:12 p.m., deputies located an abandoned ATV and some personal property on Teal Creek Road. They returned the ATV to the owner and submitted the property to evidence.

At 4:07 p.m., a motorist was stopped for tailgating another vehicle and driving too fast. The driver was cited for following too close and speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

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