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Swanson
declares
candidacy
for retiring
commission
Seat No. 2

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

John Swanson, 40, from north Polk County, is the first candidate to officially declare he will file for the County Commissioner position currently held by Craig Pope, who is retiring and not seeking reelection.



John Swanson

Currently the chief of staff for state Sen. Bruce Starr, Swanson is a small business owner, and is the executive director of the Leadership Fund, which supports a more balanced state

legislature. Swanson said he began to have conversations with elected officials and family about running for the commissioner's seat after the last Legislative session left him with a brewing desire to be more local.

"I was attracted to seeing what I'm impacting more on a day-to-day basis. While I'm proud of a lot of work I do in the Legislature in my capacity there, I find the wins are minor victories in the margins," Swanson said. "The Legislature is longer range in its goals. I look at what the county does and it sounds very rewarding and concluded it would be something I'm good at. I'm great at building bridges, building dialogue that comes with complex governmental decisions."

Swanson lives north of Rickreall with his wife, Kim, and two children. The Swansons previously resided in West Salem.

Swanson volunteers for youth programs and YMCA sports in the Monmouth-Independence area. The Swanson's church home is Cultivate Community Church in Monmouth.

Swanson said he can be a team player at the county level.

"What's most exciting about county governance is how I'll see the impact of my work each day. Polk County is a wonderful place, and I want to be hands-on in keeping it that way," Swanson said.

Swanson wished Pope well as he departs, having left a lasting legacy.

"Craig Pope has been a class act his entire career. His commitment to Polk County is renowned. I wish him many, many years of happiness and hope he will remain a resource," Swanson said.

He added he'll remain on Star's staff, during his campaign, who is fully on board with Swanson running for the count seat.

"(It's an) easy choice for Polk County," said Starr, the state Senator for rural Polk County. "John Swanson will make a great commissioner and will add volumes of depth to help the county's legislative delegation find solutions. John is pragmatic and well suited for nonpartisan office."

Swanson added he saw no reason to wait for the Sept. 11 filing day deadline to announce his candidacy.

"I look forward to getting out there and meeting more people, engaging in my capacity as a candidate," he said.

Friday Night Lights



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Dallas Senior Landon Holbrook powers into the end zone in early action Friday against No. 7 Churchill. The No. 8 Dragons used three turnovers and a balanced offensive attack to take down the Lancers 30-6. Senior Jace Emerson had two interceptions. On offense, Junior Thomas Hess threw for 158 yards and two TDs. Junior Aidan Galusha also had a rushing TD. For more prep sports, see page B1.

MICC
names
Gabby
Walton as
interim
leader

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce named Gabby Walton as its interim president/CEO on Monday Aug 25.

In a letter to the community, the MICC board said to ensure the chamber's long-term sustainability, the board has voted to move forward with a transition in leadership in the wake of Mackenzie Newland leaving, and "operations that will strengthen the chamber financially."

Gabby Walton



"As part of this process, the board has voted to appoint Gabby Walton as Interim President/CEO through the end of November," the board announced. "This is very positive, as having an internal leader familiar with MICC ensures stability, continuity and a smooth transition during this period."

Walton was previously the Resource Development Coordinator as a contracted worker for the Chamber. She is also the owner of Waltons Collective - a resource development company focused on event planning, social media and fundraising.

"My passion is supporting our small businesses and keeping the chamber thriving," Walton said.

The chamber board eliminated Newland's position Aug. 29 due to ongoing financial challenges. The board blamed the financial challenges on unexpected operational costs, reduced funding and declining membership, which all led to unavoidable significant changes.

Newland said she and the MICC Board had been reviewing the Chamber's budget and options for sustaining operations and came to the conclusion that there needed to be some adjustments due to the economy and rising costs.

"We looked at multiple scenarios, including reducing my hours. Ultimately, we mutually agreed that a reduced schedule wasn't sustainable for me or my family, and that MICC needed time to restructure the role and overall operations," Newland said.

Over the coming months, the board promised to also review key areas to strengthen the chamber's presence, including:

- Leadership Structure – evaluating adjustments to the President/CEO position



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Allie Kurtz (center) cuts the ribbon Aug. 30 for the grand reopening of Elysium Botanicals Wine & Vineyard to officially change it over from Redgate Vineyard. She is joined by (from left) co-owner and mom Angela Kurtz, Amy Reid, father Dale Kurtz, brother Taylor Kurtz and mother-in-law Charlene Mead.

Family makes dreams happen
purchasing Redgate Vineyard

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Allie Kurtz technically had everything she was supposed to want, yet still felt like life was passing her by.

"I was in school, running a business, working two jobs. I'm married, got a house and pets. I came out to Oregon and I didn't want to live to work. I wanted to work to live. So, I wanted to be able to enjoy life," she said.

Then one day last October, while attending a wine tasting with her mom, Angela, at

Redgate, the opportunity to rein-vigorate her life was presented over a glass of Pinot Noir.

Redgate's owner since 2006 Steve Dunn, 75, was ready to retire after his eighth hip replacement, Allie said.

"Steve said it was for sale and it kind of clicked. My mom and I looked at each other," Allie recalled. "She's running a successful automotive business in Colorado Springs. She's really good with books and accounting and crunching the numbers. I was good with the labor and good with envisioning how I wanted

everything to be, involving the plants and the wine. We just thought how cool would it be to put something on the table."

Allie said she and her mom "both kind of have the plant thing." Allie ran a horticulture business featuring indoor common and exotic plants. She also has about 10 years under her belt in veterinary medicine. Angela has a degree in agriculture.

Discussions for the changeover began in earnest in November

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REDGATE
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and by May, the Kurtz’s owned a vineyard of their own. And on Aug. 30 they hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to signify the grand re-opening of Elysium Botanical.

They plan to keep just about everything the way it was, even embracing the name Redgate as part of the vineyard’s legacy, by keeping some signs and concrete imprints as tribute. Allie has slapped on some new paint, updated a few tables and imported a new oven from Italy for the kitchen.

“Pretty much everything is original. We’re going to slowly, slowly, change things as this place is such a big thing to the community. They’re so attached. It’s also kind of the neighborhood hangout. People have been really embraceful of that,” Allie said.

The property is just over six acres, with the vineyard encompassing four of them. Allie considers Elysium extremely small compared to the other vineyards in the area.

“It’s really about having a small dream. We don’t want to be a big corporation with wine. We want to focus on small batch, high quality. This is just enough for us,” Allie said. “If we want to grow, we could always go to our farm and grow more grapes.”

So far, Angela handles the books for the business

while Allie oversees just about everything else, from the tasting room events to the harvest.

Originally from Colorado Springs, Allie said she fell in love with now owning a vineyard.

“You can’t grow anything in Colorado Springs,” she said. “This is just really amazing what you can do. You can practically grow anything out here in Oregon.”

That included growing a filbert orchard on their family farm before taking on the challenge of a vineyard.

They had done some work for Dunn and figured they’d take everything they knew and source their knowledge to make something really come alive, and have more of a place of community.

“Because that was what Regate was, too. And we really liked the vibe of that,” Allie said.

Allie said Redgate was renowned for its Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir.

“Our winemaker said I’m a little jealous about it. He did stainless steel. It was really crisp and clean. He said I really want to infuse it into mine to make mine a little bit better. We just laughed. We were kind of like, you know, we got really lucky,” Allie said.

She added the density that Elysium produces in just a couple of acres gets a lot of foliage and a lot of fruit.

“It’s really amazing. In some of those bigger places, they wish they

could have one acre like this,” she said.

Redgate was also one of the first vineyards with a wine tasting room to feature live music. Allie said she plans to continue and expand on that tradition. While others now feature music through the summer, Elysium plans their musical entertainment year-round.

“We love live music, what it does in support of local talent, musicians, comedians, artists. We’ve also brought in karaoke for those inner rock stars that just haven’t been able to shine yet,” Allie said.

And she’s penciled in trivia night every Thursday.

Being a proponent of sunny days, in Colorado Springs this time of year the sun waned, forcing her to move her garden indoors and set up bright sunlamps to keep her plants thriving year round.

“It was really bright and enlightening. And when we thought about involving it with wine, what is a better way for you to go to a tasting room and the sun is shining, but it’s the middle of December,” Allie said. “It’s tropical, it’s heavenly. We wanted it to be paradise. We wanted it to be an open spot where everybody is welcomed. It’s enlightening to everybody. That’s Elysium.”

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Polk County CARES Center
hosts open house Sept. 30

The Polk CARES (Connect Assist Respond Empower Support) Center will officially open its doors on Oct. 6. An open house is from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 30.

Located at 182 SW Academy St., in Dallas, the CARES Center is a safe and confidential space that will have a walk-in crisis clinic for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. Services provided on-site include risk evaluations and observation, suicide prevention and safety planning, and referrals to behavioral health treatment services.

Co-located in the building is a welcome center for substance use support. Services provided on-site include peer support to help individuals navigate a path to recovery, screenings, referrals for substance use disorder treatment, tailored recovery plans, and overdose prevention and safety promotion.

The CARES Center was built with braided funding from House Bill 5202, a grant from the Oregon Health Authority through Measure 110 to support a state-wide Behavioral Health Resource Network, and money received from Senate Bill 5506.

Services at the Polk CARES Center are available to people of all ages, regardless of health insurance or ability to pay. It will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with no appointments necessary.

County seeks public input for
Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Public comments are sought for the review of the Polk County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update.

The public review period runs through 10 a.m. Sept. 15. During this period, Polk County invites residents to provide their feedback on the draft CWPP to ensure it meets the community’s needs and effectively addresses public concerns. The CWPP will serve as a guiding document that will help Polk County and land-owners make informed decisions and improve safety as it relates to potential wildfire risk.

The Polk County CWPP was collaboratively developed with stakeholders and emergency response personnel to improve wildfire preparedness and identify avenues for reducing risk throughout the county. The plan identifies wildfire risks throughout the County, with specific focus on the County’s highly valued resources and assets (HVRAs) as well as the wildland-urban interface (WUI), which refers to the area between wildland and human development.

To take part in the planning process, review the draft CWPP document on the Polk County website at <https://www.co.polk.or.us/em/wildfire-information>. Your comments and feedback can be submitted via online form online at <https://bit.ly/4m3OrES>. Additionally, the administration encourages you to participate in their community survey online at <https://bit.ly/3V8xIW6> to help gather information on the community, shape the final CWPP and ensure it reflects the community’s priorities.

Four arrested after shots
fired in Wallace Marine Park

Salem Police made four arrests Sept. 1, including three juveniles, related to shots fired in Wallace Marine Park.

Officers responded to the West Salem park late Monday evening after several reports of gunfire with a possible female victim being shot. A witness reported four individuals were involved.

Officers canvassed the park and detained four people on the pedestrian bridge, three male juveniles, all age 17, and one male adult, Grant Pizzuto, 25. All four were from the Salem area. Police recovered a loaded .45 caliber handgun from one of the juveniles following a brief struggle. Another juvenile was in possession of a backpack, which the investigation indicated likely contained a short-barreled rifle. The handgun and rifle were seized and placed into evidence.

Officers searched the park for any shooting victims with assistance of a drone. Additional evidence was located due to the search efforts; however, no injured individuals were found.

The juveniles were transported to the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center. Jurisdiction for juvenile conduct is with the county of residence, not necessarily where the conduct occurred.

The first juvenile was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, and interfering with a police officer.

The second juvenile was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of a short-barreled rifle and unlawful use of a weapon.

The third juvenile was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm.

Pizzuto was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm and was lodged at Marion County Jail.

The Salem Police Special Investigations Unit was notified.

MICC
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- Location & Visibility – ensuring MICC remains accessible and connected

- Programming & Events – aligning offerings with both value and sustainability

“These actions are being taken solely for financial reasons, with the goal of creating a stronger, more resilient Chamber,” the board wrote.

“MICC is still here, the community remains strong, and we are dedicated to serving you. With Gabby’s leadership and the support of our members, this transition represents an opportunity to build a sustainable future together.”



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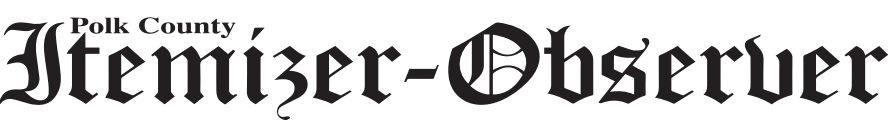
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Pentacle Theatre presents Ken Ludwig’s ‘A Comedy of Tenors’

Pentacle Theatre invites audiences to laugh out loud this fall with its next production, “A Comedy of Tenors,” running Oct. 3–25.

Directed by Jennifer Gimzewski, this hilarious farce by award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig of such hits as “Lend Me A Tenor” and “Moon Over Buffalo” promises a riotous evening of high notes and even higher stakes.

“A Comedy of Tenors” tells the tale of one hotel suite, four tenors, two wives, three girlfriends, and a soccer stadium filled with screaming fans. What could possibly go wrong? It’s 1930s Paris and the stage is set for the concert of the century – as long as producer Henry Saunders can keep Italian superstar Tito Merelli and his hot-blooded wife, Maria, from causing runaway chaos. Prepare for an uproarious ride, full of mistaken identities, bedroom hijinks, and madcap delight.

The cast of “A Comedy of Tenors” includes Joe Martin as Saunders, Joshua Lucas De Leon as Max, Simone Stewart as Maria, Ken Hermens as Tito, Maya Griffin as Mimi, Carson Abrahamson as Carlo, and Geri Greeno as Racon.

The play is about two hours with a 15-minute intermission. Whether you’re an avid opera lover or simply a fan of witty, fast-paced comedy, “A Comedy of Tenors” delivers a delightful dose of theatrical mayhem and heart. For tickets, show dates, and more information, visit www.pentacletheatre.org or contact the Pentacle Theatre Box Office (503) 485-4300.

WOU earns national recognition for first-generation student success

By WOU UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

Western Oregon University was recently named as one of 60 new members of the FirstGen Forward Network for 2025-26. To be selected as a FirstGen Forward Network Member (formerly the Center for First-generation Student Success) Western displayed a demonstrated commitment to improving experiences and advancing success for first-generation college students.

“We are extremely honored to be selected as a member of the FirstGen Forward Network,” said Paige Jackson, Assistant Provost of Enrollment Management & Student Success at Western. “We are committed to all students’ success, especially those who are first in their families to attend college. We believe that every student, regardless of their background, deserves the opportunity to thrive and achieve their dreams.”

The FirstGen Forward Network provides a three-phase framework designed to help institutions scale holistic first-generation student success, transforming the student experience, strengthening academic

and co-curricular outcomes, and building inclusive institutional structures. Since its launch, 489 institutions — including two statewide systems — have joined the Network, spanning 49 states and the District of Columbia.

“We are pleased to welcome Western Oregon University into the FirstGen Forward Network,” said Stephanie J. Bannister, Ph.D., vice president with FirstGen Forward. “Through the application process, it was clear that Western is not only committed to supporting first-generation students, but also prepared to invest in

long-term, strategic efforts that create environments where these students can truly thrive.”

Institutions join the Network through a competitive application process. During the first year, Network Members engage in monthly workshops, peer learning opportunities, and professional development sessions while contributing to a nationwide knowledge-sharing community. Members can progress to Network Leader status and ultimately achieve Network Champion designation by demonstrating a measurable impact and

sustained commitment to the success of first-generation students.

“Being selected as a FirstGen Forward Network Member is both an honor and a call to action,” said Kevin Kruger, Ph.D., interim president and CEO of FirstGen Forward.” Western joins a growing movement of

institutions and professionals who are committed to advancing access, sharing best practices, and driving systemic change to ensure first-generation students succeed. We look forward to seeing Western and the entire Class of 2025 make a lasting impact.”

The 2025-26 Network Members officially began their journey during the FirstGen Forward Virtual Kickoff on June 5. To view a complete list of the institutions or to learn more about FirstGen Forward and the Network, go to www.firstgen-forward.org.

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Marlene Florence Hallauer
Nov. 23, 1933 – Aug. 13, 2025.

Marlene “Marty” Hallauer, 91, died peacefully Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025. She was born in Akron, Ohio, on Nov. 23, 1933, to Harry Joseph Smith and Nellie Rebecca Randall Smith. Marlene graduated from Coventry High School, Class of 1951. On Feb. 4, 1952, she

married Donald “Don” Hallauer, Jr. They moved from Akron to Salem, Oregon, in 1991, and to Dallas, Oregon in 2017.
Marlene worked for and retired from Firestone. Her joys were teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and volunteering at Gilbert House, Doernbecher, Richmond Elementary, and the food bank. She was a member of Kiwanis, serving as a club president and Lt. Governor in Oregon. She was a member of the Lockwood United Methodist Church in Ohio and the First United Methodist Church in Salem.
She is survived by daughters Vicki (Joe) Flande, of Dallas, and Nancy (Bruce) Bennett, of Rydal, Pennsylvania, along with four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother James William Smith.
To celebrate her life, please raise your spoon to a bowl of ice cream and contribute to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

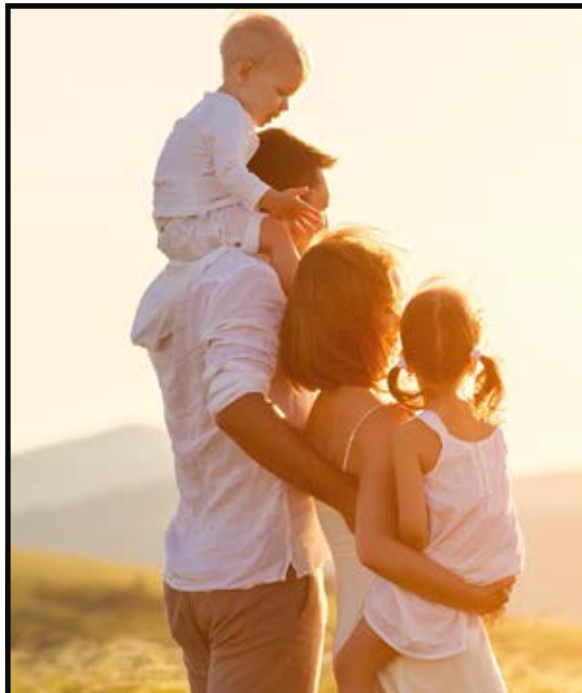
Season tickets now available for Willamette Valley Symphony 2025-26 season

Willamette Valley Symphony, comprised of musicians from Polk and Marian counties, has announced its 2025-26 season programming and is making season ticket purchases now available.
Season tickets include tickets for five concerts, and they are \$100 for adults and \$90 for seniors (65+). Regular tickets are \$22, and senior tickets are \$20 per concert. Children 17 and under are always free.
To purchase season tickets online, go to www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wvsymphony/seasontickets.
To avoid online credit card fees, you can order season tickets by check to “WVS” and mail to: WVS, PO Box 433, Albany, OR 97321. Please include name, email, and mailing address. You can also download the 2025-2026 Season Ticket Order Form online at <https://bit.ly/4nbLGT1>. Your tickets can then be picked up at the first concert you attend.
The schedule is as follows:
Diverse Symphonic Inspiration from Around the World
Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Albany Performing Arts Center, 2100 SW Elm St, Albany

Oct. 5, 4 p.m., Ashbrook Independent School, 4045 SW Research Way, Corvallis
A concert celebrating global musical diversity through orchestral masterpieces. Join WVS for an evening showcasing waltzing elegance to triumphant marches. Uplift your spirits with Mendelssohn’s bright “Italian” symphony.
Rising Stars: Winners of the Youth Concerto and Composition Competition
Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Albany Performing Arts Center
Nov. 23, 4 p.m., Ashbrook Independent School
Join WVS in celebrating talented young musicians and timeless classics. Outstanding young musicians will take center stage, showcasing their musical artistry. Our program will also feature two exciting masterpieces: Sibelius’ Finlandia and Liszt’s Préludes.
Brahms Double Concerto and a Reflection on Nature
Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Albany Performing Arts Center
Feb. 8, 4 p.m., Ashbrook Independent School

WVS continues its season with an unforgettable evening featuring Brahms’ Double Concerto in A minor with guest artists Anthea Kreston (violin) and Jason Duckles (cello). The program will also include Smetana’s poem “The Moldau,” which describes the journey of the Vltava River through Bohemia. Lastly, you will experience Sibelius’ masterpiece Symphony no. 5, which emulates nature, including his famous “swan theme” in the finale.
A Musical Journey to Triumph
March 21, 7 p.m., Albany Performing Arts Center
March 22, 4 p.m., Ashbrook Independent School
Come experience inspiring music that explores themes of resilience and victory through a captivating selection of musical pieces. Percussionist Colton Kohler will be performing Golovko’s Marima Concerto, and Cellist Andrea Sullivan will be performing Bruch’s Kol Nidrei. The orchestra will also be performing Boulanger’s D’un Matin de printemps and Dvořák’s Symphony No. 7.

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Letters

Trump is the true evil to prepare against

I read with interest the recent op-ed warning of spiritual wickedness in high places. On this we agree. Evil is real, it deceives, and it blinds men's eyes. But let us speak plainly. The embodiment of that evil is Donald Trump.

Who but Trump sought to overturn the Constitution itself, calling on his followers to discard the sacred covenant of our Republic? Who but Trump has made \$5 billion in Crypto by leveraging his presidential power to attract dirty money? Who but Trump lies about the Epstein files (he's in the files!) and hides behind distraction and chaos?

He lies to benefit only himself, never the working people he pretends to champion. He schemes to strip millions of Medicaid, to cut Medicare, to enrich the powerful while leaving families adrift. He invents phantom crime waves, spreads fake videos of military glory, and calls truth itself a lie. His words are not slips of the tongue but the serpent's hiss, meant to seduce.

And some are seduced. They cheer him as if he were chosen of God, though he is nothing more than a tyrant forging chains of fear and falsehood. This is not patriotism, it is idolatry.

The op-ed called for courage, for truth, for watchmen on the wall. I echo that call. The danger is not hidden. The deceiver has shown his face. His name is Trump. And unless we name him for what he is, America will bow before evil itself.

Ryan McBride
Independence

Take a moment to reflect this Constitution Day Sept. 17

September 17 will be another Constitution Day. It's the anniversary of when the U.S. constitution was ratified in 1787.

When we look at the library shelves or search online, there is plenty of information about the constitution and the 27 amendments.

This is a good month for any of us to re-read and reflect.

Carol Christ
Dallas

Guest column was thinly veiled propaganda

I am writing in response to the insulting "article" by Micky Garus in the Sept. 3 edition of the Polk I-O. The "article" printed in the "News & Views" section should have been clearly marked as an opinion. I support local journalism with my subscription, not Christo-Facist propaganda played off as news. It is shameful that the owners/editors of the Polk I-O would publish this person's opinions in such a manner.

Do better.
Paul Gann
Monmouth

Too late to embrace God after so many sins

After reading the first two Trump Me Up pieces in such a public forum as the I-O, and to read now his retreat to the bible, first I gagged, then I realized that normalizing the coup that is taking place in our federal government is part of the fascist playbook to throw out our country's democracy.

So called pillars of the community spew their lock step support of what can only be described as destruction-to-despair to the citizens of the United States. Pillars that profit from a free-for-all tyranny style government, where only the privileged few do well.

First, dismantle the very structures of our social safety net by closing local service offices, firing staff, stopping payments, arresting neighbors, ceasing due process before judges, abandoning allies in favor of our international foes, and provoking our most solid border neighbors.

Praising Putin, bullying President Zelensky, and threatening to take over whole countries, normalizing actions we know go against the very core of our democracy. Calling what we all saw on TV Jan. 6, a peaceful visit by patriots. Our lying eyes! Not moving a finger to call out the National Guard to protect our Capital, its police officers and congress people, yet sic'ing them into blue states that did not request nor need them just to prove his faux toughness.

It's a sick joke that a pillar of the community is defending, promoting and shaking his pom-poms for a scofflaw, a Russian asset and a protector and friend of pedophiles. Trying to convince us that it is OK the United States' reputation as part of the peace keepers around the world is



mud. The very foundation of our nation is being rotted from the inside out. Death to democracy by a thousand cuts.

Now to fall on our knees and beg Jesus for salvation from the very monster the likes of you put in charge? We, the People, say No Thank You.

Vickie Ames
Dallas

We need to return to Jesus honestly, not ideologically

When asked what His political ambitions were, Jesus answered His kingdom was "not of this world." (John 18:36) Jesus has no interest in a nation state or a worldly kingdom. He does not need nor want human help to establish a theocratic nation state.

Yet the desire to be a nation with a national God that everyone agrees is God and will follow along the same moral path is as old as time. People around the world, no matter what faith they may follow, have groups of people who think a theocratic state will solve all problems. We see it today in Israel, whose government is pursuing a Jewish nation state by their actions in Palestine. Muslims in the Middle East battle between differences in Islam.

Jesus taught that we are like fruit trees, our inner beings are reflected by the "fruit" we produce in life (Matt. 7:16-20), good or bad. He asked us to care for the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the others who are not wanted (Matt. 14:15-21, Matt. 25:35-40). Doing so is an act of service to Jesus Himself and a core principle of His spiritual kingdom. Jesus identified with, advocated for, liberated (healed) people in His world no matter what they believed.

Ken Burns, noted historian, has a new series broadcasting on PBS in November, The American Revolution. An accurate history of the beginning of our country and its founders.

It's a good time to remind ourselves how we began, honestly not ideologically.
Diane McBurnett
Monmouth

Help bring lifesaving cancer tests to rural seniors

Improving access to cancer treatment for rural communities, where access to specialized care is limited, is now on the horizon, thanks to early cancer detection technology.

Multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests, which use a simple blood draw to screen for dozens of cancers at once, represent a revolutionary advancement in how we detect more cancer early.

Leaders on Capitol Hill, including Sen. Ron Wyden, are working to ensure these breakthrough technologies are widely available to those who need it most.

Sen. Wyden is leading the charge by championing the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early

Detection Screening Coverage Act. This legislation would ensure Medicare beneficiaries can access these groundbreaking MCED tests once they receive FDA approval. The bill already has tremendous support among lawmakers and the cancer community.

Today's cancer screenings are effective but limited in nature. Currently, routine screenings exist for just five cancers — breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate. This means most cancer deaths come from a variation of the disease not subject to early detection.

MCED tests will change this. These tools will enable patients to learn of diagnoses when the disease is more treatable and treatment is less invasive. The five-year survival rate for many cancers is at least 90% when detected early.

For the population most at risk — the Medicare population— access to this innovation is critical. Under current law, Medicare cannot meaningfully cover these tests until Congress acts.

We are grateful to Sen. Wyden.
Sonny Hays-Eberts
Salem

Graduation requirements need better understanding of ethnic issues

Annually Oregonians need to be reminded students are no longer required to demonstrate skills in reading, writing, and math. Until 2026, an Oregon high school diploma no longer points to academic achievement, but only participation in a system with undefined parameters. The legislators, school districts, and the governor supporting Senate Bill 744 saw that this "will benefit Oregon's Black, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, Tribal, and students of color".

The state adopted the position held by many 19th century abolitionists. When I read Fredrick Douglass' autobiographies, one passage always stays with me. After speaking to an abolitionist audience, Douglass considered the evening a great success, because he concluded his talk by believing these people were convinced he was equally human with them.

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Edward Jones

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Column

Your Environment: Delay, deny, depose — Is private AI coming for Medicare?

“The A.I. companies selected to oversee the program would have a strong financial incentive to deny claims”
—*Reed Abelson and Teddy Rosenbluth, New York Times reporters*

By PHILIP S. WENZ
Picture this. You are 73, and Medicare is your health insurance provider. You are in good health, and conscientious about getting regular doctors’ exams and keeping up on immunizations. Your only problem is your left knee, which becomes so painful after even a short walk that you often need to take prescription drugs just to sleep. Your regular doctor refers you to an orthopedist who tells you that your knee is so worn that it can only be

fixed by knee replacement surgery. A second orthopedist confirms the opinion. Your pre-operative claim is submitted to Medicare for what has until now been a routine prior authorization approval. It is denied.
“Why?” you ask.
It turns out that it has been determined that you might not need the surgery, which typically costs \$10,000 to \$30,000. It is instead recommended that you take a course of 12 physical therapy sessions, which cost Medicare an average of \$120 per session.
“Who made this determination?” you ask.
It turns out that it was an Artificial Intelligence (AI) program owned and operated by a private contractor working for Medicare. And

that the contractor gets a percentage of the money saved by the service denial, giving it a strong incentive to deny services.
Is this a dystopian fantasy? Scaremongering?
Actually, Medicare is now in the process of implementing a trial version of just such a program in six states, beginning in January, 2026. The program will be run by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that manages Medicare.
The pilot program, announced in a June 27 press release by President Trump’s recently appointed CMS Director Dr. Mehmet Oz, promises to “leverage advanced technologies [Including AI] to protect

Medicare beneficiaries (and) federal taxpayers from unnecessary services, fraud, waste and abuse.” (The phrase “fraud, waste and abuse” is used three times in the short press release.)
Private contractors, as yet unnamed, will be hired to implement the program. “[The contractors’] payments will be adjusted based on their performance against established quality and process measures...” the press release states. In other words, the more procedures they can deny, compared to Medicare’s current small denial rate, the more money they’ll make.
The press release is careful to emphasize that “licensed clinicians” will make the “final” decision to deny service — after AI, owned and programmed

by the company, makes the preliminary decision which the clinician would have to override. However, it does not mention that those clinicians, who might or might not have expertise in the type of procedure being reviewed, likely will be hirelings of the company conducting the reviews. Nor does it mention whether they will be paid a salary or paid on a per-denial-issued basis.
The initial list of 15 procedures that will be scrutinized under the new program includes deep brain stimulation for Parkinson’s Disease tremors, cervical fusion and other spine surgeries and treatments and arthroscopy for knee arthritis. Depending on the program’s efficacy, other procedures could be added in the future.

There is general agreement that inefficiencies and sometimes outright fraud have run up Medicare costs. Most of these abuses are committed by companies that overcharge, and sometimes even double bill for services. It might make sense for the government to hire outside companies to scrutinize Medicare services for this type of malfeasance.
But to fix that problem by using AI as a tool to override a procedure recommended by your physician could make Medicare, like many private insurers, more concerned with its bottom line than with your health.
Philip S. Wenz studies environmental trends and developments. Visit his blog at Firebird Journal (firebird-journal.com).

Small businesses, private nonprofits offered financial relief from drought

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced the availability of low interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Oregon to offset economic losses caused by drought beginning June 17.

The declaration covers the Oregon counties of Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill, as well as the Washington counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific and Wahkiakum.

Under this declaration, SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs including faith-based organizations with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.
EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.
“Through a declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover,” SBA



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LETTERS
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He mentioned this as a significant event, because many supporters of black freedom questioned whether these people were fully human. If educators would treat minorities as individuals, programs would allow opportunities for achievement commensurate with those they see for white students.
I remember Dr. Martin Luther King saying, “I have

a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character....little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.”
To me, these men’s understanding of brotherhood and individual value proves more meaningful than perceptions of racial or ethnic inferiority.
*Nolan Nelson
Redmond*

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million.

Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience Associate Administrator Chris Stallings said. “We’re pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters.”
The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.625% for PNPs with terms up to 30 years.

Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months after the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition.
To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email

disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.
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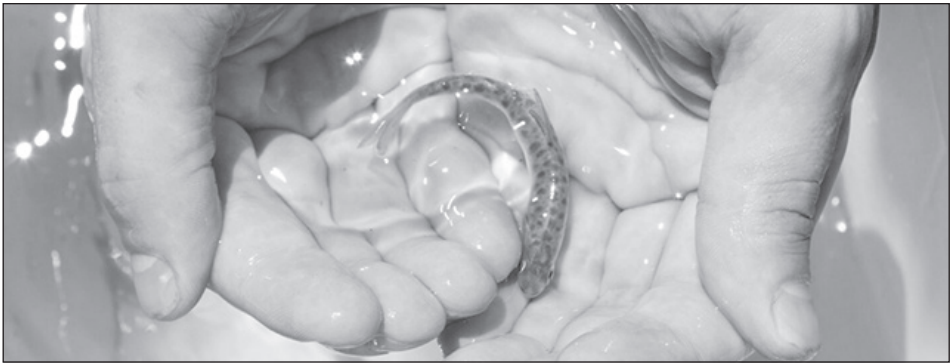
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A researcher holds a hatchery juvenile spring Chinook salmon in Oregon.

ODFW’s list of species at risk surpasses 300

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

More than 320 species of plants and animals living in Oregon are in need of greater protection, according to the state’s Department of Fish and Wildlife, up from 294 about a decade ago, the last time the agency updated its State Wildlife Action Plan. The 2026 plan, adopted by the state’s Fish and Wildlife Commission on Aug. 15, outlines what the state’s conservation priorities should be to maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations. The last time it was updated was in 2016. Since then, 27 species were added, including porcupines, Western grebe, California condors and sea otters. States must update their wildlife action plans every 10 years to qualify for federal and tribal wildlife grants. Oregon’s fish and wildlife agency has until October to submit their updated plan to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for approval. Despite being billed as an action plan, the state fish and wildlife department does not get consistent, dedicating

funding to undertake conservation and species protection work. Lawmakers earlier this year introduced a bill that would have increased the state’s transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.5% to ensure regular and robust funding for wildlife conservation programs meant to address the needs of species on the state’s list. The bill passed the Oregon House, but it died upon adjournment before it could reach the Senate. “Oregon is home to some of the most iconic wildlife in the country, from puffins to pika, salmon to sand hill cranes,” Oregon Wild Wildlife Program Manager Danielle Moser said in a statement, “but our wildlife is facing a very real extinction crisis. Without dedicated funding, Oregon’s conservation plan is just words on paper.” Oregon is 5th among states with the highest number of at-risk animals in the U.S., according to a 2023 report by Virginia-based nonprofit conservation group NatureServe. More than half of Oregon’s amphibian species, 10% of the state’s bird species and

20% of all reptile species are already in decline. Meanwhile, federal support for conservation is facing cuts. Trump administration officials have proposed cutting U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s 2026 budget by \$170 million and proposed rolling back species protections enshrined under the Endangered Species Act. “The Trump administration’s attacks on wildlife conservation make clear: the federal government is abandoning its responsibility, and states like Oregon will need to step up,” Moser said. <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/oregon-department-of-fish-and-wildlifes-list-of-species-at-risk-surpasses-300/> Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com.

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Sept. 4

Franklin 8, CHS Boys

Soccer 0

Parkrose 2, CHS Girls

Soccer 0

Canby 6, DHS Boys Soccer

0

St. Paul 3, PHS Volleyball 0

Sept. 5

DHS Football 30, Churchill

6

Beaverton 28, CHS

Football 21

Elgin 46, PHS Football 18

Elgin 3, PHS Volleyball 0

Gilchrist 12, FCHS Football

6

Sept. 6

South Eugene Tournament

Corvallis 2, DHS Volleyball

0

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Sept. 10-16

Wednesday

Dallas XC at Silver Falls

Oktoberfest Invitational,

4 p.m.

Thursday

Chemawa vs. PHS

Volleyball, 6 p.m.

St. Paul vs. FCHS

Volleyball, 6 p.m.

CHS Volleyball at McKay,

6:30 p.m.

Corvallis vs. DHS

Volleyball, 6:30 p.m.

Roosevelt vs. CHS Girls

Soccer, 7 p.m.

PHS Boys Soccer at

Southridge, 7 p.m.

Clackamas vs. PHS

Volleyball, 7 p.m.

Friday

CHS Football at Forest

Grove, 7 p.m.

DHS Football at Ida B.

Wells, 7 p.m.

Jewell vs. PHS Football,

7 p.m.

Crow vs. FCHS Football,

7 p.m.

Saturday

CHS XC at Ash Creek

Festival

Western Oregon University,

9:45 a.m.

DHS Volleyball at Sprague

Tournament

Tuesday

Woodburn vs. CHS

Volleyball, 6 p.m.

CHS Boys Soccer at

Barlow, 6 p.m.

Livingstone Academy vs.

PHS Volleyball, 6 p.m.

FCHS Volleyball at Jewell,

6 p.m.

DHS Volleyball at Lebanon,

6:30 p.m.

Tigard vs. CHS Girls

Soccer, 7 p.m.

Panthers quarterback sidelined in home opener loss

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observ

Beaverton rallied late to edge the Panthers football team, 28-21, in Friday’s home opener.

The loss came against a Beavers team now ranked second in Class 6A.

Central dominated early. The Panthers scored touchdowns on successive drives in the second quarter, to go up 14-0. They had the ball and were threatening again when quarterback JT Girod was injured.

According to head coach Joel Everett, Girod rolled out on a play and was tackled awkwardly, tweaking his ankle. It will be several days before the severity of the injury is known.

“We were rolling until the injuries hit,” Everett said. “We were about to go up three scores when JT went down.”

Girod finished with four completions on nine attempts, good for 65 yards and two touchdowns. His 45-yard strike to Joe Mendazona came on fourth down and broke a scoreless tie.

“They’ve been throwing the ball together since they were kids. Their chemistry showed” on that play, Everett said of the dynamic duo.

The team’s next drive also found the end zone, this time

on a seven-yard pass from Girod to Easton Herbert.

The game, however, turned following the Girod injury. Beaverton scored three touchdowns on successive drives in the second quarter to go up 21-14. But then sophomore Tyler Olafson, in for Girod, teamed up with Mendazona for a 23-yard score to tie the game before halftime.

Olafson played well for the Panthers. He completed 7-of-17 passes for 97 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

“Tyler came in and played his backside off. He did everything he could to keep us in it,” Everett said.

Kao Phantern gained 110 yards on 17 carries. He netted 56 yards on one fourth-quarter carry, to put the ball at Beaverton’s 14-yard line. But the Panthers came away empty when they turned the ball over on downs.

As a team, the Panthers netted 145 yards rushing and 161 yards passing.

The Beavers netted 339 total yards, including 261 yards by air. Oliver Luebckert showed why he is one of the state’s best receivers when he scored his team’s first touchdown on an 80-yard catch and run. He scored again later in the game.

After allowing 21 points in the second quarter, Central’s



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Mason Vela (left) and Moses Garcia lead the Panthers’ pursuit against a Beaverton run.

defense tightened after intermission, as the Panthers allowed just one touchdown.

“We reminded the guys to calm down, fix their assignments, and do their jobs. (Luebckert) is a D1 guy. Once we settled in, we slowed him down,” Everett said of the adjustments made. “I was really proud of how our team battled.”

Defensive back Brandon Ball shined with two interceptions for Central, one of which set up a touchdown.

“Brandon’s doing a great job for us. He’s

communicating well, getting our defense into the right looks. I’m proud of his leadership back there,” the coach added.

Linebacker Mason Vela added 11 tackles while Hudson Heise added eight, and Josiah Vela and James Kozisek seven each for the home team.

Perhaps the most frustrating part of Friday’s game was that Central had its chances. Three times they reached the red zone only to come away without any points.

“It’s early in the season. These are the kinds of mistakes that give our guys a chance to grow and get better,” Everett said. “This is a building block. Nobody likes to lose. But it’s a game that’ll test us. I want to see how we respond to adversity.”

Next up is an away game against another Class 6A foe, Forest Grove, on Friday. Kickoff is 7 p.m. The seventh-ranked Vikings blanked Century, 35-0, in their season opener last week.

Panthers ready to take their game to next level

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observ

Parkrose spoiled the Panthers’ varsity girls soccer team’s home opener with a 2-0 victory on Thursday.

After giving up two goals in the first half, including one in the first two minutes, Central kept the visitors scoreless the final 40 minutes.

Bridget Humphreys is the only Central returning starter on the defensive line. So coach Arturo Alfaro was encouraged by what he saw from his other players.

“They couldn’t score on us after halftime because the girls started understanding how we want to play defensively,” he said. “They’re learning how to communicate and work as a unit.”

Humphreys is a club-experienced player who is a team captain.

“Bridget has definitely stepped it up for us this year,” the coach said.

The junior is also part of a core of talented and experienced Panthers.

“We’ve got most of our returning players back this year. Jamylin Martinez, Alondra Garcia, who’s really been in control of our midfield. Mica Tonnssen, who’s stepped into a leadership role. These girls have been working hard this summer and have a better understanding of our playing philosophy,” Alfaro said of this senior trio.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Senior Mica Tonnssen, with ball, is one of the leaders of the Panthers’ varsity soccer team. Central was blanked 2-0 by Parkrose in last week’s home opener. Also pictured for Central are (from left) seniors Jamylin Martinez and Alondra Garcia.

Avrie Alaniz, a junior, is another standout.

“She’s been relentless in training and could be a scoring threat this season,” the coach said. “I wouldn’t be surprised if she puts a few in the back of the net.”

Last year, emphasis was on creating a strong attacking identity. This focus remains, but the team is adding layers to their game.

“We’re working more on possession, being smarter with the ball, breaking lines, and finding gaps,” Alfaro explained. “The girls are hungry to score. But now we’re also focusing on keeping the ball in play and making smart decisions.”

Alfaro brings 15 year’s of coaching experience to the Panthers sidelines, including prior head coaching stints at McKay High School and

assistant roles at Sprague. He also coached for the Mid Valley Soccer Club.

As a player, Alfaro competed in club soccer and played varsity all four years at McKay, even making the prestigious Nike Academy in his senior year. He knows what it takes to build a strong team culture.

“The common thread on all good teams I’ve been a part of? Hard work. I tell the girls

if things aren’t going your way, keep working. Keep asking what you can improve.”

Team goals extend beyond final results, however.

“A successful season is seeing the girls keep their heads up no matter who we face,” Alfaro explained. “We’re already showing our hard work on the field.”

Offseason, players stayed active with footwork, conditioning, passing drills and shooting practice. Just as important was their mental growth.

“There were moments where players pushed each other to keep going,” Alfaro said. “That kind of accountability is what sets the foundation for long-term success.”

As does strengthening the program’s feeder system. One of the most exciting developments within the program has been player-led mentoring.

“Our seniors spend time with JV players, and sometimes we even practice together,” he said. “It gives younger players a taste of what varsity is like.”

With a more balanced mix of experience, leadership and talent, the Panthers are moving in the right direction, the coach added.

The girls were at Clackamas on Sept. 9. They host Roosevelt on Thursday, at 7 p.m. Both matches are non-league affairs.

Growing pains expected for young Pirates team

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observ

In 15 years at Perrydale, head coach Steve Mabry has seen just about everything the gridiron can offer. But this season presents a unique challenge, as he guides one of his youngest teams ever through the rigors of a season of 8-man football.

“This year, we don’t have any seniors, and just two juniors,” he said

during a recent practice. “Most of our roster is made up of freshmen and sophomores. We’re going to find out who we really are starting Friday (at Elgin).”

Mabry has led the Pirates to the playoffs nearly every year since taking the helm, including a state championship game appearance in 2015. He knows what success looks like on the scoreboard. But this season, wins

won’t be the only metric he’s focused on.

“At the end of the day, do I want to be known for wins, or for building character? Ideally both,” he said. “But it’s the relationships that matter the most. The real highlights of my career are when kids come back years later, invite me to their weddings, and say they still remember what we taught them.”

This year’s squad is in transition. With 16 players, a number below average, depth is limited. Players are being asked to step up immediately. For example, Braydon Leslie, a first-time football player for Perrydale, is the team’s starting QB. He’s

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1975

City Council endorses park, rec district

The Dallas City Council adopted a policy statement involving the creation of a Dallas Parks and Recreation District that would coordinate local recreational programs throughout the year at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 2.

The statement said the council believes there is an increasing need in the Dallas area for a diversified program of parks and recreational activities for all age groups.

Commissioners uphold earlier decision

The Polk County Board of Commissioners denied H.G. Olsen's request to divide five acres from his

total holding of 617 acres and give it to his farm worker William Hoffman at its meeting Tuesday. The commissioners upheld an earlier decision by the planning commission.

In other business, the commission accepted a warranty deed from Henry Hukari for property near the covered bridge in the Pedee area designated as a historical site. A measure to preserve the bridge was passed in election earlier this year.

Tennis tourney a smash

Fair weather and fine play dominated the First Annual Dallas Tennis Tournament held Sept. 6 and 7. Ten men's and five women's doubles teams played through double elimination brackets. Some teams played as many as four matches in one day and that is a lot of tennis.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1985

New farms face stricter criteria

A state decision last week on the second go-around of a Polk County land-use case spelled out how much farmland must be in production before a housing permit can be issued.

"The first decision by the state Land Use Board of Appeals, later upheld by the state Court of Appeals, said land must be farmed before a house can be built in agricultural zones. This decision says it must be "wholly" farmed," said Polk Planning Director Dale Jordan.

Beefed up dog program to air

Polk County commissioners will be looking at a door-to-door dog

licensing program today (Wednesday) during their regular public meeting at 10 a.m. in the courthouse.

Sheriff Ray Steele was unavailable at the last regular meeting Sept. 4 to explain his proposal to hire a part-time employee to assist in dog control officer Curt McBeth in a licensing program.

Officials estimate that only about half of the dogs in Polk County are licensed.

Dragons take win at tourney

In a volleyball version of the marathon, Dallas finished first in a tournament in Sweet Home Saturday which lasted about 12 hours and featured five teams.

The tournament win came two days after Dallas opened the season with a 15-6, 8-15, 15-12 win at Tigard.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Sept. 11, 1985: ENTERPRISE ELK - Joel Youngerman, of Dallas, bagged this Rocky Mountain elk with a compound bow from 40 yards near Enterprise on Sept. 3. The six-point elk measures 34 inches from tip to tip.

Community Achievement

Rotary District 5100 receives Global Peacebuilder Recognition

I-O STAFF REPORT

Rotary District 5100, which includes the club in Dallas, has been honored as a Rotary International Global Peacebuilder District for its leadership in promoting peace through education, partnerships, and community engagement.

The designation recognizes the district's commitment to empowering youth, fostering global understanding, and inspiring peace locally and abroad.

"Peace is not just the absence of conflict — it's the presence of opportunity, respect, and compassion," said Susanne Holmberg, district governor of Rotary District 5100. "This award reflects the dedication of our members who work every day to create a culture of peace."

One of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus, peacebuilding

is an active, intentional process that involves creating environments where peace can thrive. It goes beyond simply preventing conflict and focuses on addressing the root causes of conflict, fostering understanding, and promoting sustainable peace. Rotary achieves this through various initiatives, including supporting peace education, facilitating conflict resolution and promoting community development.

District 5100's peacebuilding initiatives encompass youth peace education programs within schools, as well as the development of conflict resolution and leadership skills for future generations. Through international partnerships, the district collaborates with Rotary clubs worldwide on projects addressing the root causes of conflict, from education to clean water.



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In July, the Dallas Rotarians spent their morning at Dallas City Park helping the parks crew complete the demolition and removal of old asphalt paths around the Japanese Garden.

Locally, Dallas Rotary member Brian Latta said a cornerstone of Rotary is peace and peacebuilding.

"Dallas Rotary Club is a Peacebuilding Club that promotes peace through the placement of peace poles throughout our community, is participating in the Oregon Peace Trail project, and increases access to formal education for young women in Africa through funds generously donated by our members," Latta said.

The Dallas Club currently has 35 members.

Other Rotary Clubs, like the Rotary Club of Newberg, have championed local peacebuilding through initiatives like the Oregon Peace Trail, Peace Village programs, Peace literacy, and a Peace Garden.

Internationally, the Rotary Club of Three Creeks in

Vancouver partnered with 17 other clubs and supported by district and Rotary Foundation grants, raised over \$63,000 to fund mobile medical units to deploy in Ukraine. These mobile units provide critical healthcare such as maternal services, emergency stabilization, water purification and more.

Al Jubitz, co-founder of the Rotary Action Group for Peace, has spoken warmly and passionately about the impact of peace poles as symbols of Rotary's peacebuilding mission.

"This Global Peacebuilder District recognition affirms District 5100's role in Rotary's vision of a more peaceful world — uniting people to take action, create lasting change and build a culture of peace," said Jubitz.

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Community Calendar Sept. 10-17

Wednesday, Sept. 10
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Card games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Computer Basics, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S 2nd St.
6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Trivia Night, Two Wolves Tap Room, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

Thursday, Sept. 11
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8 a.m. - Polk County Fair Board meeting, meeting Room #2, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway West
9 a.m. - Seniors trip to Oktoberfest, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Bounces & Rhymes, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11 a.m. - Grief 101 Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6 p.m. - Trivia & Vno at Elysium, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Put Your Garden to Bed, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Sept. 12
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/Cards, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Drawing for fun/writer's workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5:30 p.m. - Bingo Hot Dogs, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Live music: Mathieu Raney, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Bingo, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Live Music: Wrangler (country dance hits), Eola Hills, 1620 Oak Grove Road, West Salem
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, Sept. 13
8 a.m. - Dallas Area Senior Center Board of Directors Meeting
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot
9 a.m. - AARP Smart Driver Course, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
10 a.m. - Dallas Area Senior Center general meeting and potluck
6 p.m. - Live Music: Rock n Roll Cowboys, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Moonfall Goes to the Movies, 11140 Orrs Corner Road, Rickreall, purchase tickets at the Dallas Library or online at bit.ly/moonfall97371

Sunday, Sept. 14
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
10 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction, preview sale at 9 a.m. Building C, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West

10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
2 p.m. - Live Music: Orvil Ivie, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Monday, Sept. 15
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Lunch & Listen Mural Chat, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
5 p.m. - Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

Tuesday, Sept. 16
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling/ Intermediate Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Meet volunteers from Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum at the Arboretum Center to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m., Dallas City Park

9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Grand Activity Days/Kitchen Science Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Wednesday, Sept. 17
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center

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

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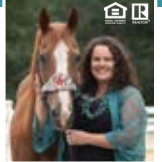
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PCIO25-1343 Notice of Regular Meeting, Community Advisory Council, Thursday September 18, 2025 1:00 3:30 pm Notice of Regular Meeting Community Advisory Council. Thursday September 18, 2025 1:00 - 3:30 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Community Advisory Council advises the Marion-Polk CCO on how to be responsive to Oregon Health Plan members' needs and preferences and is a chartered committee of the Willamette Health Council. The CAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302) as well as online via Zoom video/ conference call. For additional meeting information, visit <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/our-work/community-advisory-council/>. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org. Bethany Wilt, Community Advisory Council Program Manager, (503) 584-1303, /bwilt@willamettehealthcouncil.org

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

PCIO25-1340 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF POLK. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BRETT ALAN MAY, Decedent. Case No.: 25PB05503 **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Brett Alan May. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at c/o The Law Office of David Johnson; 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275; Salem, OR 97301 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyers for the Personal Representative, David Johnson, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275; Salem, OR 97301. Dated and first published: September 10, 2025. Brittney Fish Personal Representative. **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Brittney Fish, 271 Halidonhill Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45238, Tel: 971-275-4870, cutecLOUDS90@msn.com. **LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** David T. Johnson, OSB No. 123553, The Law Office of David Johnson LLC, Pioneer Trust Building, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275, Salem, OR 97301, Tel: 503-575-1332, Fax: 503-455-8868, djohnson@davidjohnsonlegal.com

PCIO25-1339 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of John Michael Unfred, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB07599. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at PO Box 791, Salem, OR 97308, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. Dated and published September 10, 2025. Joseph Unfred Personal Representative Willamette Legacy Law Mayra A. Gonzalez, OSB No. 224053 Willamette Legacy Law PO Box 791 Salem, OR 97308 Phone: (971) 345-6986 Fax: (971) 345-6913

PCIO25-1334 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 135538-OR Loan No.: ***1475** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MARCELO DEL RIO AND KATHLEEN DEL RIO, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, as Grantor, to TICOR TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/25/2007, recorded 1/31/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-001616, Later assumed by Sara L. Vangilder who have assumed the loan), Assumption Agreement Recorded on 2/5/2024 as Instrument No. 2024-

000718, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 3, BLOCK 1, OREGON TRAIL APARTMENTS, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POL COUNTY, OREGON APN: 385426 / 08429-BD-02200 Commonly known as: 632 S 13TH ST INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351 The current beneficiary is: MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 8/1/2024 - 8/1/2025 Total: \$9,315.06 Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,754.57 Total Required to Reinststate: \$11,069.63 **TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$67,104.01** By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$59,101.67 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.125 % per annum, from 7/1/2024 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 1/13/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 8/19/2025 **CLEAR RECON CORP** 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1336 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of: Case No. 25CV46054, VERONICA C. FUHRMANN, AS TRUSTEE OF VERONICA C. FUHRMANN TRUST, U/A DATED JULY 13, 2020, Plaintiff, v. CASCADE CEMENT CO., Defendant. **NOTICE OF CIVIL PROCEEDING: CASCADE CEMENT CO.**, its shareholders or their successors or assigns are hereby required to appear and defend **COMPLAINT** (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication, and in case of your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the **COMPLAINT** (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title). The **COMPLAINT** (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) alleges that you have failed to advance rights you have in certain real property of Plaintiff. **NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY! THE DEFENDANT HEREIN SHOULD TAKE NOTICE THAT IF IT IS YOUR INTENT TO CONTEST THE MATTERS INVOLVED HEREIN, A WRITTEN RESPONSE SPECIFYING THE MATTERS TO BE CONTESTED MUST BE FILED BY YOU WITH THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR WITH PROOF**

OF SERVICE OF A COPY THEREOF ON PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION, August _____, 2025, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney. **ABSENT GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, NO CONTEST TO THE COMPLAINT** (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) **SHALL BE PERMITTED UNLESS THE CONTESTANT HAS FILED A WRITTEN RESPONSE.** If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503)684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800)452-7636. Zachary Dablow, OSB #073723 Attorney for Plaintiff 1491 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302 (503) 485-4168 / Email: zachary@dablowlaw.com.

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

except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 7/31/2025 ZBS Law, LLP Dirk Schouten, OSB#1 15153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4850312 09/03/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/17/2025, 09/24/2025

PCIO25-1337 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy Grand Ronde OR 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 9/25/2025 at 3:00PM. Monica Collett Unit #1. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1318 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73826 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by JENNIFER JAY RICKEY, A MARRIED PERSON as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 7/15/2022, recorded 8/1/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-008986, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 29, BLOCK 2, LOWELL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 2321 WEST FARTHING WAY NORTHWEST SALEM, OREGON 97304 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 359151 1 07320-AB-09500 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 1 1/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in

this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$25,155.84 Late Charges: \$1,378.26 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,186.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$976.00 Total necessary to cure: \$30,696.60 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$394,349.00 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 12/2/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, and pursuant to ORS 86.77 1(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503)946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 7/15/2025 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4848472 08/27/2025, 09/03/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/17/2025

PCIO25-1327 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 184430 APN: 376585 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Ramzi S. Gregory and Myrna R. Gregory, husband and wife as Grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC as Beneficiary, dated 05/18/2022, recorded 05/23/2022, in the official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2022-006255 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 16, BLOCK 3, GLEN EDEN, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 1798 Sunburst Ter NW, Salem, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 06/10/2024 as Inst No. 2024-004311 in the records of Polk, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 03/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within

fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance in the amount of: \$347,728.51; 2. Interest through 08/28/2025 in the amount of: \$28,734.01 3. MIP/PMI Advances in the amount of: \$0.00 4. Recoverable balance in the amount of: \$8,395.22 5. Late Charges in the amount of: \$295.08 6. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$10,984.94 7. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 5.25% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 12/16/2025 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. **NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS** The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 12/16/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the

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foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to

the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your

landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org> The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to

exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. Dated: 08/15/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Carmen Robinson, Authorized Signer Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Tecumeca, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A-FN4850828 08/27/2025, 09/03/2025, 09/10/2025, 09/17/2025

PCIO25-1302 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 138254-OR Loan No.: *****0491 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by DAVID M COLLMAN, as Grantor, to OLD REPUBLIC TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/18/2021, recorded 10/19/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-016516, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 1, BLOCK 3, SCOTT'S SOUTHGATE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF MONMOUTH, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 5, PAGE 15) APN: 192114 / 08430-CA-00334 Commonly known as: 711 BENTLEY ST E MONMOUTH, OR 97361 The current beneficiary is:

loanDepot.com, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 3/1/2025 - 7/1/2025 Total: \$8,776.90 Late Charges: \$1,302.72 Beneficiary Advances: \$890.00 Total Required to Reinstate: \$10,969.62 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$310,733.15 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$304,240.68 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.875 % per annum, from 2/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 12/4/2025, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby

secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/24/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

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

Independence Police Department

Wednesday, Aug. 20
Michael Steifer was arrested in the 200 block of C Street for shoulder checking his estranged wife. They'd been arguing about various topics since he'd returned from work then left the location after the physical altercation. The victim had extensive bruises and a cigarette burn mark which she explained happened accidentally during the shoving. Steifer was transported to the Polk County Jail and charged with assault 4 - misdemeanor.

Friday, Aug. 22
On May 16, Stefone Querns menaced with a firearm a 17 year old who was pushing a stalled vehicle down the street. Officers developed probable cause for menacing and unlawful use of a weapon. Querns was positively identified as the suspect and a felon in possession of a weapon charge was added. On Aug. 29 an off-duty officer spotted Querns in a parking lot near the intersection of North Main and Polk streets. Units from Independence,

Monmouth and Polk County responded to the scene as a foot pursuit ensued heading northbound on the railroad tracks, ending when Querns got stuck in blackberry bushes and was taken into custody. A trespass charge was added for running along the train tracks, at which time Portland and Western Railroad had to be contacted to stop any trains heading to that area. Querns was taken to the hospital, then cleared to be held at the Polk County Jail where he was charged with menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, felon in possession of a weapon, parole violation, attempting to elude a police officer - misdemeanor and criminal trespass 1.

Sunday, Aug. 24
Walter Jackson stated that his vehicle brakes failed causing him to crash into a barricade on I Street. No one was injured but damage was significant. Jackson had a warrant out of Marion County, did not possess insurance and had a suspended license. The officer transported Jackson to the hospital to get checked out, then took him to the Polk County Jail on the outstanding failure to appear bench warrant and he was charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

Thursday, Aug. 28
At 8:07 a.m., a resident on 7th Street reported someone had scattered items around her shed. Nothing appeared to have been taken.
At 10:04 a.m., an officer came upon someone sleeping

in their car on third street. No medical attention was needed.

Friday, Aug. 29
At 11:15 a.m., Independence police attempted to apprehend Stefone Querns on Main Street on outstanding felony warrants for parole violation - robbery 1, and a Salem Municipal warrant for burglary 1. He ran away on foot. Monmouth Police responded to assist in the search for Querns who ran north along the railroad tracks. Deputies assisted in the search, responding in the area of Kiwi Fitness on Stryker Road. Independence Police eventually apprehended Querns.

Saturday, Aug. 30
Officers responding to a suspicious vehicle contacted two occupants at Polk and North Ash streets, one was found to have a warrant out of Polk County. Alan Ulery was taken into custody and upon searching him a snorting tool was located in a pocket. Ulery was transported to the Polk County Jail.

Monday, Sept. 1
At 3:20 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was stopped for speeding and failure to maintain a lane. The driver had the odor of alcohol on his breath. The driver performed well on a field sobriety test and showed no signs of impairment. He did admit to drinking one beer an hour before driving. He was warned for the speeding and lane infraction.
At 7:26 p.m., police responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Gun Club Road. They found it was not a physical disturbance and everyone was fine.

At 8:13 p.m., a late report of the theft of a debit card on 17th Street.

Tuesday, Sept. 2
At 6:35 p.m., a report of a minor fence bender accident on Monmouth Street. The at fault driver was warned for following too closely.
At 9:39 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a bag with possibly blood leaking out of it on Monmouth Street. It turned out to be a bag of berries left out in the sun.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, Aug. 28
Arrest: A subject was cited and released for a warrant for contempt and had multiple unserviceable warrants.
Alarm: A burglary alarm was reported at a residence. Everything was secure, and the resident stated they forgot to turn it off.
Domestic Disturbance: Someone went to their mother's apartment, tossed things, and got into a scuffle with their father. There were no mandatory arrests. The person was intoxicated and eventually left after retrieving their phone.
Emotionally Disturbed Person: A welfare check was received for someone's son who hadn't been heard from in a while. The son's girlfriend received concerning texts and a voicemail. After multiple attempts to contact the subject, entrance was made into the apartment, and the son was found after attempting to hang himself. The son was placed on a police officer hold after refusing to go to the hospital.
Noise: A person reported a generator running all night. The noise meter registered 48dB at the caller's house. Contact was made with the person running the generator, who agreed to shut it down.

Assist Other Agency: A motorist was stopped for making an unsignaled turn and was driving with a suspended license and was uninsured. The driver also had two warrants for driving under the influence and reckless driving. The driver was cited and released for the warrants and insurance violations.

Friday, Aug. 29
Driving Under the Influence: Officers responded to a location after hearing squealing tires. A vehicle was found with smoke coming from its rear tires. The driver admitted to drinking and consented to field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and had a blood alcohol content of .16%.
Runaway: A parent reported their 14-year-old son ran away from home. A runaway form was signed, and the son was entered into a law enforcement database.

Runaway / Follow Up: The runaway and his father came to the police department to report the runaway was no longer missing. The runaway would be referred. Records were updated to remove the runaway from the law enforcement database.
Assist Other Agency: An off-duty officer spotted someone with warrants known to carry weapons. As officers arrived, the person ran on railroad tracks. Officers and another agency were able to apprehend the person.
Arrest: Someone was arrested on an outstanding warrant for hit and run and was cited and released.
Animal Complaint: An anonymous report of a white pitbull possibly in distress locked in a pickup truck. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
Animal Complaint: A complaint about an ongoing issue with dog barking. The caller had been working with another officer on the issue. Response was delayed due to an in-progress call, but the dog was no longer barking when the caller was contacted. The information was documented.

Ordinance Violation: A report of an RV parked on the east side of a street near a dead end. Officers contacted the occupants, who were given a three-day notice and stated they would likely move.
Disturbance: Officers responded to a hang-up call that turned out to be a disturbance between a male and a female. The female explained she was moving out, and the male would not let her. He had thrown her onto the bed, covered her face with a plastic bag, and left noticeable marks on her neck. Officers cleared the apartment but were unable to locate the male.
Criminal Mischief: A dumpster fire was reported. A possible suspect name was given by an emotionally disturbed neighbor, but extensive canvassing of the area and checking a nearby camera did not yield any results.

Suspicious Activity: A report of yelling and screaming in a park. Officers found the area quiet, with some broken alcohol bottles but no people around.
Assist Other Agency: A subject was cited and released

for an outstanding contempt warrant.
Suspicious Activity: A report of a crying female carrying bags and a male following her. An officer attempted to contact the parties but they kept walking and said they were fine and did not need help. The female appeared upset but not injured, and they were not yelling or causing a disturbance.
Driving Under the Influence: Officers came upon a domestic dispute involving a male and female. The female was walking away while the male was trying to engage with her from his car. The male was stopped for an illegal stop and suspicion of driving under the influence. He exhibited indicators of impairment but refused to perform field sobriety tests. He was arrested, and despite multiple requests, refused to exit the vehicle willingly. He was physically removed and taken into custody. He invoked his rights, so a search warrant was obtained for a blood sample at a hospital. He was lodged and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, strangulation, menacing, kidnapping, interfering with a report, harassment and possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, Aug. 30
Disturbance: A female subject reported a male following her in his vehicle in a parking lot, then suddenly yelling at her and her mother. Contact was made with the reporting party, and another officer stopped the involved vehicle. After speaking with the reporting party and reviewing dash camera footage, it appeared the reporting party cut off the other driver in the parking lot, leading to the yelling. The other driver stated they were just checking on the reporting party. There was no probable cause for crimes, and the reporting party only wanted the incident documented.

Ordinance Violation: A person reported a white pickup truck parked in front of a fire hydrant. An officer arrived and confirmed the violation. Officers contacted a subject who initially reported no knowledge of the truck's association. A short time later, the subject contacted the



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BLOTTER

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owner, who was on their way to move it. The owner arrived and received a friendly reminder about not parking in front of fire hydrants. The owner apologized and moved the vehicle.

Noise: A report of a loud party with yelling. Officers arrived and found about 20 or 30 people involved with loud music. They contacted a person who claimed responsibility for the party who was told to keep the noise down or officers would return.

Animal Complaint: Someone found a male golden retriever in their front yard. The dog had a harness but no tag and a chip that was not currently registered. The finder was holding onto the dog for the night and posted about it on social media. The owner was later located and retrieved the dog from the neighbor. The owner was educated on potential fines for similar incidents in the future.

Noise: A second report of a loud party at the same location. Officers contacted the person responsible for the party who was told to shut down the party for the night or citations would be issued. Officers also contacted another person at an adjacent unit who received the same warning. Both individuals were cooperative.

Liquor Violation: Bartenders reported a fake identification being used. The identification belonged to a person who was 20 years old. The Montana identification was fake and the birthdate had been altered. The person admitted to having a fake identification. The identification was seized and the person was warned for misrepresentation of age by a minor.

Driving Under the Influence: A motorist was stopped for speeding and showed signs of impairment, consenting to field sobriety tests. The driver performed poorly and was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. The driver requested a lawyer during an interrogation. A search warrant was granted, and the person provided a blood alcohol content of .15% under the warrant. The driver was lodged and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and recklessly endangering another person.

Welfare Check: Someone reported a welfare check for a female curled up on a bench. Officers contacted the female who stated she hangs out at the bench and walks back and forth from a convenience store. She was provided with a blanket and was deemed safe.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Welfare Check: A person at a hospital requested a welfare check after being unable to reach a partner. An officer stopped by and spoke with the partner, who was fine but experiencing phone trouble. The officer helped the subject get a phone working, then updated the person at the hospital.

Alarm: An alarm was reported at a fitness club. An employee who was opening the gym was contacted and confirmed everything was fine.

Suspicious Activity: A report of a person walking their dog and not keeping it close. The complainant reported it seemed like the person wanted there to be a problem. An officer spoke with the dog owner, who complained that people wanted to pet the dog but did not want them to. The owner discussed keeping separated from people and trying not to cause problems. The person did not want to leave the park. Later, another call was received stating the person was having a mental crisis,

yelling and crying, and their dog was becoming reactive. The person also called claiming people would not leave their dog alone and they were chased. Multiple people at the park were spoken to, none of whom saw anyone get chased. The person was very upset and claimed their dog was now untrained and could not be a service dog. They agreed to leave since they could not get along with people at the park.

Driving Complaint: An officer received a complaint of a vehicle driving erratically and almost hitting people. The vehicle was located and the driver was stopped. There were no signs of intoxication and the driver was on the way to work. They discussed the driving complaint and the driver received a warning for not signaling.

Noise: Someone who runs an animal rescue called about music coming from a nearby business and was concerned about one of the cats in the rescue that has noise-induced seizures. The businesses shared at least one interior wall. An officer could only hear the audio while standing right outside the doors and determined there was no ordinance violation. The officer discussed the concerns with an employee at the business. The employee promised to talk to the manager about turning it down but noted there was no obligation to comply, which the officer agreed with. The caller was updated.

Animal Complaint: Someone's cat got out and went to hide in their neighbor's yard. The owner asked for help retrieving it since the neighbor was not home. Police contacted the neighbor, who gave consent to enter the backyard to get the cat. The cat was elusive and went back into the caller's yard to an unknown location. The caller advised no further help was needed.

Arrest: An officer observed an SUV passing and then turning south onto a street. The plate was run and the registered owner was associated with someone who had a warrant for criminal mischief. The male appeared to be one of the subjects in the car. The officer drove to the registered owner's residence and located the person, who was cited and released.

Minor in Possession: A report of two juveniles drinking alcohol in a pickup truck. An officer responded and stopped the vehicle. The two individuals, both 19 years old, voluntarily handed over the alcohol, which included one large alcoholic beverage and four other drinks. Both were cited for minor in possession. The alcohol was destroyed.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported a silver pickup that had just parked in front of a dispensary with an approximately 2-year-old in the front seat with no visible car seat. An officer was delayed but contacted the owner at the registered address. The subject assured the officer there was a car seat in the truck and the approximately 4- to 5-year-old female they had was secured appropriately.

Runaway: A parent reported their son ran away from home again. Soon after, the parent advised they had picked up their son at a park but requested this be noted.

Monday, Sept. 1

Fraud: A person called to report that someone withdrew \$600 from an electronic benefit transfer card sometime this morning. The subject still had the card and got it canceled.

Hang-up: A 911 hang-up call was received from a center with an immediate disconnect, and the call taker was unable to call back due to phone restrictions. A staff member took an officer to speak to a person who was having a rough day and did

not want to be at that facility any longer, having been there for four years. They subject was provided information on reaching out to their case manager to arrange for a possible change but were informed it sounded like a lengthy process. The subject was also reminded 911 was only for emergencies. Staff was updated.

Assist Other Agency: An assist request was received for what sounded like a possibly physical domestic at a location. There was no domestic; occupants were being loudly intimate with one another.

Suspicious Vehicle: An officer attempted to stop a blue car for failing to obey a traffic control device. The vehicle was about a block ahead when the officer turned on the petrol car lights. The suspect vehicle quickly turned onto a street and then immediately into a driveway. The driver parked behind a duplex, and within seconds the vehicle was unoccupied. A female was seen walking away from the open front passenger door. No one else was seen. She was not cooperative in the investigation and invoked her rights. Her daughter was also not cooperative. Under the circumstances, probable cause for eluding or reckless driving could not be established.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person called saying they had cut themselves and was feeling dizzy. Responders talked with the person who described being off medication for a few days and feeling down being unable to see a daughter. The person had some superficial cuts on the arms and agreed to go with medics to a local hospital.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Elude: Officers attempted to stop a motorcyclist for no rear lighting. The rider fled southbound on Highway 99. Officers pursued at speeds between 65-100 mph with little to no other traffic. The pursuit went west on a road and local law enforcement advised they would not get involved. The pursuit was terminated for safety reasons.

Found Property: A person reported finding a bag containing a gun safe and other items at a park bench. The items were taken to the police department. The gun safe had some weight to it and was damaged as if someone tried to pry it open. An email was sent to neighboring agencies with a photo, in case the gun safe had been reported stolen.

Noise: Officers spoke with a person about downstairs neighbors making noise. Officers responded and contacted another person, who admitted to hitting the ceiling when the person upstairs was making noise. Both parties were told to contact management.

Shots: A report of two shots heard in the area. The area was checked and nothing was located.

Wednesday Sept. 3

Assist Other Agency: Officers assisted another police department in clearing and recovering an unoccupied stolen vehicle.

Overdose: Multiple non-emergency calls and a 911 call were received about a male unconscious at an intersection. Officers arrived and located two pill bottles which were sitting next to the person, who was unconscious and had agonal breathing. Officers administered multiple doses of Narcan, and began CPR after the person passed out. Medics arrived and administered care, and the person was transported to a hospital.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported initially that another subject was on their property and that the subject had been trespassed. Upon arrival, it was learned the subject was never on the property, and was actually a block down and across the street. The

caller said the other subject yelled at them from across the street before walking away. Officers were unable to locate the subject.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Officers made contact with a person to discuss a previous incident. The person then began to disclose suicidal statements and concerns about hurting others. The person described a couple different ways they would do it and where. The person was taken to a medical facility on a protective hold.

Fraud: A report that on Sept. 1, a credit card was fraudulently used in a different state for around \$1,000. This was the same day the owner got the card.

Animal: An anonymous source reported that a 4-month-old German shepherd puppy was being abused by a male subject. Officers checked out the dog and interviewed the male. The dog appeared healthy and happy and did not show any signs of injury or being scared of the male.

Check Welfare: A report of a person on rollerblades and eating dirt. Upon arrival, the person rollerbladed away. The subject appeared to be high and very fidgety.

Theft: A person called to report that someone used her card at a bank in a different city. The other city did not want to take her report, so a courtesy report was taken and is being forwarded for investigation.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person call. The person became upset with the staff and broke a bedroom window. The person then used glass from the window to self-harm and it reportedly attempted to cut their throat. When staff tried to control the person, the subject cut one of them on the thumb and headbutted another. All involved were evaluated by medics and the person was placed on a protective hold. An officer rode with the person in the ambulance while another officer followed behind. Hospital staff were updated on the incident and provided the protective hold form.

Minor in Possession: An officer found a youth sitting on the curb at an intersection drinking alcohol. The subject admitted to drinking and consented to a field sobriety test. The youth was referred to the county juvenile center for underage drinking and curfew violation, then was released to their father.

Crash: A subject flagged down an officer to ask for help getting a tow for a car involved in an accident prior to the officers driving by. A report was taken to document what had happened but still no other reports of the accident.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, Aug. 27

At 4:42 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle parked for several hours in front of a house on Dejong Road. A deputy found the vehicle unoccupied with a note on the windshield that said they had their fuel pump go out and were going to either fix it or tow it. The owner could not be found.

At 5:44 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Greenwood Road for speeding. The driver was cited for driving with no driver's license and no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

At 6:34 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for expired registration.

At 8:50 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for having no insurance.

At 11:37 a.m., a deputy made a welfare check on a resident on Falls City Road who had not answered the door for meal delivery for two weeks in a row. The deputy

contacted the resident who appeared clean and reasonably healthy, however wheel-chair-bound, and hadn't been able to make it to the door when deliveries arrived.

At 2:20 p.m., the District Attorney's office contacted deputies advising that a secret indictment warrant for Shane Curry Jr. came out and the family of Alex Maxfield had been notified and requested deputies get Curry in custody expeditiously. Another deputy confirmed Curry was at work at the moment. They went to his place of work on Ellendale Avenue in Dallas and he was taken into custody without issue on charges of manslaughter 2 and criminally negligent homicide. Curry was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 6:26 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person at Ballston and Dejong roads. They contacted a male subject in a vehicle, who provided a false name and date of birth. The subject later provided his actual name, Darrin Kelly. Kelly had a warrant for failure to appear DUI out of Yamhill County. He admitted to giving false information as he knew he had a warrant. Kelly was lodged on the warrant and was also charged with giving false information. A handgun was also located in Kelly's vehicle and taken into custody for safekeeping.

At 9:07 p.m., a male subject was formally trespassed from McDonalds on Ellendale Avenue.

Thursday, Aug. 28

At 6:29 a.m., a motorist on Riddell Road was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:54 a.m., a deputy came across a log truck partially blocking the road and saw the driver hop out in a panic. He told the deputy he blew an airline and his brakes were about to lock up on him. He was able to limp his truck to the next turnout. They found the air leak and using their combination of tools were able to splice the air line and get him moving again.

At 2:09 p.m., deputies responded to a report of an active physical domestic disturbance on Valsetz Road. A female subject got escalated at a male subject about him using his phone and bit him on the neck. He didn't receive much more than a tiny red patch, but the female subject admitted to doing it. She was arrested, charged with harassment, and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:21 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a possible armed man walking around a trailer park on Salem Dallas Highway. The reporting person had heard the information from an employee who was told about the man from another witness. The deputy spoke with the witness who said an unknown male approached him and asked to use his phone. The witness told the deputy that the unknown subject said he just got out of prison and was trying to get to downtown Salem and needed to call someone. The witness let the man use his phone and he was offered candy from the subject. The subject then walked away and was not seen again. The witness said there was no knife and that the employee misheard him when she spoke with him.

At 9:28 p.m., a business's alarm was triggered on Fort Hill Road. A deputy called one of the owners and was told it was staff members who were closing the lounge that accidentally triggered the alarm.

Friday, Aug. 29

At 12:16 a.m., a resident on Airle Road reported hearing about 50 gunshots in the area. He reported seeing lights near Sauerkraut and Pederson Creek that were irregular. A

deputy checked the area, but was unable to locate anything.

At 6:35 a.m., a report of a male subject lying down in the Fort Hill gravel parking lot 20 yards from the billboard. Other law enforcement found the male subject first and he did not need medical attention. He was given a courtesy ride to his home in Sheridan.

At 7:02 a.m., a report of two vans with two males showed up last night on Gooseneck Road and were blocking a Hampton Forest gate. Deputies contacted the two males and one female. One male had a warrant out of Clackamas County so he was arrested and taken into custody. The second male had a nonserviceable warrant.

At 8:14 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of animal bones left near Weyerhaeuser gate off Mill Creek Road. The deputy found a dead elk carcass (rib cage) at the location. While it was considered offensive littering, the bones were off the road and turkey vultures were eating what was left.

At 8:27 a.m., a report of a Dodge Ram parked at the Hampton gate off Gooseneck Road and someone was target shooting just past the gate. A deputy contacted a male subject who had been brought there by a friend in the past and thought it was a place he could target shoot. He apologized and told the deputy he did not see any signs. He promised not to target shoot there ever again.

At 8:45 a.m., a speeding motorist passed a stopped deputy on Highway 22 near Greenwood Road. The deputy stopped the motorist, who was cited for driving while suspended - violation and warned for the speeding.

At 10:29 a.m., a resident in the 6600 block of Corvallis Road reported that someone stole his garbage can.

At 11:15 a.m., Independence Police attempted to contact a male subject, Stefone Querns, who had outstanding felony warrants for parole violation and burglary 1. Querns ran from the police. Monmouth police and deputies joined the pursuit. Independence officers eventually caught and apprehended Querns, who had injured his ankle was fleeing. Deputies escorted him to an ambulance.

At 2:54 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into a field in the 7700 block of Corvallis Road. The driver, who was uninjured, admitted to going off the road after being distracted while trying to pick up a dropped coffee holder.

At 4:39 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported a neighbor was during burnouts on their shared driveway. The complainant reported the subject had also been yelling at surveyors and shooting guns at night. A deputy spoke with the subject who denied doing any burnouts. He was warned for trespassing.

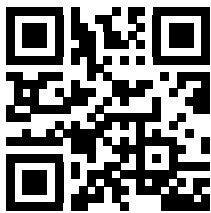
At 6:20 p.m., a resident on Main Street in Dallas reported he received a piece of mail stating he was a victim in an active case being investigated. He wanted to know how he was a part of the investigation. A deputy told him his driver's license had been found and placed into evidence.

At 6:58 p.m., a resident on Fir Villa Road reported her neighbor had made a vague threat directed at her dogs because he does not like them barking. She wanted the statement documented in case something happens to her dogs.

At 7:50 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a minor house kitchen fire on Sequoia Lane. Dallas Fire & EMS also responded, finding no humans home. They rescued a dog from inside. A deputy assisted with giving the dog oxygen and water.



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Steve Mabry coaches up his Perrydale players. The Pirates host Jewell Friday in this season's home opener.

PIRATES

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reportedly never played organized football before.

"We're putting him in a tough spot, but his athleticism stood out," the coach said. "Quarterback is a leadership position, and Braydon is learning fast. It'll be trial by fire. But we believe in his potential."

Sophomore Landon Eichler has grown into a

reliable player, whether he's at running back or tight end. Sophomore Broden Ferguson, a two-time All-League selection as a lineman, is now in the backfield.

Freshmen twins Jack and Reese Pelzer, along with sophomore center Wyatt Cox (6-5"), anchor the line.

"Usually we don't start freshmen unless they've earned it," Mabry said. "And the Pelzers, they've earned it."

Mabry sees a bright future for his young program.

"This is the kind of group that's going to take some lumps now, but they'll grow. They'll be better next year, and even better as seniors," he said. "That's how we've built successful teams here before."

With a new defensive coordinator, an offense that will pound the ball, and a team high on potential, this season is also about perseverance.

"Wins and losses matter, for sure. But what matters most is that the players compete. If they show toughness. If they pick each other when things get hard. That's what I want to see," Mabry said.

Perrydale has won consistently under Mabry. But recent years have seen a shift in attitude on campus, with basketball gaining popularity and pulling attention and players away from football, he said.

"Football used to be king here," he added. "Now, it's a little different. In a school this size, you need kids to play multiple sports. You need buy-in."

The Pirates host Jewell in their home opener on Friday, at 7 p.m. The game, which is non-league, is the first of the season for the Blue Jays.

(Note: Perrydale fell 46-18 to Elgin last week in non-league action.)

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