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## Girls Dallas bowlers notch program's first state title

By LANCE MASTERSON  
 For The Itemizer-Observer

Once greater emphasis was placed on enjoying the moment, the fun factor powered the Dragons' girls bowling team to its first ever state title.

Winning the title wasn't all smiles and laughter, however, as the girls overcame an early setback to surge past eventual runner-up Forest Grove in dramatic style.

Dallas reached the championship round via the consolidation bracket following an early loss to North Bend.

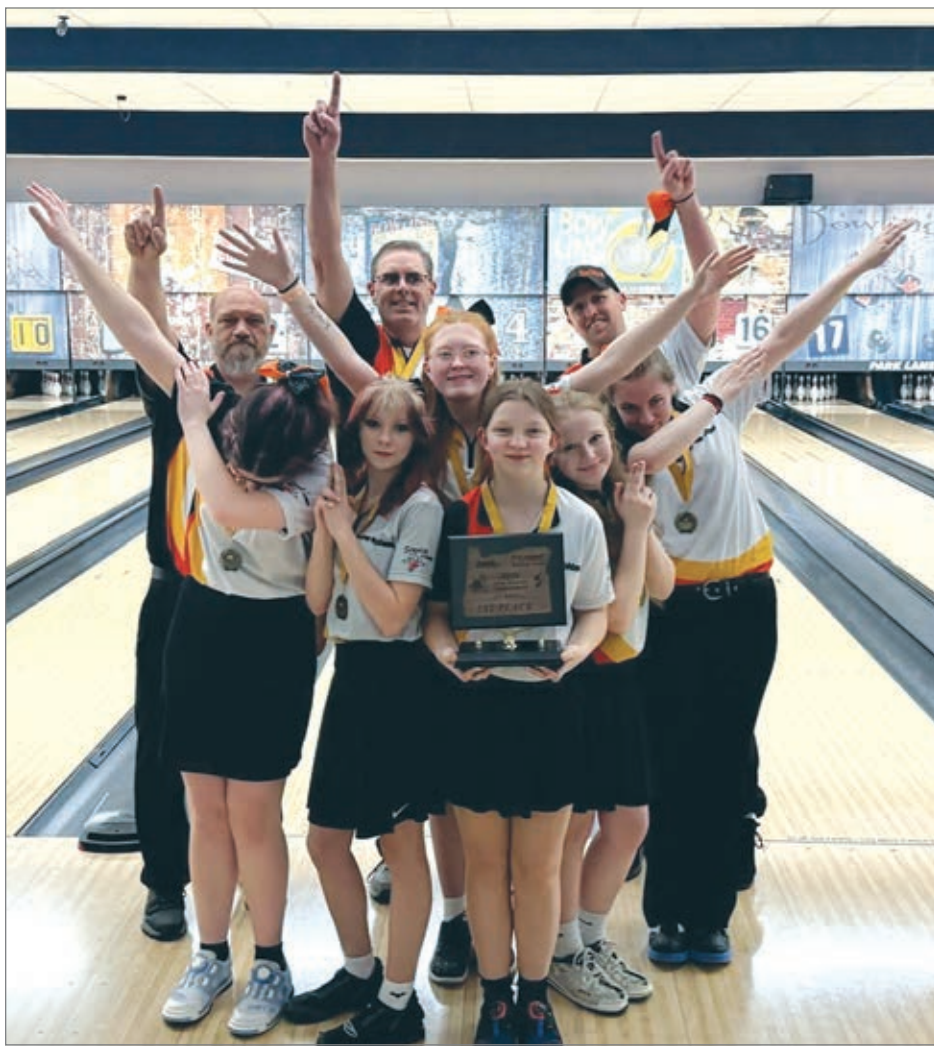
The Dragons then needed to defeat Forest Grove twice for the state championship. After dropping the opening game of the first set, Dallas won four straight against the Vikings to clinch the title.

Momentum shifted thanks to a change in the girls' attitudes.

"This game is so mental. If you make a bad shot and dwell on it, it's like quicksand. The more you struggle, the deeper you get," head coach Ray Rogers said. "You have to stay positive and look forward."

Which is exactly what the girls did.

"We just said, 'let's have fun. Once we did that, everything



COURTESY PHOTO

The Dallas girls bowling team and coaches celebrate after winning their first OSUSBC state title.

changed," junior Camille Stacey said. "At that point, it didn't matter if we won or lost. We just played loose."

Dallas then leaned on its team chemistry and experience to close out the victory.

"We've all been

together for years," Stacey said. "We know what brings each other up and what brings each other down. Nobody judges mistakes; we just have each other's backs."

This title carries added importance given the Dragons' recent past.

Over the past four years, the girls have had three second place finishes and one fourth place finish. The girls celebrated in style once the last pin fell.

"It was definitely an

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## April proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month

By DAVID HAYES  
 I-O Editor

The Polk County Commissioners, continuing a tradition at least 25 years in the making, proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month at their April 1 meeting.

Board Chair Lyle Mordhorst said what makes the quality of life in Polk County is the residents and their efforts.

"Today's youth is tomorrow's future.

They're our leaders and we need to give them every opportunity we can as children to learn what effort brings and the rewards that come with that," Mordhorst said after reading the proclamation into the record.

Abby Warren, Community Training & Education Supervisor for the County's Family Community & Outreach department, then highlighted the efforts under way to help community youth and their families.

She first spotlighted the county's Fam Jam event on April 25 at the Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center.

"This event really is intended to bring families together, to connect with resources, learn about

kindergarten enrollment and registration, as well as have some fun together," Warren said. "We really believe that the more we can connect families to positive activities, positive resources, things that will help keep them self-sufficient, the less likelihood we'll see of child abuse and neglect."

She added there are several parenting education series happening in the month of April and encouraged anybody interested in those to check out their website, www.midvalley-parenting.org.

A second event Community Training & Education is hosting toward the end of the month is an awareness walk April 29 at noon starting at the courthouse lawn.

"It's a visible, collaborative effort to walk around the city. We all wear blue. So if anybody's interested, please join us," Warren said.

Next, she invited Max Goodfriend, Prevention Education Coordinator with Liberty House, to talk about the advocacy center's 28 training

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## Volunteers sought for Earth Day cleanup

The Polk Soil & Water Conservation District and Andante Vineyard are teaming to host a volunteer Earth Day cleanup of Basket Slough National Wildlife Refuge at 10 a.m. April 22. The Basket Slough's 2,492 acres provides wetland and woodland sanctuary for migratory and resident wildlife which range from the rare and endangered Fender's blue butterfly to the prolific Dusky Canada goose.

Meet at the main parking lot on Coville Road. Organizers will go over some safety protocols, then split volunteers into two groups. One group will be pulling invasive mustard at the refuge and another group will pick up litter along the roads and trails from 10-11:30 a.m. Please bring your own water and work gloves. All other supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome. Volunteers will need to sign a liability waiver.

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## Easter's Egg-cellent Hunters



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Ashley Etheron, of Independence, gets a photo of her daughters Lily, 4, and Scarlett, 9, with the Easter Bunny and Chick at Monmouth Community Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Central High School, featuring 24,624 eggs. For more photos from the event, see page A8.

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# News Briefs



**Gage Ferrando**  
**LEBANON MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF DALLAS TEEN**

Gage Ferrando, 21, has been sentenced to serve two 75-month terms (6 ½ years each) in prison for sexually abusing a 14-year-old from Dallas in November of 2024.

Ferrando, of Lebanon, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Monte S. Campbell after pleading no contest to two counts of sex abuse

in the first degree. He will also be required to serve a 45-month term of post-prison supervision and register as a sex offender upon his release.

Campbell sentenced Ferrando pursuant to Oregon's Ballot Measure 11 minimum mandatory sentencing law. This means he will not be eligible for any early release or other program that would result in a reduction of his sentence. Ferrando will serve this sentence in addition to the 100-month sentence he is currently serving for rape in the first degree.

The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. If you or someone you know has experienced sexual assault, child abuse or

another victimization, April may be a difficult time for you. Should you need assistance or someone to talk to, seek out the following contacts:

Center for Hope and Safety: (503) 399-7722  
 Sable House: (503) 623-4033  
 Warriors of Hope (971) 241-3594

**SALEM MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE ON DOMESTIC ASSAULT, WEAPONS CHARGES**

Blake Pierce, 29, has been sentenced to serve eight years in prison after pleading guilty in Polk County Circuit Court on April 1 to assault and weapons charges related to an attack on his domestic partner in December of 2025.

Pierce also pled guilty to assaulting another inmate in the Polk County Jail while awaiting trial on this matter.

Pierce, of Salem,



**Blake Pierce**

appeared before Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park pleaded guilty to assault in the second degree, assault in the fourth degree, unlawful use of a weapon, and felon in possession of a weapon. He will also be required to serve 24 months of post prison supervision upon his release from custody. Under the terms of the sentence, Pierce will actually serve longer in prison than had he been

sentenced under Oregon's Measure 11 sentencing law.

The case was investigated by the Salem Police Department. It was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Connor Amundson.

**SHERWOOD MAN SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF INDEPENDENCE MINOR**

Malcolm Cade, 29, has been sentenced to serve 85 months (7 years, 1 month) in prison for sexually abusing a 9-year-old from Independence in 2024. Cade, of Sherwood, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park, after pleading no contest to two counts of sex abuse in the first degree. He will also be required to serve a 45-month term of post-prison supervision and register as a sex offender upon his release. Park sentenced Cade



**Malcolm Cade**

pursuant to Oregon's Ballot Measure 11 minimum mandatory sentencing law, which means he will not be eligible for any early release or other program that would result in a reduction of his sentence.

The case was investigated by the Independence Police Department. It was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

## Special Moments: The Small Things

By GARY DEROWITSCH

While driving around the neighborhood I noticed a dad and his little daughter standing by a road sign. The little girl was interested in something on the wood post. Maybe a thin part of the post splitting away, a bug, or any number of things. Whatever it was, she thought it important enough to investigate. You or I walking by the same road sign would more than likely never notice whatever it was the little girl saw and if we had would just continue walking,

never giving it a second thought. For her, it was a discovery, something worth investigating, something important.

Watching the little girl brought back memories when I was little and when small things I discovered mattered. I remember early on in my life traveling to the bean fields to pick beans. Mother insisted on my brother and I working during the summer. I remember being fascinated by two types of Lady Bugs. One was orange with black dots, the other yellow with black dots. The orange

Lady Bug was oval in shape while the yellow one was more elongated. Such an observation was probably not that important in the entire scope of things, but for me they were beautiful orange and yellow bugs, they were fascinating... important to me.

All of us at one time or another have witnessed a small child, squatting down, their attention on something small. It might be a bug, ant, some odd but interesting object, any number of things. Whatever it happened to be, it caught their attention and stimulated

their curiosity. They had to explore and discover what it was. Such experiences are important to children. They will think about those small things they discover long after the discovery was made. Even today I think about the orange and yellow bugs on the bean leaves.

There were other small things that caught my attention as a very young child. Cracks in sidewalks, an agate found lying among the thousands of rocks by the river, a furry black and orange woolly-bear caterpillar crawling up a tree, or an occasional butterfly

darting about the sky.

I began thinking about this and wondered if the small things aren't far more important than we give them credit for. Maybe it is the small things, the things that catch a child's attention but we as adults wouldn't even notice. Are these more important than we imagine? As we grow older, become adults, I wonder if we miss out on the small things, treasures right in front of us, treasures we never see.

What I've learned is that when we parents watch our children

discover something small and insignificant though it may be, it is important for us not only to share in their discovery but show genuine interest, and actually look through their little eyes and see what they see. By doing this, we as adults may have a better appreciation of what's really important. Not the material things in life, but those things we pass by every day and never notice... the small things.

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

## Small Oregon university delivers breakthrough ivy league labs haven't

By DR. ROBERT F. MELENDY

After a ten-year journey that began at Liberty University in winter 2015 and continued through Oregon Institute of Technology, I've solved a 70-year-old mystery in neuroscience at George Fox University: why the 1952 Hodgkin-Huxley equations (which won the 1963 Nobel Prize and describe exactly how neurons fire) have the specific mathematical form they do.

Since 1952, scientists have used these equations to model everything from brain diseases to artificial intelligence, but nobody understood why they contained mysterious integer exponents like "to the third power" and "to the fourth power." They were discovered through trial-and-error curve-fitting

to squid neuron data. They worked perfectly, but nobody knew why.

My research, published this month in the journal Membranes, proves these equations aren't lucky guesses. They're mathematically required by the laws of physics: as inevitable as water freezing at 32 degrees.

But here's what makes this story distinctly Oregonian: This breakthrough didn't come from Stanford, MIT, or Harvard. It came from a small private university in the Willamette Valley. As a Polk County resident working just across the county line, I've watched Oregon's research ecosystem deliver results that larger states would envy.

The key to solving this? Recognizing that neurons obey the same symmetry principles that govern everything from

snowflakes to spinning tops. Just as a snowflake must have six identical sides because of how water molecules bond, ion channels in neurons must behave in specific mathematical ways because of membrane physics.

George Fox doesn't have the resources of major research universities. We don't have massive endowments or armies of postdocs. What we have are curious faculty, engaged students, and the freedom to pursue fundamental questions without worrying about immediate commercial applications.

That freedom matters. For a decade, I worked on this problem with no guaranteed payoff. No defense contractor was waiting to buy the results. No pharmaceutical company was funding the research. Just pure

curiosity about why nature works the way it does.

The breakthrough came unexpectedly. In 2025, undergraduate student Daniel H. Blue joined me. His fresh perspective sparked the connection I'd been missing for years. That's how science actually works: through basic inquiry, collaboration, and serendipitous events.

The implications are enormous. Understanding why neurons fire the way they do might revolutionize treatments for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and epilepsy affecting 50 million Americans. It provides new principles for designing brain-inspired computer chips, critical as America competes with China in artificial intelligence.

Oregon State University provided me with the engineering and

mathematical foundation. George Fox provided the environment to pursue fundamental questions. An undergraduate student provided the catalyst. This is Oregon's research ecosystem at work.

Small universities like George Fox are particularly vulnerable when research funding shrinks. We can't weather cuts the way elite institutions can. Yet we're producing discoveries that advance human knowledge.

Here's the irony: policymakers probably wouldn't have funded this work ten years ago. Mathematical patterns in neuron behavior? No obvious application, no clear commercial product, no compelling pitch for Congress. Yet here we are, with results that could reshape both medicine and computing. Nature had no choice but

to wire neurons exactly this way: we've proven it mathematically, and these results are anchored in the Nobel prize winning work of Sir Alan Lloyd Hodgkin and Andrew Fielding Huxley.

Oregon has long punched above its weight in research. This discovery continues that tradition.

As Congress debates research funding cuts, they should look to Oregon as a model. The question isn't whether to fund basic research or applied research. It's whether America will keep planting the seeds that produce tomorrow's breakthroughs.

*Dr. Robert F. Melendy is Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at George Fox University in Newberg. He holds a BS, MS, MS, and PhD from Oregon State University.*

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# Health alert issued for chicken nuggets sold at Walmart

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has issued a public health alert for frozen, dinosaur-shaped, ready-to-eat chicken nuggets that may be contaminated with unsafe levels of lead.

FSIS did not elevate the health alert to the level of a recall because the products are no longer available for purchase. However, FSIS officials are concerned that some product may still be in consumers' freezers.

The chicken nuggets were produced on Feb. 10, 2026. The following product is subject to the public health alert [view labels]:

29-oz. plastic bags containing approx. 36 "great value fully cooked dino shaped chicken breast nuggets" with "best if used by" date "Feb. 10 2027," lot code "0416DPO1215," and establishment number "P44164" printed on the back of the bag.

These items were shipped to Walmart locations nationwide. FSIS officials are continuing to investigate this issue. The problem was discovered during routine surveillance sampling conducted by a state partner.

Lead is especially dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and young children because



it can harm developing brains and nervous systems, sometimes causing lasting problems. There

is no safe amount of lead exposure. Guidelines from the Food and Drug Administration provide

an interim reference level (IRL) of 2.2 micrograms. The amount of lead found in these nuggets could be as much as five times higher than this IRL for children. Health experts also say these nuggets may be a risk for women who are pregnant or who could become pregnant. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for information on the health effects of lead consumption at [www.cdc.gov/lead-prevention/symptoms-complications/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/lead-prevention/symptoms-complications/index.html).

FSIS officials are also concerned that some product may still be in consumers' freezers.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or send a question via email to [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov). For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.



## Dallas Library hosts master storyteller Alton Chung

The Dallas Public Library hosts master storyteller Alton Chung at 6:30 p.m. April 10 at 950 Main St.

This special program will feature powerful stories about the Japanese American experience during World War II,

PHOTO BY REID SHIMUAFUKURO

**Master storyteller Alton Chung gives a presentation on WWII Japanese internment camps at 6:30 p.m. April at the Dallas Public Library.**

with a focus on life in the internment camps. Through thoughtful and engaging storytelling, Chung shares accounts that are introspective, sometimes humorous, and ultimately uplifting. Among the stories he will present is Onara, a moving firsthand account of life before and during internment as seen through the eyes of a young girl. The story was written by retired Seattle school principal Mako Nakagawa and is shared with her permission.

Chung will also recount his personal reflections from visiting

the site of the Minidoka Japanese American Internment Camp in Idaho, including meeting an 89-year-old former internee and hearing her story. Also, the story of Frank Emi, one of the leaders of the Fair Play Committee at Heart Mountain who went to prison standing up for their Civil Rights.

This program is intended for adults and mature teens. High school students and young adults with an interest in history are especially encouraged to attend this fascinating and meaningful

presentation.

Chung's performance is part of the library's Community Reads program featuring the graphic memoir "They Called Us Enemy," which tells the story of actor George Takei's childhood experience in U.S. internment camps during World War II. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Dallas Public Library at (503) 623-2633 or visit [facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon](https://facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon). This program was made possible in part by a grant from Oregon Humanities.



## Four tips for testing allergens in your baby's diet

Delaying allergenic foods doesn't reduce the risk of allergies. Early introduction can be part of a positive mealtime adventure.

Here are a few ways to make introducing common allergens an empowering and joyful experience.

- 1. Know the right foods to introduce.** Potential allergens include eggs, dairy, peanuts and sesame.
- 2. Introduce one food at a time.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises offering one new single-ingredient food at a time and waiting a few days before trying another. This allows parents to easily spot any reactions.

- 3. Know when to start introducing allergens.** According to the CDC, most babies are ready to begin solid food, including potential allergens, around six months of age. Make sure your baby has good head control and the ability to swallow without pushing food back out.

- 4. Approach your pediatrician when needed.** If your baby has severe eczema or a known egg allergy, chat with your pediatrician before other first exposures to common allergens to create a tailored plan.

Keep the mood relaxed during mealtimes — introducing a variety of foods is part of helping your baby stay safe, healthy and happy as they grow!

# The Polk County Board of Commissioners presented their STAR Award to the District Attorney's Office Discovery/Evidence Division team

The Polk County Board of Commissioners presented their STAR (Special Thanks and Recognition) Award to the District Attorney's Office Discovery/Evidence Division team of Carrie Jackson, Carol Carlson and

Supervisor Matt Olson. The STAR Award is given quarterly by the commissioners to Polk County employees for going above and beyond their typical duties and making a significant difference in areas such as excellent customer

service, team success, outstanding achievement, ideas for (or implementing) improvement of services, safety, suggesting or implementing a process to save money or resources, or individual milestones. In his nomination of the

team, District Attorney Aaron Felton wrote to the Board of Commissioners, "In the last 10 years, with the advent of digital case management systems and police body cameras, [evidence production and management] has undergone

a revolutionary transformation. I am very proud to say that our Discovery/Evidence team [has] not only kept pace with the technological changes, but established a leadership role by building one of, if not the finest operations in

Oregon. [T]his department in the DA's Office, is a major contributor to our mission of seeking justice for the people of Polk County and are extremely deserving of this special recognition from the Board."

## OBITUARIES



**Kevin Lee Smith**  
January 12, 1964  
March 26, 2026

Kevin, 62, was born in Fort Ord, CA, and passed away, with family by his side, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, due to complications from the removal of a brain tumor. He was the son of the late Randy Smith, Jr and Sandy Smith of Dallas, Oregon.

Kevin was a lifelong resident of Dallas and one of the few remaining founding members of The Bridgeport Community Chapel, having attended services there for 57 years. He was raised on a dairy farm, was active in 4-H, and attended Bridgeport and Whitworth Elementary Schools, Academy Jr High, LaCreole Jr High, and Dallas High School, graduating in 1982.

Over the years, Kevin was employed in manufacturing, resident health care, and most recently, with Garten Services.

Kevin will be remembered for his gentle and kind presence, his faith in the Lord, and his independent nature. Kevin never became angry or said an unkind word to another soul. He was devoted to his family and his church. He was also a huge fan of science fiction, especially Star Trek, and developed a large collection of sci-fi films and novels.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Randy Smith, Jr., and his grandparents, Randy and Muriel Smith and Fred and Tay Altheide. He is survived by his mother, Sandy Smith, his brother, Brian Smith (Jessie Hargadine), and his aunt, Gloria Holland (Alan), cousin Annie Bullington and his aunt, Maarri Donaldson (Tony Gallardo). He also leaves several nieces and nephews and great nieces/nephews.

The family would like to thank the medical and general staff at Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland for their kindness and expertise in caring for Kevin and his family.

A service will be held on May 30, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Bridgeport



Community Chapel.

**Jonathan Curtis Toews**

Nov. 3, 1959 - March 10, 2026

Jonathan Curtis Toews, 66, of Dallas, Oregon passed away March 10, 2026. Jon was born in Dallas, Oregon on Nov 3, 1959, to Abe and Darlene (Balzer) Toews.

After high school Jon worked for several auto body shops. He then decided to take his experience and expertise and opened T&T Auto Body

on Airlie Rd Monmouth OR, which he owned for over 25 years. He was well known for his meticulous work in restoring classic cars and trucks as well as complete paint jobs.

In his leisure time Jon enjoyed watching a good action movie on his high end audio system.

Jon is survived by his Dad, Abe Toews of Dallas, Oregon; and two sisters, Cindy Antel of Albany, Oregon, and June Radke of Bend, Oregon.

A memorial gathering will be held April 18, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Bollman's Tribute Center, Dallas Oregon.



**Laura Moothart**

Jan. 7, 1927 - March 14, 2026

Laura Hattie Moothart (nee Kampa) departed us on March 14 at the age of 99. She was born January 7, 1927, in St. Cloud, MN, to Vincent Kampa and Mary Neumann and was one of Laura Moothart eight children.

Laura moved to Longview, Washington, in 1944 and worked at Empire Drugs and Longview Fibre. There she met John (Jack) Moothart and they were married in November 1948. They resided in Longview, starting their family of five children before moving to Independence, Oregon, in 1970. Jack and Laura owned and operated Moothart's Market from 1970 to 1999. These were very memorable years for Laura, the family, and the community. What she loved most was her family — especially her children.

Laura and Jack also enjoyed many family reunions and gatherings with both sides of the family. They relished opportunities to celebrate;

all holidays were memorable and over the top. Christmas was exceptional, as was the 4th of July. Family and friends would all gather, watch the parade, play in the pool, and barbecue until it was time to set off our own fireworks and then gather to watch the spectacular fireworks provided for the community. Laura was preceded in death by her husband, John (Jack) Moothart, daughter Debra Moothart, son John Moothart, Jr., and grandsons Eric Konop and Nicholas Moothart. She is survived by her daughter Dian Wolfe (Donald), son Michael Moothart, son Robert Moothart (Janine), brother Leland Kampa, 11 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and over 100 nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful to the Battle Creek Memory Care staff, Brighton Hospice, Kristy (in-home care provider and friend), Meals on Wheels, the Monmouth Senior Center staff, and supportive neighbors for their loving support and care of Laura.

In lieu of flowers, the Moothart Family welcomes donations to the Jack and Laura Moothart Hometown Fireworks Fund through Friends of Community Parks. In honor of Jack and Laura's historic connection to the Independence Day fireworks in Independence, the family would like to provide funds to sponsor this year's fireworks and establish a fund to continue for many years. Donations can be made via Venmo by clicking this weblink or by going to <https://venmo.com/u/friendsofcommunityparks>. Checks can be made out to Friends of Community Parks and mailed to: 169 Broad St. South, Box #22, Monmouth, OR, 97361.

Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Independence on April 10th at 11 a.m. Following a brief graveside service with immediate family at Hilltop Cemetery, a celebration of life reception will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Gilgamesh Brewing, 370 S. Main St., Independence.

Funeral arrangements are provided by Farnstrom Mortuary of Independence  
*In Loving Memory of*



**Linda Susan Runge**

September 14, 1945

March 4, 2026

Linda Susan Runge, a cherished wife, devoted mother, and beloved grandmother, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026, at the age of 80. Born in the picturesque town of Bend, Oregon, on September 14, 1945, Linda graced the world with her warmth, compassion, and unwavering love for her family and friends.

Linda was the beloved daughter of Frank and Dorothy King, and the sister of Rodney King, all of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her devoted husband, Hollis Runge, with whom she shared a profound and enduring love story that began when they met at the tender age of 14. Their bond, sealed with a first kiss at 14 and a last kiss at 80, was a testament to a love that transcended time. They were married for 64 extraordinary years, yet in love for an inspiring 66 years. To Hollis, Linda was forever the beautiful 14-year-old girl who captured his heart.

Linda was a proud graduate of Centennial High School in Gresham, Oregon, where she laid the foundation for a life dedicated to caring for others. Her nurturing spirit was evident in her unwavering commitment to her family. She was a devoted mother to her children, Michael Runge and his wife Sylvia of McMinnville, Oregon, and Cheryl Runge of Willamina, Oregon. Her love extended to her grandchildren, Steven

Runge, Monica Jones, and Nathan

Runge, and her ten great-grandchildren, who brought immense joy to her life.

Known for her selfless ability to touch the lives of those around her. She was a caregiver to many family members, often putting their needs before her own, even when she herself was in pain. Her small gestures of kindness and love, especially towards the family children, were treasures that meant more than words could convey. Linda's heart was a wellspring of warmth and compassion, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In accordance with her family's wishes, a private ceremony will be held to honor Linda's life and legacy. In these intimate moments, her family will reflect on the love and joy she brought into their lives, forever holding her memory close to their hearts.

To her beloved Hollis, who penned a final loving tribute: "Fell in love and first kiss at 14 years, last kiss at 80 years old. My love for you, Linda, will never die." Linda's legacy of love will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of her family and friends, a beacon of the profound and enduring love she shared with those she cherished most.

May Linda Susan Runge's gentle soul rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love she so generously gave throughout her remarkable life.



**Wilona Jo Cobine**

Sept. 20, 1961 - March 28, 2026

Funeral Arrangements TBD

## DEATH NOTICES

**Mildred Friesen**

January 11, 1923 - March 29, 2026

Mildred Friesen, 103, originally from Dallas, long time resident of Forest Grove, and late of Bremerton, Washington, died in her home March 29, 2026.

Graveside Service at Salt Creek Cemetery, Dallas, Oregon, Monday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Reception to follow.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### VOTE YES ON THE SW POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING LEVY

As a rural Polk County resident, I strongly support the operating levy for the SW Polk County Fire District.

Fire protection is not optional where we live — it's essential. We rely on our Fire District for emergency medical response, structure fires, and especially wildland fire protection. In our area, one wildfire can quickly threaten homes, property, and lives. Maintaining readiness is critical.

Like all of us, the Fire District is facing rising costs. Fuel, equipment, training, and basic operations are more expensive than ever. My own household budget has increased, and I've had to focus on what truly matters. Reliable rural fire protection is at the top of that list.

This levy is about maintaining our current level of service — not expanding, just ensuring our firefighters have the resources they need to respond when minutes count. Stable funding means trained responders, dependable equipment, and protection for our community.

Public safety is a core responsibility, and supporting our Fire District is an investment in our homes, families, and future.

Please vote Yes on the SW Polk County Fire District operating levy.

*Laurie Hall  
Dallas*

### COMMUNITY MEMBER BELIEVES IN BELTZ

I'm sitting in an Independence home near the Willamette, listening to Roxanne Beltz, a candidate for Polk County Commissioner. It was a friendly and informal gathering of friends over snacks and drinks, culminating in questions and answers led by Roxanne. I've known her for years as a public servant — she's a Monmouth City Councilor and chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, with previous service as President of the Monmouth Business Association to name a few. But in this setting, I got to see how Roxanne

might work as a commissioner, and decided right then to vote for her in May.

What struck me most was that Roxanne carefully listened and responded to all our concerns, and that she is already an experienced leader. There were some among us who didn't know what a county commissioner does, and others who wondered what she could do as a commissioner to address their concerns. Roxanne explained the workings of county government and her intentions clearly, demonstrating a great ability to communicate complexities.

It is also clear Roxanne Beltz is ready to lead on day one. Her extensive experience and dedication will be an exceptional asset to our county government.

Check out her website [www.believeinbeltz.com](http://www.believeinbeltz.com) for specific details on how she intends to lead us into success. I'm sure you'll be as impressed as I am.

*Gail Oberst,  
Independence*

### KEEP COMMISSIONER GORDON TO CONTINUE HIS GREAT WORK

I would like to bring attention to current Polk County Commissioner, Jeremy Gordon, running for re-election.

I have lived in Dallas for nearly 12 years. I have found Jeremy to be an especially effective problem solver and I have appreciated the work he has done with other local governments to provide resources for the needy around us. I have been particularly impressed with the three facilities that serve the homeless in Polk County.

Sheltering and providing services for this group has been a difficult problem for local governments for years everywhere. It takes hard work, negotiating with many private and public organizations, careful budgeting, planning, and building relationships with diverse folks, along with dogged determination to successfully keep these unhoused neighbors sheltered and serviced long term.

It takes someone who has leadership skills, and a strong work ethic, and

truly cares. Jeremy has these qualities. I encourage every voter to check out Jeremy's record that he has created during his term in office.

Let's keep a successful, proven commissioner in office to continue working for us and doing such a great job for all the citizens of Polk County.

Sincerely,  
*Laurel Lee Pedersen,  
Dallas*

### VOTE ROXANNE BELTZ FOR MORE EXPERIENCE IN COUNTY

I have known and done business projects with Polk County County Commissioner Candidate Roxanne Beltz since 2017. Roxanne is an organized, high energy, detailed oriented and very honest individual. She supports Polk County small businesses such as the one that I own. She is passionate about transportation and mental health issues.

I support Roxanne Beltz for Polk County County Commissioner Position 2.

*Steven O'Harra,  
West Salem*

### RE-ELECT JEREMY GORDON TO CONTINUE WORK ON HOMELESS ISSUES

I am proud to support Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner, Position No. 3.

I have worked personally with Jeremy on the board of directors of Polk Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to providing needed housing in Polk County. Jeremy is passionate about providing housing and supportive services for Polk County's most vulnerable residents.

As county commissioner, Jeremy was instrumental in forming PATHS, a partnership with local governments and community partners that has been effective in keeping seniors, families, and veterans in their homes with targeted rental assistance, integration of services, resources for domestic violence providers, and temporary shelter.

Jeremy knows that housing is essential to a healthy economy and maintaining safe and vibrant communities. He is committed to making Polk County stronger and better for all its residents.

I urge you to join me in supporting Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

*Lane Shetterly,  
Dallas*

### ELECT ROXANNE BELTZ FOR HER DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

Roxanne Beltz will make an excellent Polk County Commissioner, and she has my full support. Tested, proven and committed to hard work, Roxanne Beltz will bring to the commission a new

and vital energy. She will work toward a prosperous future for our county, while helping to preserve the good things of the past that make this county such a great place to be.

Roxanne Beltz has been an involved member and leader in our community for over 25 years, in both business and government. She started and runs her own business, while also serving as an elected member of the City Council. Notably, she has served as both president of the Business association, and as chairman of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.

I had the pleasure of serving with Roxanne last year, as a member of the group who brought "The Wall That Heels" (the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial Wall) to our county, and I was able to see first-hand her dedication and energy. She was an invaluable asset and a force.

She knows how to get things started, and she puts in the work to get them finished. In short, Roxanne Beltz knows how to get stuff done! I believe in Roxanne Beltz for Polk County Commissioner.

*Danny Jaffer,  
Independence*

### COMMISSIONER JEREMY GORDON DELIVERS RESULTS

As a resident of Independence and a parent, I care deeply about the long-term stability and safety of our community. Seeing firsthand the impact that housing instability and homelessness have on our local youth has made it clear that we need proactive, compassionate leadership. This is why I am supporting Jeremy Gordon for re-election as Polk County Commissioner.

I have spoken with Jeremy personally about his commitment to supporting homeless youth and vulnerable families. He doesn't just offer sympathy; he offers solutions. His leadership in forming the PATHS partnership — which resulted in the creation of David's House, the first homeless youth housing program in our county's history — is a testament to his ability to deliver real results.

By supporting programs like Gales Lodge for veterans and transitional housing for seniors, Jeremy is ensuring that Polk County remains a place where everyone has a chance to thrive. He manages our county's resources with fiscal responsibility while ensuring we don't leave our most vulnerable neighbors behind.

Jeremy Gordon has the experience, the heart, and the proven track record to lead us forward. I hope you will join me in voting for him on May 19.

*Breeann Flesch,*

### Independence

### RESISTANCE IS HOW TYRANTS ARE OPPOSED

In 1776 the founding fathers of the United States of America declared "A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

And, "Hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, friends." And, "We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred honor."

(These quotations are from the Declaration of Independence.)

Today we have a Tyrant-in-Charge that has lost friends' made enemies, started wars, and dishonored our nation in many other ways. But we the people are resisting.

(Note the turnout for No Kings Day in Dallas and the excellent coverage of that event by the Itemizer-Observer.)

We must keep resisting, and keep telling the Truth until the Tyrant-in-Charge is gone and his followers realize the harm they have done.

Resistance is the honorable thing to do.

*Don Ellingson,  
Dallas*

### IRAN WAR REVEALS PRESIDENT'S MISGUIDED PRIORITIES

The goals of our current federal government "leader" become increasingly clear: if it harms ordinary people we should do it; if it enriches him, we should do it.

He let slip the best example of his thinking recently, when he said that we cannot afford childcare and healthcare because of the Iran excursion. Someone on his incompetent cast of toadies realized he shouldn't have said that out loud and took the statement off his publicity channel, but the truth is out.

It's time for a mental competency check. We cannot afford to have him lashing out erratically and destroying the things that made this country the envy of the world. We'll see the consequences of his behavior for a long time to come as he has destroyed the credibility and trustworthiness of our country.

*Dale Derouin,  
Dallas*

### CHAOS IS HITTING RURAL OREGON

I am a Republican, and what I am seeing right now is absolute chaos. Rural communities like ours in Polk County feel it first.

Fuel prices jump with every violent overseas whim., including tensions involving Iran. That volatility hits farmers, truckers, and small businesses immediately. Add tariff-driven cost increases on fertilizer, equipment and inputs, and margins disappear. This is what people are dealing with right now in reality. Trump is nowhere near reality.

At the same time, here at home, we argue about a few cents at the pump to maintain our roads or asking electric vehicles to pay their share. That is noise compared to what is really driving costs.

I grew up in a Republican Party that valued stability and results. Ronald Reagan believed in free trade, strong alliances, and steady leadership. What we are seeing today is different. It's unhelped and chaotic.

The direction coming from Donald Trump is creating more volatility, not less. His rhetoric, including that Easter post, does not reflect the values many of us were raised with. It does not help rural economies that depend on predictability.

We should be focused on resilience. Stable, advanced energy. Strong infrastructure. Policies that lower long-term costs.

Instead, we are getting chaos. Rural Oregon deserves better.

*Steven Mason,  
Dallas*

### RALLY ATTENDEE FALSELY ACCUSED TRUMP OF PEDOPHILIA

A person in your article about the No Kings rally ("Dallas hosts biggest No Kings rally yet", April 1) stated that she did not like Trump because he raped a child, which is absolutely not true. He has never been accused of it and has never done it.

Years ago, an opponent tried to say he molested a 13-year-old but they took back their statement and it never went to court. I hope that person can get over her TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome).

*Arlene Kovash  
Monmouth*

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### Was President Trump right to preemptively strike Iran?

**Yes - 37.4%**

**No - 63.3%**

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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: OTHER THAN ZERO

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 Noncom Nonresident Nonstick

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. The is missing. 2. Word on box is different. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Pencil is moved. 5. Wall is wider. 6. Chart on wall is moved.

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## Americanisms

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."  
 — F. Scott Fitzgerald

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## Moments in time

- On April 20, 1871, Congress passed the Third Enforcement Act, aka the Ku Klux Klan Act, which authorized President Ulysses S. Grant to declare martial law, impose heavy penalties and use military force to suppress terrorist organizations, in particular the Ku Klux Klan.
- On April 21, 1794, Josephine de Beauharnais, the future Empress of France and first wife of Napoleon Bonaparte, was imprisoned during the Reign of Terror. Released five days after the beheading of her then husband Alexandre de Beauharnais, her marriage to Napoleon ended in divorce after she failed to provide him an heir, but he continued to provide for her, declared her "Empress for life" and allowed her to retain the title of Empress Josephine.
- On April 22, 1915, German forces fired more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas at two French colonial divisions in Ypres, Belgium. It was the first major such attack by the Germans and devastated the Allied line.
- On April 23, 1961, Judy Garland delivered a Carnegie Hall performance that was greeted by a standing ovation before she even began to sing and was interrupted throughout by additional ovations. That performance has often been lauded as "the greatest night in showbiz history."
- On April 24, 1953, Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. He retired as prime minister two years later but remained in Parliament until 1964, the year before his death.
- On April 25, 1989, James Richardson was released from a Florida prison 21 years after being wrongfully convicted of murdering his seven children. Special prosecutor Janet Reno had agreed to the release after evidence showed his conviction resulted from misconduct by the prosecutor. His neighbor, Betsy Reese, confessed to the crime.
- On April 26, 2012, former Liberian president Charles Taylor was found guilty of abetting horrific war crimes, including rape and mutilation, in Sierra Leone. His conviction was the first for war crimes by a former head of state in an international court since the Nuremberg trials of Nazi leaders after World War II.

### Super Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Law enforcers, slangily; 5 War on Poverty prez; 8 Husband on "The Munsters"; 17 Injections; 19 High hairstyle; 20 Atop, in verse; 21 Baltimore pro athlete; 22 Conical home; 23 Fifth Avenue retailer of luxury goods; 25 Pungent sushi paste; 26 Tibetan, e.g.; 27 Cool, dunder; 28 Many an init. charity gp.; 29 Where to hit a home run; 31 Simpson trial judge Lance; 32 Khaki color; 33 Warlike deity; 34 Frequently, in vcrsc; 35 What a dealer deals from; 38 River vessel; 41 Parisian play part; 45 Put in a tomb; 46 Indian dress; 47 Stores away; 48 Closest bud; 51 Bit of wristwear with small linked segments; 56 Rage; 57 Surgery ctrs.; 59 Cake layers; 60 Org. for drs.; 61 Spike of films; 62 Food—(post-meal condition); 64 Prefix for "milk"; 66 Become stretched out; 68 Occasion upon three-score years of marriage; 73 Building part enclosed by blaze-resistant walls; 74 Western flick; 75 Fat-removal option, briefly; 77 King, in Arles; 78 Briel slumber; 79 Green shade; 81 Four halves; 84 Zero; 85 Gift for popping the question; 89 Point where the moon is farthest from Earth; 91 Milk farm; 92 At any point; 93 Supermodel Kate; 95 "Jenny" co-star Alan; 96 Hi-tech organizers; 97 Footwear for golfer Payne Stewart; 103 Busy insect; 105 Fat or protein unit; 106 Skill, in Latin; 107 Prevaricate; 108 Alternative to rhinestone; 114 Capote, to pals; 115 Small hotel; 116 Ordinary; 117 Cell with an axon; 118 Things associated with eight answers in this puzzle; 120 Heimsley of hotels; 121 Wash out the mouth audibly; 122 Busy insect; 123 Delectable; 124 Secret; 125 Roots firmly; 126 Sporty English autos; 127 Did perfectly; 3 Adobe Acrobat file, for short; 4 Gul-punch sound; 5 Way past the time that; 6 "Crazy in Love" singer; 7 Third-year H.S. students; 8 Sportscaster; 9 Ribs away; 10 Goes upward; 11 Utah town near Arches National Park; 12 Jessica of "Dark Angel"; 13 Moonwalker; 14 Work crew; 15 Hem and haw; 16 Sheriff Taylor's tyke; 17 Greenish shade; 18 Dispatch; 24 Oscar nominee; 29 Pub; 30 Reactor's unit; 36 DIY'er's set; 37 Singer; 38 It may be fretless; 39 Globe; 40 Sortie signal; 42 Arresting, informally; 43 Canary of cartoons; 44 Performer; 46 Titled man; 47 Looks over; 48 Big name in pens; 49 Relating to an eating-away process; 50 Somewhat stiff; 52 Mark indelibly; 53 Old-time actress; 54 Genre for "L.A. Confidential"; 55 Love, in Latin; 56 Ambien or ZzzQuil, for short; 63 Wood cutter; 65 loss for words; 66 12/24, e.g.; 67 Miss; 69 Sharp-tasting; 70 "Da (hymn); 71 "Avatar" race; 72 Major Calif.-to-Fla. hwy.; 73 Disco singer; 76 Corrida shout; 79 Wallet wad; 80 Mailbox item; 82 Aquatic rodents; 83 American marsupial; 86 Graceful swift horses; 87 Actress; 88 Chap; 90 Second wife of Lennon; 94 Arranging on a dish for serving; 96 Brick-shaped tart candy; 97 Betrayed; 98 Old-time actress Ella; 99 A.M. show since '75; 100 Facility for outpatients; 101 Set ablaze; 102 Felt intuitively; 104 Brilliant effect; 105 Grand; 108 Niche religion; 109 Explorer; 110 Sea marker; 111 Playwright; 112 Extract the juice from; 113 Hydrant site; 118 Grand; 119 Eggs, in labs

DOWN: 1 Rotton; 2 Downer drug; 19; 23; 27; 31; 35; 48; 49; 50; 56; 62; 68; 73; 77; 85; 86; 91; 95; 108; 109; 110; 116; 120; 124

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### CryptoQuip

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

Clue: T equals P

TUT ZVM WUSR WSTPKWFZK  
 EDU ZMUKPW NOWD WSAD ZW  
 GRSPNOV, JPRRUENOV ZVM  
 ZRGZAUKP: FSVZ FSKVPK.

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### GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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=	=	=	
15	2	9	

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

4:30 ON A FRIDAY AND THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE ME. THAT'S LIKE VACATIONING WITH MY IN-LAWS. THERE'S NO UPSIDE.

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### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

GREAT MOMENTS IN MINIATURE GOLF

HEAR ME OUT, MILTON, WHAT IF WE WERE TO PUT A GIANT PLASTIC ALLIGATOR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PUTTING GREEN? OR A MOVING WINDMILL? OR A HUGE GORILLA WAVING MOTORIZED ARMS? CAN YOU SEE IT?!!!

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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

TAKE A LOOK AT GRANDMA'S PHOTO ALBUM. YOUR DAD WAS SURE A LITTLE HANDFUL.

WOW, THERE YOU ARE AS A YOUNG MAN. YOU KINDA LOOK LIKE MY DAD.

EXCEPT NOW YOU HAVE GRAY HAIR AND HE DOESN'T.

GIVE IT TIME.

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are believed to have been in what modern-day country?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the six-point blue star on emergency medical vehicles?
- MOVIES: What is the nickname of the "vicious" dog in "The Sandlot"?
- HISTORY: What was the name of the United States' first space shuttle?
- LITERATURE: In what language was "The Odyssey" originally written?
- TELEVISION: Where is the 1990s sitcom "Northern Exposure" set?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when a lizard loses and regenerates a tail?
- U.S. STATES: Which state borders two oceans?
- MUSIC: What was Taylor Swift's first song to make Billboard's Hot 100?

Answers

- Iraq.
- The Star of Life.
- "The Beast" to the kids and Hercules to his owner.
- Columbia.
- Homeric Greek.
- Cicely, Alaska.
- A mob.
- Autotomy.
- Alaska; Pacific and Arctic Oceans
- "Tim McGraw."

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## ABUSE

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sessions and workshops in April. Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be two training sessions, one in English and one in Spanish.

“We really do believe that they should have a voice as well in that community. And so having somebody who can be able to speak that language and answer those questions is really impactful for them,” he said. “All of the trainings that we now offer, they’ve all been streamlined to basically make it more accessible for families.”

By popular demand, Goodfriend said Liberty House is offering safety training on cell phones and other electronic devices, offering best practices about how to establish healthy boundaries.

“We understand that kids and parents and everybody are going to

be on those devices, but let’s actually talk about how to have those boundaries and how to make sure that we’re have that time balance so we’re not always on those devices and making sure that we understand exactly how those addictive qualities of those devices work on our brains,” Goodfriend said.

New this year instructors talk about the digital dangers of AI (artificial intelligence).

“We heard from the community that AI is really something that they’re very concerned about and unfortunately they’re right to do so. AI really took the most advancement in its history last year alone,” he explained.

Parents will learn about some of the places to find the most risk scenarios that come with AI and also how to prevent children from being exposed to certain things, while making sure that their children’s contents and their pictures don’t

## Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

The proclamation 2601, whereas children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life, as well as being one of our most vulnerable assets. As research shows, safe, nurturing relationships and engaging stable environments improve brain development and child well-being. While neglectful and abusive experiences in unstable or stressful environments increase the odds for poor childhood outcomes.

And whereas the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly, and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental

problems.

Whereas preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility, affecting both the current and future quality of life of Polk County residents. Children who grow up in homes and communities free of abuse and neglect are more likely to build resilience, foster strong mental health, and develop a buffer against the long-term effects of adversity.

Whereas during the month of April, Polk County and community partner agencies will engage families in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglected by providing parents with social support, increasing knowledge of

parenting and best practices, and child development. Educating the community on abuse and neglect, warning signs and response strategies, and providing resource connection to families within their communities.

Now, therefore, the Polk County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2026, as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all residents to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities, provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

Dated this day of April 1, 2026 in Dallas, Oregon.

end up in the wrong side of the community.

“We have our social media safety training where we really talk about not just a broad general overview of social media, but we really narrowed it down to the top three most popular ones on kids these days, which are

Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, if you haven’t heard of any of those,” Goodfriend said.

Now a parent of his own six month old child, Goodfriend said he has a new perspective of assessing risks in children’s lives.

“We really do believe that everyone, every

adult is responsible for helping prevent child abuse. It is not the responsibility of the child, it is us as adults. We are the ones that know better, so we should know how to react and respond when a child is disclosing,” he said.

Learn more about

Liberty House programs at <https://libertyhousecenter.org>.

Finally, attention was brought to CASA of Polk County’s annual pinwheel gardens and signs for child abuse prevention as a reminder the organization does for the children in their court advocacy program.

## BOWLERS

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accomplishment,” Stacey said. “We were all celebrating, laying on the approach. It’s something we’ll remember for a long time.”

Or, as Rogers said, “The monkey was off their backs.”

Stacey preferred talking about the team’s accomplishment. But the Dallas junior did quite well as a solo act, as she rallied for second place in the individual standings. Despite a slow start, she narrowly missed rolling a 600-series.

“My first game was in the 130s,” she said. “But after that, something just

flipped. I relaxed and trusted myself.”

That trust was well placed, as she finished with a 598 series. Which equates to a 234 average over her final two games.

Perhaps no Dragon bowler understood the emotional drain of the near-state-title runs than senior Jaelynn Vohland, a four-year varsity bowler. She knew what it was like to get so close yet be so far from the ultimate prize.

“I was in tears because we never won state before,” Vohland said. “We always got second, or fourth. We never got first. So I was really teary-eyed when we won.”

The breakthrough wasn’t the result of one stand-out performance. It came

via the strength-in-unity approach.

“We work well with each other,” Vohland said of her teammates. “We boost each other up. We keep each other going.”

The bowling season, which began in October, isn’t over yet. The girls will take their game to Columbus, Ohio for the national championships in June. Making this trip will be five bowlers, one alternate, coaches and parents.

Competition is expected to be fierce, especially in the Midwest since bowling is taken very seriously there.

“A lot of people there will just be really good bowlers,” Vohland said. “It’s awesome to go and see how good they are and

try to work off of them.”

In neighboring Pennsylvania, for example, “high school bowling is as cutthroat as high school football is in Texas. It’s very competitive,” Rogers said. “We’re going to be bowling in a 64-lane bowling center. Around here, 24 or 32 lanes is big.”

The girls competed at nationals last year, finishing 27th out of 112 teams. Two Dallas bowlers advanced to individual competition. The team’s goal this year is to better those numbers.

“One of the things that the girls have in their favor is how close they are,” Rogers said. “In any team sport, when there’s that kind of chemistry, that’s when you excel.”

## CLEANUP

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All volunteers are invited to reconvene afterwards at Andante Vineyard to hear about refuge updates from Sam Bartling, Visitor Services Manager for the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex and a representative from the Friends of the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Complex sharing tales about the work they do.

Andante is offering volunteers a complimentary glass of wine and light snacks on the patio to celebrate Earth Day together. Wood fired pizza will be available for purchase or you are welcome to bring a sack lunch. The Vineyard is donating 15% of sales to the Friends of the Refuge Complex.

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Monmouth Community Church pastor Sean Bitzer gives the countdown to the start the Easter egg hunt.



West Salem resident Jamie Riggs helps Payton, 2, go through her finds from the egg hunt field.

## Egg Hunt Happenings

Photos by David Hayes



Many egg hunters dressed in their Easter finest.



Tiffany Gillis, of Monmouth, watches renowned artist Vidal Peña paint her granddaughter Talula, 5, face.



Children were split into four age groups, each with their own start times, to scramble to fill their baskets with Easter eggs.

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## Playoff, title hopes follow Panthers into season

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

A more experienced Panthers varsity baseball team is doing what it can to ensure history doesn't repeat itself.

Last year, Central was fifth in the always-tough Mid-Willamette Conference standings and just missed the playoffs. But lost only one player to graduation. Expectations are that this year's squad will be even more competitive.

"Everybody's back except Josh Rech, so it's the same group," coach Ben Kramer said. "All these guys played a ton of innings for us last year, and now they're back."

Central emphasized its pitching during the offseason.

"I think we did a great job preparing this winter, especially from a pitching standpoint," Kramer said. "The guys came in ready to go, and they've taken ownership of it."

The Panthers' philosophy is simple when it comes to the



Jackson Barba rounds the base during the Panthers' 7-6 loss against LaSalle on Friday.

ound: You can never have too many arms.

"Everybody's a pitcher until we tell them they're not," Kramer said. "It helps keep arms healthy throughout the season."

Among the returning pitchers are Jackson Barba, Easton Herbert, and JT Girod, along with relievers Owen Petrone and Santi Alarcon, all of whom logged significant innings last season.

Another key returnee, Joe Mendazona, is back at catcher. The Panthers (3-4 overall) tested themselves early with a trip to Arizona, finishing 2-2 against teams that were already eight games into their season.

"It was good to play midseason baseball early on," Kramer said. "We were put in some challenging spots, and the players worked through them really well. I learned that this team can handle tough situations."

Girod, the team captain, echoed that sentiment.

"I think we competed really

well," he added. "It's good to take successes early, but to also learn from failures and know we can do better."

The team's road trip saw Central battle teams from Arizona and Colorado. Wins came against Apollo (AZ) and Green Mountain (CO), losses to Paradise Honors (AZ) and Brighton (CO).

The trip also brought together the team's experienced and inexperienced players.

"We really found our chemistry," Girod added. "We've been coming closer together as a team."

Through the team's first seven games, Central (3-4) has shown improvement defensively and on the mound. Next up is to find more consistency at the plate.

"We've done a good job limiting free passes and being clean defensively," Kramer said. "Offensively, we're still working on getting things to

See **PANTHERS**, page B8

## Dallas boys bowlers bounce back for strong showing at state

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Timing, they say, is everything.

For the Dallas boys bowling team, good timing is defined by rising to the occasion when the stakes are high.

Fueled by team chemistry and confidence, the Dragons placed eighth at state. Pretty good effort for a team that entered the double-elimination tourney seeded 14th out of 16 teams. Then dug themselves an early hole by losing their first game.

"So the boys knew if they lost another one, they were out. Instead they put their nose to the grinding wheel and got themselves to eighth place before they finally got beat again," head coach Ray Rogers said of his team's accomplishment. "They went from the bottom of the pack to eighth place, knowing that it was do or die."

Rogers liked what he saw since there was little room for

mistakes.

"They realized they had to make good shots, cover their spares and do what needed to be done," he added. "It's like anything else, you put your mind to doing what you're supposed to do and go forth and do it."

Outperforming expectations, especially with the pressure on, marks meaningful progress for a program that is trying to establish itself as one of Oregon's best.

"That was really exciting," junior Jayden Cram said of state. "We usually expect to be somewhere in the middle, so finishing eighth felt like a big step for us."

The performance represented a sharp turnaround from recent seasons. The Dragons failed to qualify for state a year ago and, even when advancing in past years, often finished lower in the standings. This winter, however, the team found its rhythm.

Dallas carried this momentum through districts and into



Carson Thompson drills a hole in his ball, with guidance from head coach Ray Rogers. The Dragons finished eighth at state and are headed to the national finals and Columbus, Ohio in June.

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

the state finals.

"It felt a lot more serious than usual," Cram said. "At state, almost everyone there is one of the best teams from their district, so competition is a lot tougher."

Cram was quick to shine the light on his teammates when asked the recipe for success.

"Doing well together means more," he said.

That team-first philosophy keyed Dallas' late season run.

It helps that the bowlers have built stronger relationships with each other and a more positive culture over the past year.

"Knowing everyone better, we support each other more," Cram said. "It's been a lot more positive this year."

Moments of shared excitement, from clutch spare conversions to picking up difficult splits, kept the team engaged and positive throughout the tournament season.

The boys will have more time to continue their bonding as they're headed to Columbus, Ohio and the national finals in June. The Dragons will be well represented there as the state champion girls' team will be competing as well.

Given the stakes, the Dallas boys are approaching practice with a renewed sense of purpose.

"My mindset now is to be more serious and more intentional in practice," Cram said.

See **BOWLERS**, page B8

## Dallas baseball eyes another impressive run

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Last year the Dallas baseball team rode their bats into the second round of the playoffs, where they lost to eventual state champion Summit.

This year, the Dragons believe they boast a more complete, even more dangerous squad. That's because the Dragons are more experienced, possess better pitching and are stronger in the field.

"We had a really good offensive team last year. We just scored a lot of runs - that was kind of our motto," head coach Keeton Luther said. "This year, I think we can be as good, if not better."

That's a scary proposition given last year's success. Dallas proved its mettle by rallying from multiple deficits to edge Ridgeview on the road in their playoff opener.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Dallas starting pitcher Taidyn Ryder helped limit Springfield to a single run in the Dragon's 17-1 win on Friday.

Their loss to Summit was a tightly contested affair.

The Dragons return hurlers Landon Pierce, Bennett Cresswell and Hunter Rivers. Younger arms are expected to add even more depth.

"We've been throwing since September," Luther said. "Our arms are in good shape, and we've got a lot of guys who can go out there, throw

See **DALLAS**, page B8

## Panther Kids coach makes Knucklehead Wrestling debut

Panther Kids Wrestling coach Luke Dilorenzo made his debut in Knucklehead Wrestling league in Willamina on April 4. The Knucklehead Wrestling League is an adult wrestling organization featuring competitive, sanctioned matches for various skill levels, including former college and high school state champions.

Dilorenzo, a former three-time state placer for Dayton High school, trained hard for weeks leading up to his match against Wade Humphrey, a former Cascade High School wrestler with freestyle and greco Wrestling state championships. After three hard rounds, Dilorenzo lost 0-10. Long-time Wrestling coach Vidal Peña had the match 3-10. Nearfall points were not



PHOTO BY JESSICA VIDAL

Luke DiLorenzo (left) hangs on right before sending his opponent to the ground in the splits.

awarded to Dilorenzo by the referees. This was thought to be due to a figure four hold on his opponent's leg during a banana split move where

Dilorenzo would have scored his only points.

Though Dilorenzo came away in his debut

See **DEBUT**, page B2

# PAGES OF FLASHBACK

## THE PAST

### 40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1986

**Polk Fair Board, Midway end agreement**  
The long-standing relationship between the Midway Association and the Polk County Fair Board is apparently over following a lengthy dispute.

The Fair Board notified the Midway Association last week of its decision to discontinue doing business with Midway. ... The decision comes after not receiving a response from Midway members as to whether they would accept the rate increase proposed by the board.

Last November, the board proposed an increase in fees for the Midway Association from 3 percent of net to 5 percent of gross revenues.

**Lillegard, Chapin, Pender Winners**

The school district positions and two operating levies were decided by close margins in a March 25 election in which only 11 percent of registered voters cast their ballots.

A count of absentee ballots gave Chris Lillegard a five-vote margin over Royce C. Thorpe

and a position on the Dallas School Board. A Willamina School Board position was also decided by five votes with Richard M. Kirkham registering the win against close contender Ed Pierce in a four-way race.

The Perrydale School operating levy was defeated by three votes.

**Dragon Bats explode in 12-3 triumph**

A potent offense exploded for 12 runs Saturday to help Dallas High's baseball squad earn a split of its doubleheader versus McNary.

The Dragons beat the hosts in the second game, 12-3, after dropping the first contest, 10-2.

Rob Salinas and Mark Welfley led the Dragon bats Saturday. Salinas blasted six hits in nine at bats, while Welfley was five for seven at the plate.

### 50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1976

**County theft ring broken; goods recovered**

Stolen merchandise which may be worth as much as \$200,000 was recovered early this week in the biggest recovery of stolen property in Polk County history.

Two Sheridan men ... were arraigned on three counts of first degree burglary in Polk County District Court Monday in connection with the incident.

Included in the recovered property were two travel trailers, two farm tractors, a caterpillar, a back hoe, a four-wheel drive vehicle and a smaller riding tractor.

**Dallas council to ask county for money**

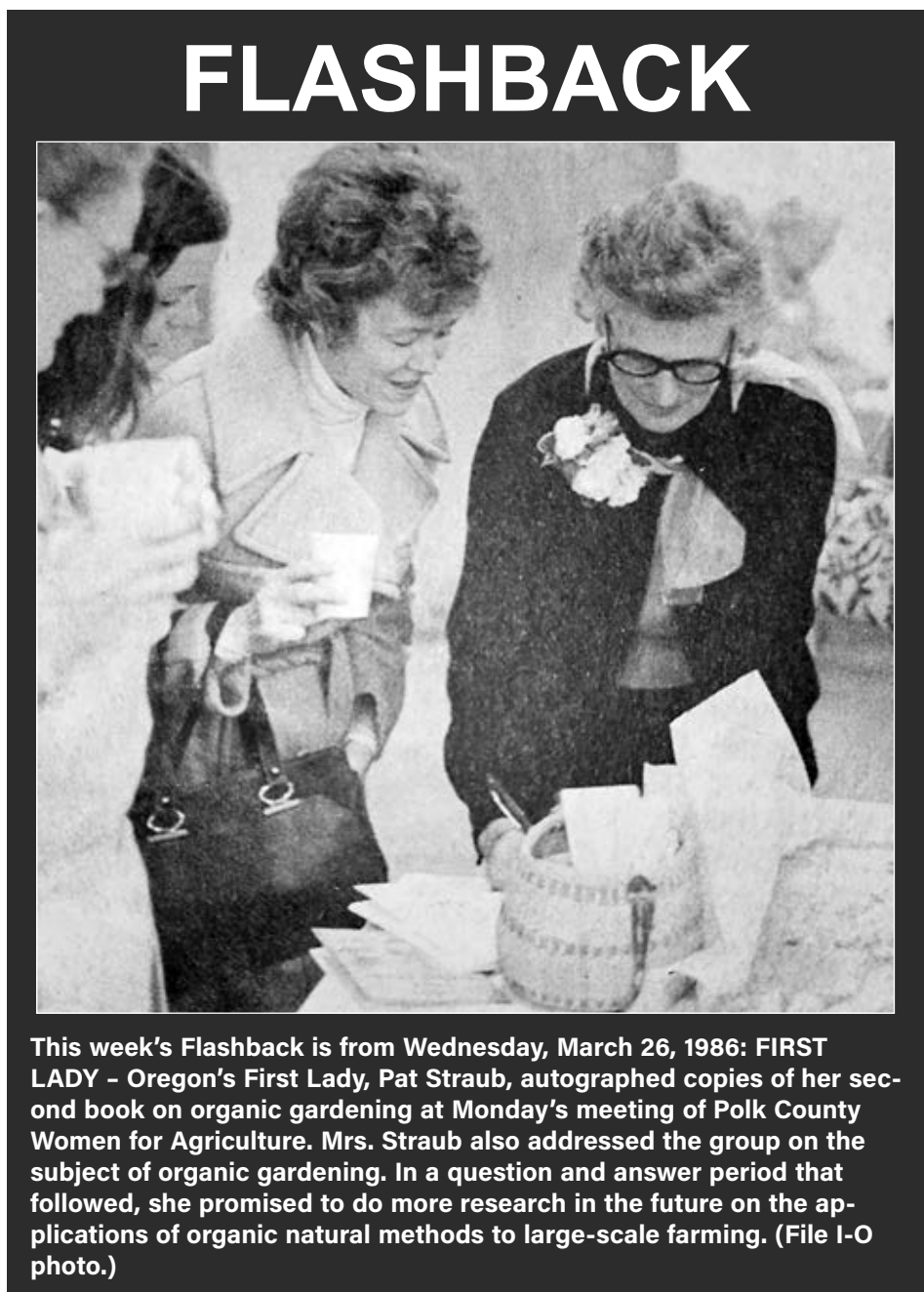
The city of Dallas will be petitioning the Polk County Budget Committee for money to reimburse Dallas for city services to non-residents of Dallas. The action came at the Monday city council meeting.

The council is taking the action because of recent cuts in next year's budget. The council is trying to make city services self-supporting.

The council said the county budget committee should recognize the county's fiscal responsibility to the city.

**Track team gets good start**

Dallas High school's track team got off to a reasonably good start over the last two weeks with a second place showing in



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, March 26, 1986: **FIRST LADY - Oregon's First Lady, Pat Straub, autographed copies of her second book on organic gardening at Monday's meeting of Polk County Women for Agriculture. Mrs. Straub also addressed the group on the subject of organic gardening. In a question and answer period that followed, she promised to do more research in the future on the applications of organic natural methods to large-scale farming. (File I-O photo.)**

the Coast Valley League Relays March 31 and a win over Central High School April 5.

The Dragon thinclad squad totaled 55 points to finish second behind St. Helens in the relay meet. Dallas scored well in the long jump, high jump, 440 relay and shuttle hurdles.

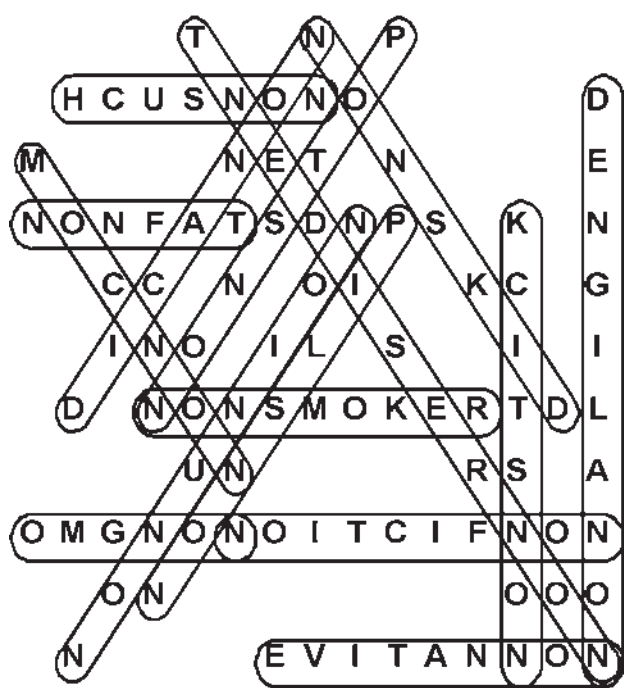
St. Helens won the meet with 76 points.

### Weekly SUDOKU

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### CryptoQuip

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### Super Crossword

Answers

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## Community Achievement

**ANGEL LARIOS MAKES THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI**

Angel Larios, of Dallas, was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the

nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Western Oregon University.

Larios is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni

to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

### DEBUT

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with a loss, he is determined to return in a bout scheduled for July in the same league.

"I am happy I made weight (155 pounds). It was a great time," Dilorenzo said. "I am

motivated by all the kids."

Not only were his family in the audience, but a large group of his wrestlers and fellow coaches were there to support him.

"I am super proud of him. I got a chance to roll with him last month, he is so strong and skilled.

I am excited to see him continue to pursue a championship belt, he will get one soon. This really motivates the kids to see him on the mat too" said PKW head coach Vidal Peña.

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# Community Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

7 a.m. - Monmouth 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  
 9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Woodburn, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 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  
 5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S 2nd St  
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House  
 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table

Games, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community 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: Winter 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, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.  
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 2:30 p.m. - PEARLS, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas  
 7 p.m. - Climate Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth

Senior Community Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library  
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1 p.m. - Taiko Drum Workshop, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 1 p.m. - Ice Cream & Bingo Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 3:30 p.m. - Play Dungeons & Dragons, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.  
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Electric Boots, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Alton Chung Presents: The Japanese-American Experience of WWII, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 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.  
 7:30 p.m. - Live Music: De Tierra Cliente, Smith Fine Arts Series, WOU Rice Auditorium, purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/4m4ESHt>

## SATURDAY, APRIL 11

11 a.m. - Chess Club, Dallas Public Library, 950

Main St.  
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Leanne McClellan Band, 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, APRIL 12

2 p.m. - Live Music: Mitch Lies, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence  
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

## MONDAY, APRIL 13

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. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.  
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 12 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas  
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 4 p.m. - STEM with 3D Print Club, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas  
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

## TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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  
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Meditative Landscapes using PanPastels with Spectrum Artworx, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1 p.m. - Free Computer Class: Google Docs, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 2 p.m. - Nonagenarians Club (ages 90-99), Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 6:30 p.m.

- Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St  
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7 a.m. - Monmouth 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. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.  
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center  
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House  
 6 p.m. - Free Workshop: Be Safe - Secure Storage, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.  
 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

# Community Briefs

## FIRE DISTRICT HOSTS FORUMS FOR OPERATIONS LEVY

Southwest Polk Fire District is hosting a series of community forums to learn more about their proposed operations levy Measure 27-18 and how it impacts fire and emergency services in the community. The forums are at 5:30 p.m., with hot dogs and live demonstrations, on the following dates and locations:  
 April 8 - Bridgeport Community Fire Station, 6040 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas  
 April 15 - Salt Creek Community Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Road, Dallas  
 May 6 - Rickreall Community Fire Station, 9105 Rickreall Road, Rickreall

## SENIOR CENTER HOSTS CLIMATE CAFE APRIL 9

The Monmouth Senior Community Center hosts Climate Cafe from 7-8:30 p.m. April 9 at 180 Warren St. S. The Monmouth-Independence Climate Group will host an open exploration of personal anxieties around climate anxiety in a supportive, "Café-Style" setting.

## POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOSTS ZOOM

## MEETING APRIL 9

The Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. April 9 for an informative and educational meeting. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on their email announcements list for future events, go to [www.polk-dems.org](http://www.polk-dems.org), scroll down to step 2, and click on the link to our Newsletter.

## DDA PRESENTS ALL AGES DANCE APRIL 10

The Dallas Downtown Association presents a free all ages dance hosted by Lora Michele Dance Studio, from 4-6 p.m., April 10 at 939 Main St. This social dance includes fun music, games and cosplay photo contest with music by DJ Kdub. Learn more at: <https://www.dallasdowntownassociation.org>.

## MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS TAIKO DRUM WORKSHOP APRIL 10

The Monmouth Public Library hosts a Taiko drum workshop at 1:45 p.m. April 10 at 168 S. Ecols St. Learn about Japanese Taiko drumming with Monmouth Taiko. Listen to the group play, then learn some techniques and get hands-on practice. Visit the library or call (503) 838-1932 to

register.

## SALEM PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA HOSTS SPRING CONCERT APRIL 11-12

The Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion County, present spring Sea-Themed Concerts April 11 and 12 at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE, Salem. Conducted by SPO Artistic Director, Jonathan DeBruyn, programming includes Felix Mendelssohn's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage Overture", Jean Sibelius' "The Oceanides", Ernest Bloch's "Poems of the Sea", and Claude Debussy's "La Mer". Concerts begin at 7 p.m. April 11 and 2 p.m. April 12. Maestro DeBruyn's pre-concert talk begins 45 minutes before each concert. Admission is \$25 for ages 18-64, \$20 for students 18-64 and seniors ages 65 and up, and free for ages 17 and under. Purchase tickets online at [www.salemphil.org/](http://www.salemphil.org/) buy-tickets or at the door on concert day. Contact information@salemphil.org with questions.

## FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS SOURDOUGH CLASS APRIL 11

Forest Pass Brewing

and Pointer Farms Bakery host a beginner's sour dough class from 1-3 p.m. April 11 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Registration is \$50 per person. There are only eight spots available. The class includes hands-on practice and a starter jar. Please text Jennifer at (541) 974-1486.

## ADULTS INVITED TO PROM FUNDRAISER APRIL 11

Sign up for an unforgettable night, Adult Prom: A Night Through Time, a fundraiser for Dallas High School All Night Party, at 7 p.m. April 11 at 685 Oak Villa Road. Music by DJ Audiologo. Dress for your favorite era. Single tickets are \$30, couples are \$50. For more information, DM Jessica Holbrook on Facebook.

## DDA HOSTS BEAUTIFICATION DAY APRIL 11

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a downtown beautification day from 8-11 a.m. April 11. Meet at the Chamber/Visitor Center's office at 184 Oak St. Volunteers needed to help with trash pick up, weeding and sidewalk sweeping.

## FRIENDS OF THE DELBERT HUNTER ARBORETUM HOST MAINTENANCE

## PARTY APRIL 11

Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum invite anyone interested in helping maintain the arboretum grounds to join them from 9 a.m. to noon April 11. Come when you can, join in a variety of tasks, including spreading trail dressing, and stay for as long as you want. Meet at the arboretum center on Park Street. It's a great way to give back to your community. All are welcome.

## MAIN STREET EMPORIUM HOSTS POKEMON POP UP SHOP APRIL 11

Pop Up Shop presents a Pokemon Pup Up Shop from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 11 at the Main Street Emporium, 857 Main St., in Dallas. There will be Pokémon Booster Packs, Booster Bundles and a limited number of Elite Trainer Boxes. Fill out a drawing card for your chance to win 1 of 3 sealed Pokémon products (Must be present to win and drawing will take place at noon).

## DDA HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 14

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a bingo fundraiser Blackout Round for the Reading Nest, at 6 p.m. April 14 at Two Wolves Taproom,

at 171 SW Court St., in Dallas. This event is for ages 21 and older to buy in at \$15 and claim prizes. Bring any type of books to donate for the blackout round.

## 4-H HOSTS BEADED SPIDER CRAFT CLASS APRIL 14

Oregon 4-H Polk County presents a Beaded Spiders Craft Class from 4-5 p.m. April 14 at 289 E Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. Registration is free for Polk 4-H Members and \$5 for non 4-H members. To register, go to <https://beav.es/spiderbeading>.

## FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS ROCK & GEM SHOW APRIL 17-19

The Polk County Fairgrounds presents the Wams River of Gems Rock & Gem Show, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17-18 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. This event includes over 25 vendors, club display cases, a fluorescent exhibit, guest speakers, demonstrations, plus games for the kids. Silent auctions take place daily, and on Sunday, there will be an oral auction which benefits a scholarship fund.

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**PCIO26-203 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POLK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE POLK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider text amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) and the Polk County Comprehensive Plan (PCCP) to: (1) Allow rural Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on certain lands outside of an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), as authorized by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 215.495; (2) Repeal PCZO 127.020(B) and 127.035(A), pertaining to development and design standards for manufactured dwellings on Suburban Residential (SR) - zoned properties within an UGB, to be consistent with ORS 197A.432(4). (3) Add new policies and goals to the PCCP related to the proposed rural ADUs. The changes proposed in (1) above pertain to lands zoned Suburban Residential (SR), Acreage Residential- Five Acre (AR-5), Acreage Residential- Ten Acre (AR-10), Agriculture and Forestry- Ten Acre (AF-10), and Grand Ronde Low Density Residential (GR/LDR). FILE NUMBER: LA 24-01 DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING: April 29, 2026 at 9:00 AM LOCATION OF MEETING: First Floor Hearing/Conference Room, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 APPLICABLE REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Polk County Zoning

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Ordinance Sections 111.215 (C), 115.040 and 115.060. STAFF CONTACT: Phone: Eric Knudson: (503) 623-9237; Email: knudson.eric@polkcounty.gov The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting. The applicable criteria and files are available for inspection at no cost and copies may be obtained at a reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at least seven days prior to the hearing. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation, receive testimony, and make a final local decision on this matter. Any person desiring to speak for or against these proposals may do so either in person or by representative at the public hearing. Written comments may be directed to the Planning Division of the Polk County Community Development Department, 850 Main Street, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338-1922. Written testimony may be submitted to the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing by hand-delivery to the Polk County Community Development Office. Mailed or emailed comments are not guaranteed to be included in the record and the cost of copy fees may apply for printing electronic submissions. Please include File Number LA 24-01 in all correspondences related to this application. Written comments received by the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing will be provided to the Board of Commissioners. Failure of an issue to be raised in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue. A decision may be appealed to LUBA within 21 days after the mailing of the decision. Contact LUBA or the Polk County Planning Division for LUBA appeal procedures. 4/08/26

**PCIO26-202 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK NO. 26PB02691**

Probate in the Matter of the Estate of Robert H. Edwards, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate No. 26PB02691, June M. Edwards has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT H. EDWARDS, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present such claims to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Personal Representative, the attorney for the Personal Representative, or from the records of the court. Dated and first published April 08, 2026. Personal

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Representative June M. Edwards c/o Sarah K. Rinehart 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301 Attorney for Personal Representative Sarah K. Rinehart, OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301 4/08/26

**PCIO26-199 NOTICE IS GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO PROPOSE A FEE INCREASE FOR THE PUBLIC LAND CORNER PRESERVATION FUND**

before the Polk County Board of Commissioners on April 29, 2026 at 9:00 am. The hearing will be held in the main Board of Commissioners conference room, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss increasing the fee charged for land-related deeds from \$10 to \$20. The proposed increase is intended to better support operational costs associated with statutorily required public land corner preservation work. Recent changes to state law removed the previous statutory cap on the fee, allowing counties to establish fee amounts that reflect local needs. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed fee increase. Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Commissioners. Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM April 28, 2026. Please advise the Board of Commissioners (503-623-9237) at least 24 hours in advance if you need special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting virtually. If you have questions, please call the Polk County Surveyor's Office at 503-623-9287. 4/08/26 4/22/26

**PCIO26-195 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE LOAN NO: 0709144885 T.S. NO.: 25-14948**

Reference is made to that certain deed made by, BRETT D. STOUT AND HEATHER STOUT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR RELIANCE MORTGAGE, LLC ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 7/6/2009, recorded 7/10/2009, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2009-008230 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 159650 LOT 1, BLOCK 4, ORCHARD VIEW TRACTS, IN THE COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 210 SE ORCHARD VIEW LN, DALLAS, Oregon 97338-9717 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 1/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property

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taxes, insurance premium, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$94,918.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5 % per annum from 12/1/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 7/21/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for 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 said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation 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. For

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**PCIO26-188 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-75608**

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by PATRICK A SCOTT, SINGLE MAN as Grantor to OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INS CO., as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), 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 11/3/2021, recorded 11/4/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-017533, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 8 in Block 1, in HAYTERS SECOND ADDITION to the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume B2, Page 48). The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1377 SW LEVENS ST, DALLAS, OREGON 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 139717 / 07532-DA-04700 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder

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for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 3/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$24,267.78 Late Charges: \$952.34 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,592.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$874.50 Total necessary to cure: \$28,686.62 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$332,617.45 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 7/10/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of

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the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is

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capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any.

**PCIO26-201 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF INDEPENDENCE, OREGON**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Independence Urban Renewal Agency, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at City Hall, 555 S. Main Street. The meeting will take place on April 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel, http://www.youtube.com/c/CityofIndependenceOR. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 16 2026 on the city's website: www.ci.independence.or.us, or at city hall, 555 South Main Street, between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:30 pm. To provide comments in advance of the meeting, please email them to the City at CouncilComments@ci.independence.or.us no later than 5:00 pm, April 21, 2026. This notice is also posted on the city's website: www.ci.independence.or.us. 4/08/26

**PCIO26-200 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, OREGON**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Independence, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at City Hall, 555 S. Main Street. The meeting will take place on April 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel, http://www.youtube.com/c/CityofIndependenceOR. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 16, 2026 on the city's website: www.ci.independence.or.us or at city hall, 555 South Main Street, between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:30 pm. To provide comments in advance of the meeting, please email them to the City at CouncilComments@ci.independence.or.us no later than 5:00 pm, April 21, 2026. This notice is also posted on the city's website: www.ci.independence.or.us. 4/08/26

FORM OR-ED-SBH		Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing		PCIO26-204
		Oregon Department of Revenue		
* For supplemental budgets proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.				
A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for		POLK COUNTY		for the
current fiscal year, will be held at		850 MAIN ST. DALLAS, OR 97338		(District name)
The hearing will take place on		APRIL 22, 2026		at 9:00 a.m. or p.m.
The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.				
A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after		APRIL 15, 2026		(Date)
at		850 MAIN ST. DALLAS, OR 97338		between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES				
AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED				
FUND: BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND	Resource	Amount	Expenditure indicate Orig. Unit, Prog. & Activity and Object class.	Amount
1.	GENERAL FUND TRANSFER	\$ 720,000	1. ACADEMY BUILDING MAINT.	\$ 720,000
2.			2.	
3.			3.	
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>		<b>\$ 1,595,000</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements \$ 1,595,000</b>	
Explanation of change(s):				
UNEXPECTED ROOF REPLACEMENT AT ACADEMY BUILDING.				
FUND:	Resource	Amount	Expenditure indicate Orig. Unit, Prog. & Activity and Object class.	Amount
1.			1.	
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3.			3.	
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>			<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	
Explanation of change(s):				

# PUBLIC RECORD

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

## Dallas Police Department

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

At 2:50 a.m., two juveniles Ellendale Avenue were cited for minor in possession of alcohol/consumption.

At 11:53 a.m., officers lodged Courtney Bearse, of McMinnville on a failure to appear warrant out of Dallas.

At 3:04 p.m., a resident on Pine Place reported someone was possibly making purchases on shared WiFi.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

At 8:40 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a box truck driving sporadically. The officer contacted the driver on Fairview Avenue but did not see any signs of impairment or issues with his driving.

At 12:29 p.m., Brock Keinonen was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding felony parole board warrant. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 5:27 p.m., a juvenile was formally trespassed from all Center Market locations. The location wished to not pursue theft charges at this time.

At 5:42 p.m., officers responded to multiple alarms activated on Rhododendron Avenue. The resident stated she was just cooking dinner.

At 9:13 p.m., a subject reported losing his wallet at some point during the afternoon/evening on Levens Street. Nothing has been turned in to Dallas Police yet.

At 11:56 p.m., two juveniles were cited for failure to use a safety belt on Denton Avenue.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

At 12:58 a.m., an officer saw a silver Nissan Pathfinder make multiple traffic violations on Southeast Jefferson Street and stopped it on Perrydale Avenue, just outside of city limits. The driver, Cecilia Rentsch of Sheridon, consented to a field sobriety test and performed poorly. She was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for reckless driving.

At 11:47 a.m., after investigating a minor crash on Ellendale Avenue, a motorist was cited for driving while suspended - violation and failing to carry proof of insurance.

At 12:12 p.m., an officer assisted a vehicle on Levens Street with ensuring its load was properly tied down.

At 1:40 p.m., officers responded to a report of a vehicle vs pedestrian on a bike accident on Ellendale Avenue. Each person was given a crash report and the pedestrian was taken to

the hospital by family for leg pain.

At 3:13 p.m., an officer investigated a possible drug activity on Washington Street. The officer located the reported container that was filled with trinkets and hockey cards, possibly a scavenger hunt or game.

At 4:42 p.m., officers responded to a report of juveniles with pills and weed at Dallas City Park. They searched the area but were unable to locate any of the described teenagers.

At 8:54 p.m., a motorist from Lincoln City was cited for speed racing and careless driving after doing doughnuts in the Rite Aid parking lot and was warned for careless driving and reckless endangering (passenger present).

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

At 2:57 a.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited on Ellendale Avenue for unsafe operation of a motor vehicle, expired registration and received a written warning for unreasonable noise from a motor vehicle.

At 6:33 a.m., Zoie Elliott, of Dallas, was arrested on Academy Street and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 5:24 p.m., a motorist on Church Street was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance and received a written warning for permitting unlawful operation of a vehicle.

At 9:15 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for failure to carry and present an operator's license.

At 9:39 p.m., an officer covered a deputy on a driving while suspended - misdemeanor arrest on Bowersville Road.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

At 7:59 a.m., a motorist on Godsey Road was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 8:19 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 2:5 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 4:29 p.m., a motorist on Oak Villa Road was cited for failing to install an ignition interlock device, driving while suspended - violation and for driving with no insurance.

At 7:42 p.m., an officer investigated a report that a door was left open on Wyatt Street. The officer checked to see if anyone was inside and there was no response. The officer closed the door and left a card.

At 11:38 p.m., a male subject was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor after driving his moped from Safeway; he'd been warned not to drive his moped anymore.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

At 9:10 a.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited on Gerlinger Place was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 10:55 a.m., an officer investigated a report of dogs barking in a park

off Ellendale Avenue.

The officer drove around the park and found three chihuahuas that were not barking.

At 1:18 p.m. an officer investigated a neighborly disagreement over a dog potentially urinating on a bush adjacent to the sidewalk on a property.

A subject was trespassed from the Azalea Avenue location.

At 4:10 p.m., a report of a license plate stolen from an F150 truck on Court Street at an unknown time or place.

At 4:49 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a juvenile attempting to sell weed to other juveniles on Main Street, but was unable to locate the suspect.

At 6:56 p.m., a manager of a location on Ellendale Avenue requested a juvenile be trespassed from the location.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

At 8:17 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue received a written warning for speeding.

At 9:16 a.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for failing to obey a stop sign and for failing to carry proof of insurance.

At 1:57 p.m., a motorist from Salem was cited for failing to carry an operator's license and for speeding 34 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 1:57 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation, failure to register vehicle and for driving uninsured.

At 2:59 p.m., a motorist from Salem was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue.

At 4:25 p.m., a motorist on Church Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation and failing to return a suspended driving license.

## Independence Police Department

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

At 11:19 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle rear-end collision on Monmouth Street. There were no injuries, but damages were over \$2,500. The at-fault driver was cited.

At 5:59 p.m., officers contacted a juvenile trespassing on railroad tracks along 2nd Street. They educated the youth on trespassing laws.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

At 3:40 p.m., a report of malnourished dogs on 9th Street.

At 10:32 p.m., an officer parked on Monmouth Street observed a vehicle swerving within the lane, nearly hitting the sidewalk. The motorist who was following the vehicle indicated to the officer that "the driver is hammered and all over the road." The officer began following the vehicle and at one point the driver was using the middle turn lane for travel. The driver Aureliano Calihua was stopped and failed a field sobriety test. He blew a BAC of .11% and was transported to jail and charged with driving

under the influence of intoxicants.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

At 8:11 p.m., officers investigated a report of a disturbance on White Oak Circle. No crimes were discovered.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

Jesus Trujillo, who was wanted on an outstanding parole violation warrant, was spotted on a bicycle near the dog park on Grand Street by an off duty law enforcement.

A chase ensued around Riverview Park, ending in a front yard of a residence on South 3rd Street. After being apprehended, Trujillo was charged with one count of disorderly conduct 2, two counts of third-degree escape, trespass 2, and possession of methamphetamine.

At 7:17 p.m., a report of the theft of a utility trailer on 3rd Street.

At 10:12 p.m., an intoxicated male was reported to have arrived in a vehicle at a mini mart in the 1000 block of Monmouth Street.

Officers responded and observed an unoccupied vehicle with its engine running and headlights activated. Brien Rolfe was contacted inside the store. Rolfe performed poorly on a field sobriety test and ended up blowing a BAC of .10% blood alcohol content at the police department. He was transported to jail where he was charged with driving under the influence — misdemeanor.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

At 12:51 p.m., a report of loud revving noises heard on E Street. The responding officer did not hear any revving noises.

Multiple 911 calls reported a vehicle that fled the scene after hitting a trash can and a tree in the 1000 block of Monmouth Street. Upon contacting the driver, the smell of alcohol lingered on his breath. Geoffrey Moss performed poorly on a field sobriety test and was taken to the police station where he blew a BAC of .02%. A drug recognition expert followed up as the observed level of impairment was not consistent with the low BAC reading. Moss was cited for driving under the influence — misdemeanor, reckless driving, failing to perform duties of a driver in an accident with property damage and driving while suspended - violation.

At 5:41 p.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash on Deann Drive. One female motorist was cited for no operator's license. Another female was transported to Salem Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

At 9:37 a.m., a report of a person going into the backyard of a vacant house on F Street. It turned out to be a gas utility worker checking a gas meter on the property.

At 7:54 p.m., officers investigated a report of trespassing on Log Cabin Street.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

At 12:31 a.m., officers found an abandoned trailer

and vehicle on Riverside Drive that had been left under suspicious circumstances. The trailer and possible crimes occurred in Marion County. Officers had the trailer towed and forwarded the case to Marion County Sheriff's Office.

At 10:04 a.m., a report of a stolen trailer on Corvallis Road with possible suspects identified.

## Monmouth Police Department

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Domestic Disturbance: An argument occurred where one person grabbed the other's phone to contact a parent. The other person grabbed the first person's shirt, and the first person attempted to close a door on them. Both parties denied injuries, and the dispute was resolved when one party refused to leave and the other agreed to sleep in a separate room.

Burglary: A resident reported a burglary in progress after hearing plates break and someone pacing in the hallway. A search assisted by other departments did not locate anyone. Broken plates and a window screen were found, but the caller's account was difficult to follow, as they later stated the plates broke hours before the call. A roommate confirmed hearing the plates but thought it was a cat and denied hearing an intruder. The caller has a history of emotionally disturbed person reports.

Extra Patrol: A person reported that five nearby houses are unoccupied, three of which are uninhabitable, and requested increased patrol due to seeing people on motorcycles around the properties, to deter illegal activity.

Citizen Contact: A person, who was a defendant in a previous fatal crash, reported an incident with an employee at a business, who was the daughter of the victim in the past case. The employee allegedly asked if the person was a killer and threw a pizza. The person wanted the incident documented and was concerned about the employee accessing personal information from an online order. They were advised the employee likely only saw limited details (name, order, and partial card number).

Arrest: A person was arrested at a park based on a parole violation warrant. An illegal substance was found on the person during a search. After being taken to the county jail, hospital clearance was required, where staff noted the person might have an extended stay due to a leg infection. The person was cited and released for the warrant and possession of the illegal substance.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Suspicious Activity: A person reported concerns that their 9-year-old daughter was being shown photos or videos of her 8-year-old cousin using the bathroom, which the cousin allegedly took using a cell phone. The daughter

also mentioned the cousin asked to bathe together. A report will be taken and forwarded to human services.

Graffiti: Explicit phrases and drawings were reported as graffiti inside the main play structure at a park. Public works was notified.

Unlock: A vehicle unlock was successfully performed for the registered owner without causing any visible damage.

Harassment: An unknown male prank called a business twice from another state, making sexual jokes. Law enforcement was unable to contact the caller, and staff may attempt to block the number if the calls continue.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported parking their car after possibly being followed and was told by another person that a male in all black was taking photos of them and their vehicle and followed them inside before being confronted. Video footage showed a different event: two males arguing before the person arrived, one of whom took a photo as the person was parking and exiting their car, then left without an apparent confrontation.

Criminal Offense: A person reported receiving threatening text messages from an unknown number. The sender had taken a nude photo from the person's social media and pictures of their face, threatening to send them to family and friends unless a ransom was paid. The person did not pay and blocked the number.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person called an emergency line after taking an overdose, stating they were upset over seeing a relative's killer, a work suspension, and a past sexual assault. The person was taken to the hospital for the overdose, and a mental hold form was initiated. The report is being sent to the police in the city where the assault occurred.

Citizen Contact: A person called with questions about how to get a restraining order against their parent, who was allegedly threatening welfare checks and psychiatric committal. The person confirmed they were not suicidal and felt better after receiving answers to their questions.

Citizen Contact: A person came to the police department for advice on retrieving personal property (electronic tablet, key, charging cable) from an ex-partner who was ignoring messages and had recently gotten the person trespassed from their workplace. The person did not want law enforcement involved and was advised to either pursue a theft case or send a final message and cut their losses.

Animal Complaint: A person reported that their neighbor's dogs had been barking nonstop for hours. An investigating officer monitored the location for 15 minutes and did not hear the dogs make any

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### 999 PUBLIC NOTICES

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

### 999 PUBLIC NOTICES

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

### 999 PUBLIC NOTICES

before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 2/26/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP

### 999 PUBLIC NOTICES

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**PCIO26-194 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE at Dallas Secure Storage, LLC, 1497 SE Brookside Avenue, Dallas, OR (east off**

### 999 PUBLIC NOTICES

Godsey Road) 10 AM Saturday, April 18, 2026 All sales CASH, VISA, M/C ONLY. Units sold as a whole. Call (503) 623-3703 for details. Susan Edwards B036 Ashley Kasper F145 Shawna Lagow L391 Haley

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**PCIO26-193 PUBLIC SALE PUBLIC**

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**SALE AT GODSEY SECURE STORAGE, LLC,** 1360 SE Godsey Road, Dallas, OR 10:30AM Saturday, APRIL 18, 2026. All sales CASH, VISA or MASTER CARD ONLY. Units

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# POLICE

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noise. The complainant was updated.

**Hit and Run:** A person reported their parked vehicle was struck during the day. Paint transfer indicated the suspect vehicle was white and consistent with a truck parked immediately behind the victim's car. Investigation is ongoing; a crash report was generated after the suspect vehicle was located and documented.

**Criminal Mischief:** While investigating the hit and run, the owner of the suspect vehicle intentionally spat on the hood of the victim's car. The owner was cited and released for a criminal mischief offense.

**Suspicious Person:** A general manager of a food establishment reported a female, matching a known description, was asking employees and customers for money. The manager asked her to leave, which she did. The manager declined formal trespassing at the time but said they would issue one if she returned.

**Suspicious Person:** A person reported seeing a male attempting to force a female into a truck. Contact with the involved parties, a dating couple, revealed they were discussing relationship issues after the male learned the female might be interested in another man. Both parties denied any forcing; the male claimed he was tickling the female, which she confirmed. The complainant later agreed they did not see the female being forced.

**Civil Matter:** An officer attempted to serve a subpoena. The person's mother stated the person was not home and would not allow them to testify due to safety concerns. The mother was given contact information for the police department and prosecutor's office, and advised to call for an officer the next day when the person is expected to be home to complete the service.

**Harassment:** A person reported daily threats by another individual in the home. No crimes were reported, and the homeowner was made aware of the issues.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A caretaker reported a person was making suicidal statements and refused to get back into their vehicle. The person, who was holding a gas canister and drinking beer, was upset about their living situation and the initial police response. After agreeing to get into the car, the person used a concealed small razor to cut their wrist. Medics responded and took the person to a medical facility on a mental hold.

**Animal Complaint:** A person called to report a barking dog, but was unsure of the exact location. The officer advised they would patrol the area to try and locate the dog.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person called reporting various issues, beginning with a disturbing online video and abruptly switching to discussing serial killers and claiming to have evidence of a local killer. When officers noted the repetition of unexperienced claims, the person became angry and yelled, prompting the initial officer to end the call. A follow-up contact confirmed the person continued to report the same delusions about gang

stalkings, killings, and electronic weapons, stating federal and international agencies now refuse to speak with them. The person refused resources.

**Check Welfare:** A person requested a check welfare on elderly neighbors because the garage door had been open for two days and they were unreachable, noting a history of medical calls for the residents. An officer made contact with one neighbor, who stated they had recently been in the hospital but were fine.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person called reporting they were suicidal with a cord wrapped around their neck. Officers responded, removed the cord, and the person was transported voluntarily to a medical facility. Mental health services were notified and planned to file a protective services report, noting that staff are required to maintain a 1-to-1 watch and intervene in suicide attempts.

**Check Welfare:** A person requested a welfare check on another individual who failed to show up or call for a planned outing. Contact was made, and the person confirmed they were fine and was advised to call the caller.

**Information:** Information was logged regarding a DNA warrant for a past case. Officers were advised that if the suspect is located, they should first contact a sergeant to confirm if they are available to serve the warrant. The suspect's vehicle was noted as having been seen driving west and south on local streets.

**Bite:** A person was bitten on the hand by a two-year-old dog at a park after putting their hand out for the dogs to sniff. The bite caused a small red mark that drew blood. The dog owner claimed the dog snapped because it sensed something was wrong. An animal bite form was sent, and the dog's vaccination status is unknown.

**Citizen Contact:** A person with a no-contact order (a parole condition) sought help retrieving their clothing, tools, weights, and a gaming console from another person's home. The person was informed that the police department does not perform civil standbys and was directed to contact the county sheriff's office for a potential inquiry.

**Assist Other Agency:** Assistance was provided on a domestic call where a person was yelling for help. Investigation revealed the person was upset after their partner "cupchecked" their son while play fighting. The son confirmed they were only playing, and the distressed person, who has a history of trauma, admitted to potentially overreacting. The assisting agency concluded its investigation.

**Attempt to Locate:** A report was received about a dark-colored vehicle with a male occupant screaming for help heading west. Units from two police departments were unable to locate the vehicle, and no other calls were received.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person called to report hearing someone screaming, possibly originating from a university. The area was checked, but no one was located.

**Disturbance/Noise:** Officers responded to a noise complaint that escalated into a disturbance, with reports of a party, fighting, and chairs being thrown. Yelling was audible upon arrival, but no active fight was observed.

Both residents were informed of the noise ordinance and agreed to end the party.

**Information:** A person wearing a face mask and a hoodie was contacted while walking off a property. They explained they were retrieving a can they saw on the property. The person was cleared and instructed to stay off private property. This was logged for future reference.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person called an emergency line reporting they were suicidal with a cord wrapped around their neck. Officers responded, removed the cord, and the person was voluntarily transported to a medical facility. Mental health services were notified and planned to file a report, noting that staff are required to maintain constant watch and intervene in suicide attempts.

## MONDAY, MARCH 30

**Hangup:** A hangup report involved a male initially requesting medics for a minor injury, who then started swearing at an unknown female before disconnecting. The male was using another person's phone. Officers were unable to locate the male, who reportedly left in a white sedan with the female.

**Follow-up:** A person called after seeing the suspect vehicle from a past hit and run outside their place of employment. Officers had already documented the vehicle. The person was instructed to call back if their work had video footage, which would then be collected.

**Suspicious Person:** A person complained about a neighbor walking their dog behind the complainant's house on public property, which was upsetting the complainant's dogs. Officers contacted the dog walker, who confirmed the path and noted the complainant's dog barks at hers. The walker was informed that the route caused neighborhood concern and agreed to try to find a different path, but was advised that the activity itself was not illegal.

**Animal Complaint:** A person reported a black cat with a large open wound on its side that they believed belonged to a tenant. Officers walked around the apartments but were unable to locate the cat.

**Noise Complaint:** Officers responded to an email about two vehicles playing loud music in a parking lot for hours, which was reportedly disturbing nearby homes. The officer left a voice-mail for the complainant, instructing them to call the non-emergency line when the noise was actively occurring so officers could respond.

**Animal Follow-up:** Follow-up was conducted on a dog bite incident. Statements were obtained from the person who was bitten and a witness, but the dog owner was not able to be contacted. The owner was asked to reach out to the officer. No citation will be issued for the incident, but officers will follow up regarding the dog's vaccination and licensing status.

**Arrest:** A person was cited and released regarding a previous case.

**Theft:** A person reported that a four-foot-tall potted plant was stolen from their front porch the previous night while they were out of town. There are no cameras.

**Crash:** An officer was flagged down for a crash where a person driving

east drifted out of their lane and hit an unoccupied vehicle parked on the street. Damage exceeded a certain dollar amount, and both vehicles were towed. Exchange forms were issued, and a crash report was generated.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person tied a rope around their neck again. Officers removed the rope, and the person was placed on a mental hold and transported to a hospital.

**Theft:** A person who works at the post office reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle the previous day and stole prescription medication. No other items were taken, and there was no damage to the vehicle. The post office does not have cameras covering the incident.

**Assist Other Agency:** An officer located a person with a warrant who then led another department on a foot pursuit. The officer assisted with handcuffing, and the person was lodged at the county jail for the warrant and related crimes, including trespassing, disorderly conduct, and possession of illegal substances.

**Citizen Contact:** A person called to report that an 18-year-old male is reportedly dating a 15-year-old juvenile and may have had sexual contact with a middle school-aged female (12 years old). The caller had limited information and no contact details for the involved parties.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31

**Assist Other Agency:** Officers responded to assist another department in locating juveniles who had egged a home about 15 minutes earlier. The juveniles were not identified.

**Assist Other Agency:** Assistance was provided on a disturbance where two people had a verbal argument that included throwing food and screaming. Both parties agreed to separate.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person called to report that a male in another country who remotely works on their computer had asked them to send money for his services, but their bank blocked the online transaction. An officer will follow up with the person later.

**Citizen Contact:** A person returned for advice on retrieving belongings from an ex-partner, repeating the same concerns from the previous weekend. The person was hesitant to involve law enforcement due to fears the ex-partner would make false reports. The person was advised the matter may become a civil issue.

**Crime:** A couch was reported dumped in the gravel near a donation box on property belonging to the city. Public works was notified for removal, and there was no suspect information.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person reported an incident between their daughter (nearly 16 years old) and an 18-year-old male on a school bus where they were kissing and holding hands, despite a prior no-contact order due to the male stealing the mother's car years ago. The daughter confirmed kissing but denied other sexual contact. School footage confirmed the incident, and the school will look into trespassing the male. The male's probation officer will check if sanctions will be pursued.

**Theft:** A report was made of a younger teenager (estimated to be 13-14 years old) stealing a

beverage from a location. Probable cause exists for a third-degree theft offense, and the complainant is working to obtain footage.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person requested a premise check on a vacant house owned by a friend after a neighbor reported seeing someone inside. An officer found the property secure with all doors locked. A second report by the owner, who was mixing up information, was also checked and confirmed secure.

**Assist Other Agency:** Assistance was provided to another department on a domestic report that was determined to be children playing with a phone.

**Animal Complaint:** A person reported ongoing issues with a neighbor's two dogs who bark excessively and acted aggressively toward their dog through the fence. The person was advised that since the dogs were on their property and the person could have moved their dog, there was no enforceable ordinance regarding the attempted attack. The person was encouraged to call in the moment of incessant barking, but was informed that barking in response to their dog's presence is not a nuisance.

**Suspicious Person:** Multiple callers reported a male yelling outside in the street. An intoxicated male was contacted who was having a heated phone call about relationship issues. He apologized for causing the calls and agreed to walk home.

**Civil Matter:** A person reported concerns about property and children following the death of a relative, as the relative's girlfriend was reportedly taking items from the home (owned by the person's relative) before a pending eviction. The person also expressed concerns about the girlfriend using illegal substances around the children. The person planned to file a human services report and seek a civil standby to retrieve priority items.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person called to report their neighbors were fighting outside. Contact was made with the neighbors, who stated they were not fighting, and no signs of a disturbance were visible.

**Domestic Disturbance:** A person reported a delayed domestic violence incident, stating their partner struck them in the back of the head two days prior, causing a substantial lump and pain requiring a doctor's visit. After interviewing both parties, probable cause was found for assault in the fourth degree, domestic violence, and the partner was arrested and lodged at the county jail.

**Check Welfare:** A person living out of state requested a welfare check on another person who had not been heard from for several weeks. No answer was at the door, but a dog was seen inside. Neighbors confirmed seeing the person out that morning, and since their vehicle was missing, they were likely not home. The caller was updated.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

**Theft:** A person reported their silver enclosed utility trailer was stolen from the property sometime overnight. The trailer was entered as stolen into law enforcement data systems.

**Citizen Contact:** A person asked if they were allowed to shoot their bow and arrow within city limits. Questions were answered.

Traffic Assist: An

officer unlocked a vehicle door for a person at a laundromat.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person reported two or more kids throwing wads of toilet paper/paper towels in the men's bathroom at a park before leaving. The person did not have a description of the kids.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person called an emergency line claiming they were trapped in a group home and staff were boarding the windows. Contact with the house manager confirmed the person was having behavioral issues due to not getting what they wanted and did not need law enforcement assistance.

**Disturbance:** A person reported a disturbance with their next-door neighbor, claiming the neighbor was kicking shoes and throwing a toy at their door. The neighbor explained they were frustrated with the person blocking the walkway, and moving the items caused a confrontation. Both parties were advised to go through property management to resolve the issues.

## Polk County Sheriff's Office

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

At 5:35 a.m. a report of a two-vehicle crash on just south of Kings Valley Highway at Bridgeport Road. Deputies assisted with the traffic control and collection of driver information while Oregon State Police investigated. Apparently one motorist attempting to make a U-turn was struck by another continuing southbound. One driver was transported to West Valley Hospital to get some stitches.

At 11:59 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 12:58 p.m., a deputy conducted a traffic assist on Rickreall Road for a vehicle that was partially in the lane of travel. The driver said her car had broken down and she had already called for a tow. The deputy waited with her until the tow arrived.

At 3:52 p.m., a report that a 2005 Yamaha motorcycle went missing sometime during the last few days from Lewis Street in Falls City. Deputies learned the motorcycle was in the care of a known female subject while the owner was incarcerated.

At 6:51 p.m., a report of a male stumbling on Parker Road walking east towards Highway 99. Deputies drove around the area but were unable to locate the subject.

At 8:16 p.m., a resident on Dayton Street reported an unknown male subject staring into her yard. A deputy checked the area but did not find anyone matching the description given.

At 9:08 p.m., deputies backed up Dallas police while they investigated a report of a fight involving youths on Veazie Street near Dallas City Park. They contacted a group of kids who said another group of high school aged kids were saying they had a gun but there were no articulations of any crimes. They were unable to locate the other half of youths involved.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

At 1:15 a.m., Dallas and Independence officers investigated a report of a door open at a residence on Corvallis Road where the owners were known to be out of town on

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## DALLAS

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strikes and get the job done.”

Improvement is tied in part to a deeper and more knowledgeable staff. Coaches focus on their specialty, be it pitching, hitting or defense. It’s an approach that mirrors the top programs in the state.

“I’m able to step back and manage the whole picture,” Luther said. “If someone knows more than me in an area, I want

them teaching our kids.”

Led by Rivers, first-team all-state a year ago, Dallas returns a strong nucleus, with younger players stepping into larger roles. The roster lists seven seniors and 10 underclassmen, including four freshmen.

“We have experience, but also some young guys in big spots,” Luther said. “We’re looking for them to grow into those roles.”

Rivers believes the team is making strides. “I think this team is smarter,” Rivers said.

“We understand things quicker, and we’re going to keep getting better as the season goes on.”

Rivers expects progress at the plate.

“The bats will be fine,” he added. “We’ve got younger players who are going to step up.”

How adept the team is at the fundamentals will eventually determine where they place in the competitive Mid-Willamette Conference. For now, the goal is to dethrone Corvallis, the defending champs.

“I believe our team is good enough to take league,” Luther said.

The Dragons split their first six games of non league play. But players and coaches alike see that as part of the process rather than a concern.

“Our goal isn’t to play our best baseball in March,” Luther said. “We want to be playing our best ball in late May.”

For Rivers, his goal remains unwavering and simple.

“We’re going out there to win every game,” he

said. “No one’s bigger than the program. We all work the same, and we’ll get better together.”

In other action  
The team’s bats were certainly alive in Friday’s 17-1 win over Springfield. According to Luther, Landon Holbrook led the way by going 2-for-2 with a deep 2-run sacrifice fly and 6 RBIs. Rivers and Brayden Thomas added two hits each and combined for 3 RBIs.

The Millers (0-5)

scored their lone run in the first inning and were shut out the rest of the way. Pitcher Taidyn Ryder started for the Dragons.

Dallas evened its non league mark at 3-3 with the win.

The Dragons open league play hosting West Albany on Friday. This two-game series concludes Monday on the Bulldogs’ home field. South Albany is here Wednesday, April 15th.

All three games begin at 5 p.m.

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vacation. The owner contacted the PCSO and stated not to clear the house if it appears there was no forced entry. He suspected it was his daughter who was using the house and forgot to secure the door when she left. There were no signs of forced entry. The door was secured and officers left.

At 2:50 a.m., two juveniles on Ellendale Avenue were cited for minors in possession of alcohol/ consumption.

At 4:54 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a possible burg in progress on whitesell street with the complainant believing they heard the suspect break plates and pace. They searched the apartment but did not locate anybody. Plates were broken but no signs of forced entry. The roommate heard the plates breaking multiple hours before the report but thought it was the cat.

At 5:43 a.m., a motorist on Hoffman road apparently saw something in the road, overcorrected and drove into a ditch. Deputies found no signs of intoxication. The driver was uninjured.

At 10 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near Highway 99 was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:22 a.m., a report of a suspicious motorhome parked on Corvallis Road. A deputy contacted the owner who said he did not plan to stay long, and was working on getting an alternator for the motorhome.

At 12:02 p.m. a resident on Meadow Lane reported his camp trailer was shot sometime between last summer and today. The owner reported there was pellet and water damage. There is no suspect information at this time.

At 3:44 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 4:39 p.m., a motorist

on Highway 99 was cited for using a cell phone while driving (first offense).

At 7 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a vehicle unable to maintain a lane. The motorist, stopped on Mill Street, advised the sun was in his eyes.

At 9:09 p.m., a deputy observed two vehicles speeding and possibly racing on Wallace Road. The rear vehicle was stopped while the other drove on. The driver was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone, and was warned regarding racing, careless driving and driving uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

At 9:54 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Ellendale Avenue with the driver leaving the scene. The vehicle left the south side of the road and rolled into a yard before coming to rest on its side. The deputy found the driver who said he was going too fast around the corner and crashed. Oregon State Police were called out and took over the scene.

At 10:45 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:47 p.m., PCSO was advised of suspicious activity on Wallace Road where a neighbor reported seeing flashlights and said there had been squatters on the property. Deputies arrived on scene and contacted Nathen Cooper on the property. Dispatch advised that Nathen had seven outstanding cite and release warrants out of Salem and two outstanding cite and release warrants out of Marion county. Cooper was arrested on the warrants and was also charged with trespass 2 and transported to Polk County Jail. Jail deputies found a small plastic bag of methamphetamine on Cooper when searching him during the booking process. He was additionally charged for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

At 4:09 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle on the side of Fir Villa Road with someone outside of it acting strange. The occupants told the deputies they ran out of gas and someone was running into town to get gas. The vehicle was partially blocking so deputies pushed the car out of the road.

At 7:57 a.m., a deputy witnessed a motorist make a left hand turn then pass the vehicle in front of her unsafely onto Talmadge Road. The driver was cited for unsafe passing on the left and was warned for expired tags.

At 2:12 p.m., a report of a hay bale blocking Highway 22. Prior to a deputy’s arrival, someone pushed it off the road way into the park and ride. Later a resident came with a tractor and picked up the bale.

At 2:24 p.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 9:27 p.m., a motorist trespassing in a park off Glen Creek Road was cited for no Oregon driver’s license and no insurance.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

At 1:34 a.m., Iris Richter was arrested for trespassing on a property on Grand Ronde Road and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 1:33 a.m., deputies responded to a call of a crash on Pleasant Hill Road. The driver Destin Snider showed signs of intoxication and asked for a lawyer when reading his Miranda rights. So a deputy placed him under arrest for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. A Judge could not be reached so an exigent blood draw was done, and Snider was brought back to Polk County Jail.

At 5:22 a.m., a motorist was stopped after passing a deputy while speeding. The driver was cited for no operator’s license and no insurance.

At 10:37 a.m., a report that someone broke into a

trailer on Gooseneck Road, causing \$275 in damage. An electronic tablet, vaulted at \$150 was stolen. The victim suspected a known male subject.

At 11 a.m., a dog was transferred to the Polk County Kennels. When the owner arrived to pick it up, deputies learned she had an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Yamhill County. She was arrested and transferred to Polk County Jail.

At 2:03 p.m., a deputy investigated a call of an alarm at Polk County Shops on Ash Street. The deputy did not locate any suspicious activity and cleared the alarm. The alarm was triggered again at 2:54 p.m. Deputies again cleared the location.

At 3:44 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of shots heard near 50th Avenue but did not hear or see anything.

At 4:52 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of shots heard near 2nd Street in Falls City but did not hear or see anything.

At 8:33 p.m., the manager of Holiday Tree Farm on Enterprise Road saw on his camera a male pushing a bicycle walking on the property. The manager and deputies arrived quickly but did not locate the male.

There are a lot of vehicles and equipment there but the employees did not find anything missing or damaged.

At 10:57 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that crashed into a field off Clow Corner Road. The juvenile driver stated he was adjusting his seat when he lost control and crashed into a field. While a deputy was filling out the crash report, both juvenile passengers told the deputy that the driver was driving the vehicle with his feet while sitting on the driver’s seat headrest as it was leaned back. The deputy attempted to ask the juvenile driver if he wanted to be more honest, but his mother told him to not talk to the deputy. The driver was cited for reckless driving and two counts of reckless

endangerment.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

At 11:56 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle off of Eagle Crest near the gate. A responding deputy observed a black Chevy truck with a male subject laying in the driver seat sleeping. The driver, who showed no signs of intoxication, said he would be leaving, just wanted to take a short nap.

At 1:27 p.m., a late report of a burglary attempt on Montgomery Street. The resident reported his daughter and niece who were home alone at 10:30 a.m. when they heard someone attempting to break in. The resident took photos of the broken door prior to fixing it. The juveniles reported seeing a male subject who ran off when confronted. Nothing was reported missing.

At 6:57 p.m., a late report of a theft on Orrs Corner Road. A subject reported approximately \$2,000 of cameras and lenses were stolen while he was golfing.

At 9:39 p.m., a motorist on Bowersville Road was stopped for reasonable suspicion of driving while suspended - misdemeanor. Deputies confirmed the driver’s status, arrested her and lodged her at Polk County Jail.

At 10:39 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

At 12:29 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving while suspended - violation. A validly licensed passenger took over as driver after the citation.

At 10:26 a.m., a resident from Bridgeport Road reported receiving a scam call. He advised he did not give them any money but did tell them where he banks, so he is going to be monitoring his accounts for suspicious activity.

At 3:35 p.m., a motorist on 7th Street in Salem

received a written warning for failure to obey a traffic control device, no current proof insurance and mobile device usage while driving.

At 4:41 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of an RV parked on Pioneer Road for about 10 hours with its passenger door open. The deputy located the RV, a 1997 Ford Aerbus, that appeared unoccupied. According to a passerby, the RV was followed by two vehicles this morning. A Tow notice sticker was placed on the RV and a tow form partially filled for SALT. Both listed RO’s are deceased.

At 6:45 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of an injured deer in a driveway on Gardner Road. The deputy located the deer which ran off after getting close. There were no visible injuries and the deer did not appear to be suffering.

At 6:50 p.m., a resident on Broadmead Road reported finding a dead animal carcass hanging on her fence post. A deputy observed the carcass had no head or feet and seemed to have been dead for quite some time. The resident was unsure if it was one of her sheep, but said she would have her husband count to make sure it’s not one of their animals.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

At 4:21 a.m., a deputy contacted a male subject walking on Clow Corner Road. He stated the Independence Police Department arrested him earlier for DUII and was walking to get his car.

At 4:26 a.m., a motorist alerted a deputy to a van driving erratically. The deputy caught up to the van on Highway 99 and pulled it over after witnessing it fail to maintain its lane. The driver had been cited on two previous occasions for no operator’s license. The deputy cited the driver again for no operator’s license.

At 7:42 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55-mph zone.

## PANTHERS

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Conference play begins Friday at Woodburn. The Panthers then host the Bulldogs Monday. Both games begin at 5 p.m.

Central expects to be in the mix for a league title, battling it out against teams like defending champion Corvallis, Silverton, Crescent Valley and Dallas.

“Our expectation is to compete every single game,” Kramer said.

Girod takes his expectation even further.

“I think we are the team to beat,” he said. “There’s always been a target on our backs, and that’s how we like it.”

### In other action

Visiting LaSalle rallied for a 7-6 win over the Panthers in non league action from Friday.

Central recorded nine hits in the loss, with two hits apiece coming from Alarcon, Barba and Fitts. Barba led the team with 3 RBIs, Fitts with four runs scored.

Girod, the starting pitcher, allowed two earned runs in his six innings. He struck out six. The Falcons (2-7 overall) scored three runs, including two earned, in the final inning against Alarcon, the Panthers’ closer.

The team’s other non-league win came against Franklin.

Central ended last week on a three-game skid.

## BOWLERS

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“We’re getting ready ... so I want to make sure I’m doing everything I can to improve.”

Reaching nationals didn’t happen overnight. It’s the byproduct of months of practicing and following their coaches’ advice.

“It took a lot of work,” senior bowler Carson Thompson said. “We had to stay focused and keep improving, especially toward the end of the season.”

Peak performance came in practice, where repetition and precision were prioritized during the season’s waning days. Rather than simply rolling

games, the team emphasized spare shooting – a skill that separates elite bowlers from average ones.

“We’ve been doing a lot of specific drills, like 10 pins, 7 pins, 3 pins,” Thompson said. “Just making sure we can hit those when it matters most.”

While individual performances played a role – Thompson placed in the top 10 – the push to excel was powered by a collective mindset.

“Our team really supports each other,” Thompson said. “We wanted to do well not just for ourselves, but for everyone.”

Thompson, a senior, will bowl for the Oregon State club team next year.

## BRIEFS

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### GALAXY WON HOSTS BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 21

Galaxy Won hosts a bingo fundraiser for the Dallas High School Bowling Team from 6-8 p.m. April 21 at 101 SE Mill St., in Dallas.

### HAZEL'S ON MAIN HOSTS PAINT YOUR PET'S PORTRAIT DAY APRIL 26

Hazel’s on Main hosts a Watercolor Paint & Sip event DIY Pet Portrait Class, presented by Paint With Magenta, from 2-4 p.m. April 26 at their Monmouth location, 105 Main St. E. Fun for all ability levels. Bring a print out of your pet. Tickets are available

online at <https://bit.ly/4sJbSYr>.

### DALLAS ROTARY CLUB HOSTS EPIC DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE MAY 16

The Dallas Rotary Club will once again be collecting shelf-stable food items to benefit the Dallas Food Bank on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rotarians will be at the entrances to Grocery Warehouse, Safeway and Walmart to hand out flyers and collect your donations. Donations may also be brought directly to our collection hub in the Les Schwab parking lot or to the Dallas food bank at 322 South Main St. If you have questions, contact Damon Langley at (541) 591-4660 or Eddie Nelson at (503) 623-3578.