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Talmadge educator arrested on child sex abuse charges

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Oregon Department of Justice announced May 7 a Monmouth man was arrested on seven counts of first degree encouraging child sexual abuse.

The Monmouth Police Department assisted the ODJ in arresting Franco

Martich, of Monmouth, at his home on May 6.

According to the ODOJ, Martich was employed as an instructional assistant in special education in the Central School District. They added that investigators found no connection between this arrest and any current or former students.

The Central School District wrote on their Facebook page that Martich has been an employee of the district since September 2025 at Talmadge Middle School as an instructional assistant. He was immediately placed on administrative leave, the Facebook post read.

“The top priority of the

district is the safety and welfare of our students,” the school district wrote.

“We remain in close contact with law enforcement and will update our school community with any new information that we receive relevant to the safety of our students. The district will be reaching out directly to our school community

with resources and information as it becomes available.”

The ODOJ said their investigation began after ODOJ’s ICAC unit received a CyberTip from Dropbox indicating that Martich had attempted to share child sexual abuse material through his account.

According to a secret

indictment filed in Polk County on April 28, “Martich knowingly duplicated, published, disseminated, exchanged and displayed seven different videos that included sexually explicit conduct involving children in July of 2024.”

“Our ICAC unit works

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Ready to touch the sky



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The line was long to get close to the Robinson R-44 Raven 2 helicopter, flown in by Jerry Trimble Helicopters out of McMinnville, for the city of Independence’s annual Touch a Truck event at Riverview Park. For more photos from the event, see page A8.

County accepts \$700,000 in road project bids

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Polk County Commissioners accepted two bids to complete road striping and overlay projects totalling just over \$700,000.

Todd Whitaker, director of Public Works, gave the options to the commissioners to consider at a recent meeting. The first project was the annual striping, which was awarded to the only applicant, Specialized Pavement Markings (SPM).

“They submitted the low bid, the only bid, and Schedule A for that was \$372,409.40. Schedule B was \$102,212.90 for a total of \$474,622.30,” Whitaker told the board of commissioners. He added the bid came in very close to the budgeted amount similar to last year.

“And so I don’t recall exactly what we budgeted. That’s buried underneath another line

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Falls City welcomes new waste water treatment plant

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Anyone who has played or attended a football game in Falls City knows how the field was downslope from the city’s failing waste water treatment plant. The overflow at times inevitably ended up inundating the football field, making it unplayable.

No longer.

On May 4, city and regional leaders celebrated the opening of Falls City’s new wastewater treatment facility at 18900 Falls City Road, just across from Odd

Fellows Cemetery, also known as the city’s lower cemetery.

Falls City Mayor TJ Bailey said to the small group gathered for a ceremonial ribbon cutting before the two ponds that the day marked a milestone for their community.

“This project represents not just infrastructure, but a shared commitment to public health, environmental stewardship, and the future of Fall City,” Bailey read from his speech. “Projects of this scale don’t happen overnight, and they certainly don’t happen without

the dedication of many individuals and organizations who believed in this vision from the very beginning.”

First, Bailey thanked his predecessors for their work getting the project to the finish line.

“First, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to former Mayor Terry Unger for spearheading the conception of this plan. Your leadership and foresight lay the foundation for everything we see here today,” Bailey said. “We are equally grateful to former

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Surrounded by city, county and state representatives, Falls City Mayor TJ Bailey and Councilman Dennis Sickles cut the ribbon May 4 to ceremoniously welcome online the city’s new wastewater treatment facility.

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NEWS BRIEFS

THIRD TAX PAYMENT DUE

The Polk County Tax Office reminds taxpayers who pay their property taxes in trimester payments that the third installment is due by May 15.

Payments may be mailed, paid online, by phone, or in person at the Polk County Tax Office. There is also a secure tax payment drop box in the parking lot on the Jefferson Street side of the Courthouse. It is located on the north end of the parking lot and is the first of two drop boxes.

Credit, debit card and e-Check payments may be made online or by phone. Call toll free 1-866-215-1835 or go to www.polk-countyor.gov.

There is a 2.49%

convenience fee on credit/debit transactions, or payment by e-Check is \$2. Payments that are mailed must bear the May 15 postmark to avoid interest.



INDEPENDENCE MAN CONVICTED IN SEXUAL ABUSE CASE

On May 7, a Polk County judge found Enrique Canales, 42,

guilty on all charges related to his sexual abuse of an adult family member. Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen prosecuted this case before Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park.

In 2025, the victim reported three acts of abuse to the Independence Police Department. Based on the ensuing investigation, police arrested Canales, of Independence, that same day. In February of 2026, Canales failed to appear for his first scheduled trial, for which Park also found Canales guilty of contempt of court.

In a press release, the Polk County District Attorney's Office commended the victim "for bravery in reporting this abuse. This office also acknowledges the hard

work of the Independence Police Department."

A sentencing hearing for Canales is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Aug. 26.

FCI SHERIDAN REPORTS INMATE DEATH

On May 6, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Burdick Seminole was found unresponsive following a perceived altercation at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Sheridan, a medium security facility located just north of the Polk County border.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Seminole was subsequently pronounced deceased by EMS personnel. A second individual was medically assessed and treated for minor

injuries at the facility.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified.

No employees or other incarcerated individuals were injured and at no time was the public in danger.

Seminole, 61, was sentenced in the District of Wyoming to an aggregate sentence of life for first degree murder, discharging a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and causing death with a firearm during a crime of violence. He had been in custody at FCI Sheridan since Jan. 20, 2026.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE FIRE MARSHAL'S GRANTS

Dallas Fire & EMS and SW Polk Fire District were two of many fire departments to receive

the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Wildfire Season Staffing Grant for 2026.

Established in 2022, the wildfire season staffing grant funds local fire agencies so they can boost firefighters during fire season. The goal of the funding is to keep fires small and away from communities. The grants, up to \$35,000 per agency, have proved successful in stopping fires before they have a chance to grow into a more costly response. They also provide local fire agencies with staff to respond to other types of calls, ultimately saving lives. The grant is a part of a broader strategy the Oregon State Fire Marshal is using to respond to the wildfire crisis in the state.

SW Polk Fire District joins Nationwide Recognition on May 6

By SW POLK FIRE DISTRICT

On May 6, SW Polk Fire District joined special districts across the country to celebrate the inaugural National Special Districts Day, recognizing the vital services provided by thousands of independent local governments that communities rely on every day.

Established by the National Special Districts Association, National Special Districts Day

highlights the role special districts play in delivering essential services such as fire protection, emergency medical response, water systems, libraries, parks, and public safety infrastructure.

"Special districts are often the most local form of government people may not realize exists," said Fire Chief Fred Hertel. "Our firefighters, paramedics, and staff continued serving our community every day of

the pandemic, even when financial assistance was limited. National Special Districts Day gives us an opportunity to recognize that commitment and educate the public about how these services are delivered."

Special districts are local governments created to perform a single or limited set of services efficiently and locally. In Oregon, fire districts and other special districts serve millions of

residents, often covering large rural areas where city services are not available.

The importance of these services became especially clear during the COVID-19 pandemic. While state, tribal, county, and city governments received significant federal and state relief funding to assist with pandemic response and recovery, many Oregon special districts were largely excluded from

those direct funding streams. As a result, districts continued providing uninterrupted emergency response, community protection, and operational readiness while absorbing pandemic-related expenses within their existing budgets.

Despite increased costs for protective equipment, staffing challenges, training adjustments, and operational changes, special districts maintained essential services without

interruption.

National Special Districts Day also serves to raise awareness among residents and policymakers about the governance, accountability, and funding structures that allow special districts to remain responsive to local needs.

SW Polk Fire District encourages community members to learn more about special districts and the essential role they play in protecting public safety and quality of life.



DALLAS UNITED COMPETITIVE HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Season Details

The season will start in May 2026 and runs through April 2027. When High School Fall soccer season starts, our season will be on break. We return when High School Fall soccer season ends. Practices are twice a week (for 2 hours). Registration is open to players in Dallas, Monmouth, Independence, Perrydale, West Salem, and Western Christian. Hope to see you on the field!



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Give blood with Red Cross, receive \$20 Amazon gift card or beach towel

In May, the American Red Cross is asking people to make a blood or platelet donation to help the blood supply stay ahead of building seasonal pressures. Just one hour of time could help patients celebrate more life with loved ones in the weeks ahead.

This time of year gets busy fast. Many are gearing up for the end of the school year or making plans for early summer fun, which can disrupt people's schedules and cause a drop in donation appointments. The Red Cross calls on donors of all blood types and those giving platelets to book a time to give now.

By giving in May, donors have the chance to return to give over the summer to maximize their impact. Lock in your appointment to give blood or platelets now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give through May 17 will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. See www.RedCrossBlood.org/Amazon for details.

Those who come to give May 18-31 will receive an oversized Red Cross beach towel, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Polk County:

Dallas - May 22, 12-5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road

Independence - May 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Polk County Fire District #1, 1800 Monmouth St.



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Oregon Poet Laureate Ellen Waterston speaks at Western Oregon University on April 30.

Oregon Poet Laureate Ellen Waterston visits WOU

By WOU MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

Western Oregon University and Write Place welcomed Oregon Poet Laureate Ellen Waterston for a reading and discussion of her work on April 30 at Western Oregon University's campus.

Community members, faculty, staff and students packed the Willamette Room on campus as Waterston delivered an insightful and engaging presentation on the importance of language and poetry.

"Waterston is a wonderful writer and tireless advocate for the literacy arts in our state," said Henry Hughes, Ph.D., professor of literature and writing and director of Write Place. "She's also

a skilled and generous teacher and my students loved her class visit – it was also wonderful to see her incorporate student poetry into her presentation."

"Waterston's descriptions of her life in the high desert were vivid and powerful," said Malia Vican, a junior psychology major. "Her artistic and everyday relationship with the land is inspiring."

State Sen. Deb Patterson spoke at the event, praising the poet laureate and WOU for "bringing communities together over heartfelt writing that explores environmental issues."

Waterston is the author of multiple books, including "Walking the High Desert: Encounters with

Rural America along the Oregon Desert Trail," "We Could Die Doing This: Dispatches on Ageing from Oregon's Outback," the essay collection "Where the Crooked River Rises," and the memoir "Then There Was No Mountain." She is also the author of five poetry collections, most recently, "As Far As I Can Anthem."

In 2024, Waterston was appointed the 11th Oregon Poet Laureate. Based in Bend, she founded and manages the Writing Ranch, a generative writing program that has conducted workshops since 2000. She also oversees the Waterston Desert Writing Prize, which became a program of The High Desert Museum.

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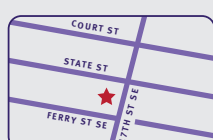
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WOU scholarship reception celebrates student success and inspires giving

By **WOU UNIVERSITY MARKETING**

After nearly a decade hiatus, Western Oregon University and the WOU Foundation brought back the annual Scholarship Reception, an event that recognizes and celebrates student scholarship recipients and the donors who fund them.

At the reception, donors met student recipients, and students were able to thank the donors and connect with professionals, alumni, and community members in their field of study.

Senior Allison Martinez, from Salem, who plans to graduate this June with her degree in computer information systems, shared her story of receiving the prestigious David S. Brody Scholarship and how that award transformed her college experience. The David S. Brody Scholarship is among the most prestigious at Western, paying for full

tuition and room and board.

“Being a recipient of the Brody Scholarship has been life changing and I am so grateful to have been able to prioritize my education throughout the last five years,” Martinez said. “The road to the finish line has been anything but easy, but I can see it now, and I cannot wait to walk across that stage in June and become a Western Oregon University graduate.”

Like half of all Western students, Martinez is a first-generation college student, and she said that when she applied for the full-ride scholarship, she hesitated, because she didn’t think such a prestigious award would go to her. However, she moved forward with the application and was chosen as a finalist to be interviewed. She remained doubtful, but worked with her high school college and career center to prepare for her interview. Martinez adds



PHOTO COURTESY WOU

Allison Martinez speaks at the WOU Scholarship Reception after receiving a scholarship that has led to her graduating in June.

that her interview was on Zoom during the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic, and her Wi-Fi cut out mid interview.

“I was certain I had blown my chances at that point,” she said. “I was so disappointed and convinced myself that I had missed out on a

great opportunity because of something out of my control.”

Despite this obstacle, she continued moving forward. One day as she was working her closing shift as a waitress, she noticed she’d missed a phone call but had a voice mail message telling her she’d

been awarded the most prestigious scholarship at Western.

“I drove home in shock, but knew that all my hard work had been seen,” she said. “I had been chosen and my college path had completely changed. Suddenly I was going to a four-year university and now, I had choices.”

Martinez added that thanks to the scholarship, she never had to decide between completing her studies and paying for them, meaning having to work long hours to pay for her education. She has been able to take advantage of opportunities that have helped her excel in college, such as clubs, networking events, internship opportunities, which has helped her find her place at Western.

“I was able to make decisions that prioritized my future. I quit my waitressing job to work on campus, and chose a position that emphasized the skills that aligned

with my career goals and built my confidence,” said Martinez. “This is especially important because as a first-generation college student, I didn’t always have the access to the resources and networks others did.”

Katie Wojke, Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director of the WOU Foundation, said it’s an honor to bring back this event that builds community and showcases students like Martinez.

“The WOU Foundation is fortunate to have hundreds of scholarship donors who are truly committed to the success of our students,” said Wojke. “Each scholarship demonstrates to our students that they belong at WOU and that others believe in their education and future.”

To learn more about creating a named scholarship at Western Oregon University, go to <https://wou.edu/wolvesrising>.

Polk County cities receive America 250 Oregon Commission grants

The cities of Dallas and Independence received a portion of about \$60,000 in grants awarded to 21 organizations across Oregon for projects and programs that commemorate America’s 250th anniversary in 2026. The grants were part of the fourth and final round of presentations by the America 250 Oregon Commission, in

partnership with Oregon Heritage and the Oregon Historical Society.

In total, the program has granted more than \$244,000 to 80 organizations statewide across four funding cycles.

The Dallas Area Visitors Center received grant funds to support Bigfootstock, a family-friendly cultural festival in Dallas that

uses local folklore to celebrate regional history, identity, and community connections.

The city of Independence will use funds to support a collaborative community quilt project in Independence and Monmouth that shares local stories and culminates in a public art installation and companion exhibit.

“With recipients in communities across all corners of Oregon, these grants represent Oregon’s commitment to commemorating America’s 250th birthday in ways that reflect the unique character of our state,” said Kerry Tymchuk, America 250 Oregon Commission Chair. “From highlighting Indigenous histories to honoring the sacrifice

of Oregon’s veterans to instilling a love of history in our youth, these initiatives provide an opportunity for Oregonians to engage in our shared story. We are grateful to the Oregon State Legislature for providing the funds that made these grants possible.”

The Oregon 250 Grant Program was established

to help organizations create inclusive, community-focused projects that highlight Oregon’s diverse histories, traditions, and cultures. These grant awards of up to \$3,000 will support programs that align with the mission of America 250 Oregon and one or more of its seven guideposts (learn more at www.oregon250.org/about).

BIDS

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item, so it sums up. But I

would have budgeted, you know, 5% more than what we expended last year,” he explained.

Whitaker added he’s

concerned the annual amount could start going up due to only one bidder each cycle.

“It’s unusual, given that the other project received many, and we’re hearing from other municipalities and others that we’re receiving quite a few bids these days, and prices are going down. So there must be one or two in the area,” Whitaker said.

He explained the striping plan this year is not in any particular geographic area. “Typically what we do each year is we try to stripe 100% of our center line and about 60% of our fault lines.

Typically you have a fault line every other year, but there are some areas where we have to go out and do fault lines

every year because it’s high-volume traffic and it gets longer,” he said.

The striping project is split into two phases, Schedule A (waterborne paint) and Schedule B (high billed). Whitaker said the first schedule pay is with typical waterborne pay, which the county switched the last five years away from the low VOC because not very many people are using low VOC anymore.

“So the price started climbing really fast. So we switched to the waterborne, and that’s pretty typical of what most people are using,” he said. “We did change our beads a couple of years ago to a little bit higher grade of glass beads that they drop in wet paint to give it a little bit better

retro-reflectivity.”

The second big Whitaker needed approval was for one-mile of road overlay. The low of five bids came from Roy Howell Company at \$237,922.46, lower than Whitaker estimated.

“So we were happy to see those costs come down,” Whitaker said, adding the lowest bid was about 9% from the next lowest.

Commissioner Craig Pope wanted to emphasize the cost to the county for paving overlay projects.

“I just want to make sure that people hear this, what this costs. To do a mile with two and a half inches of an overlay,” Pope said. “So, again, just real time, real life.

When people are saying, I want my road paved, here it is. This is what it really costs. That doesn’t include building any kind of road. That’s just putting an extra two and a half inches on top of one that exists.”

Whitaker attributed the rising overlay costs directly on oil prices.

“I think, you know, when I came to the county 16 years ago, we were paving for about 100,000 miles for an inch and a half. So, yeah, it’s definitely climbing up there. Obviously if we were going to be doing six or seven miles then. You’re going to get a lot more economy of scale,” he said.

Both bids were unanimously approved by the three commissioners.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VOTE YES TO SUPPORT SOUTH WEST POLK FIRE DISTRICT

I would like to encourage the voters who reside in the South West Polk Fire District (SWPFD) to vote yes on Ballot Measure 27-148.

With all traffic accidents that happen on Highway 22 we need our First Responders to continue to have the funding needed to provide the excellent emergency services they provide everyday, 24-7, for our community.

Please join me with a YES vote on SWPFD ballot measure 27-148.

David Hiebenthal, Dallas

JEREMY GORDON CROSSES PARTY LINES TO GET THE JOB DONE

Jeremy Gordon is seeking re-election as county commissioner.

Jeremy is the kind of person who doesn't care what your political party is. He cares whether you feel safe and supported in your community. He cares about people and about Oregon. Jeremy does the hard work that's needed to make sure that a bad break isn't what stands between our neighbors' security and

their homelessness. He knows that it's often families with small kids, our elderly, and veterans who suffer most when social services are cut.

I've seen him work over the past few years to make sure folks in rural areas have the Internet service their kids increasingly depend on for school. I've seen Jeremy actively promote our agricultural economy and our county's values. Jeremy Gordon is a genuinely nice guy who is who he says and does what he promises. I hope you'll get to know him and vote to re-elect him to our county commission.

Emily Plec, Dallas

DON'T LET HISTORIANS REWRITE THE MORAL FORTITUDE OF THE SOUTH

This country owes as much of its martial heritage to Southern as Northern soldiers. But to enable a newly popular morality, we must banish the Confederate Battle Flag and those who served under it.

Ulysses Grant's response to this derangement would remember Appomattox and say, "I felt like anything

rather than rejoicing at the downfall of a foe who had fought so long and valiantly, and had suffered so much for a cause, though that cause was, I believe, one of the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse. I do not question, however, the sincerity of the great mass of those who were opposed to us."

When Joshua Chamberlain received the Confederate surrender he said, "Before us in proud humiliation stood the embodiment of manhood: men whom neither toils and sufferings, nor the fact of death, nor disaster, nor hopelessness could bend from their resolve; standing before us now, thin, worn, and famished, but erect, and with eyes looking level into ours, waking memories that bound us together as no other bond — was not such manhood to be welcomed back into a Union so tested and assured?"

The bloodiest conflict this country endured resolved the issues of states' rights, secession, and slavery through force and not reason. Great men like Grant, Sherman, Lee, and Johnston and

their soldiers fought this terrible war, that fire eaters of both persuasions refused to settle.

Now similar moral, intellectual dwarfs would rewrite this history.

Nolan Nelson, Redmond

RE-ELECT JEREMY GORDON TO CONTINUE HIS LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Jeremy Gordon brings a wealth of experience and willingness to fulfill the duties to warrant his bid for reelection to the position of Polk County Commissioner.

Commissioner Gordon was mayor of Falls City prior to being elected to his position in Polk County in 2021.

He has been instrumental in the maintenance of its creation of local businesses across the board.

Just a few examples include opening the CARES Center to provide mental health services and stabilization; housing solutions; access to public land; and bringing together multiple providers in the realm of seniors and veterans.

He has my vote for continuing his work for Polk County, along with

endorsements from other officials. Commissioner Gordon is ready and willing to continue his work as Polk County Commissioner. Please join us in choosing him for the position.

Carol Shaw-Sliffe, Dallas

GAS PRICE INCREASES HAVE BECOME POLITICAL THEATER

For months, Oregonians have heard outrage over a proposed 6-cent increase in the state gas tax to stabilize road maintenance and prevent layoffs at ODOT. Some state legislators have turned it into a campaign issue, and now a local Republican operative running for county commissioner is repeating the rhetoric on billboards as though county commissioners control state fuel taxes.

They don't. In fact, county commissioners cannot even raise permanent property tax rates on their own under Oregon law.

Meanwhile, Americans absorbed gasoline price increases averaging roughly \$1.39 per gallon tied largely to instability surrounding the Trump

administration's war with Iran.

The numbers matter. For the average driver using about 600 gallons of fuel annually, Oregon's proposed 6-cent increase would cost about \$36 per year.

A \$1.39 increase in fuel prices costs that same driver roughly \$834 per year. That equals more than 23 years of Oregon's proposed gas tax increase in a single year.

People are free to oppose the gas tax. Criticism of ODOT is fair. But the scale of outrage has become detached from reality.

One debate is about whether we should spend \$36 more annually per driver to maintain roads, bridges, and snow plows.

The other is about Americans quietly absorbing hundreds of dollars in additional fuel costs tied to a war with no clearly defined end state and continuing instability in global oil markets.

That is why the outrage over six cents increasingly feels less like fiscal conservatism and more like political theater.

Steve Mason, Monmouth

Special Moments: Homeless

By GARY DEROWITZSCH

Homelessness in the United States is simply a matter of fact.

There are those who choose this lifestyle for their own reasons. There are those who walk away from jobs that are very lucrative in exchange for a life on the streets, which I find difficult to understand.

Then there are those who run into bad luck, hard times or the loss of a loved one which causes them to just give up. Some people who have jobs may not make enough to pay for housing, food, medical care and prescription drugs. If

you need blood pressure medication, or drugs to battle cancer, or some horrible disease and can't afford them, your alternative is direct and unfortunate — you no longer make doctor appointments to get the drugs you need because you have no way of paying for them, in other words, a gradual death sentence.

If you think this can't happen to you, think again. There is a very fine line between those who have good jobs and an insurance policy that covers medical expenses from those who don't. A sudden illness, loss of job, lawsuit, or any number of

unexpected situations can happen leaving you in a place of total helplessness, being okay one minute to finding yourself homeless the next. If you live alone without family or someone to help you, it turns into a desperate situation with no way out.

Yes, we will always have the poor and homeless among us. What I find concerning is not that homelessness exists but the attitude of those seeing it day after day becoming numb to it. It appears that we as a society are becoming more calloused and less empathetic to their crisis, not even considering

their daily battles. I've seen more attention given to animals than human beings.

Do these homeless people not have a soul? Does their life mean nothing to us? If they die how many of us would even care? Of course one argument is that they are lazy with no ambition to better themselves. Some have fallen prey to drugs and alcohol choosing to numb their pain rather than address it and those who are addicted to stronger drugs like methamphetamines, opioids, heroin, and fentanyl are next to impossible to help.

I'm not pointing a

finger at anyone — God knows I'm as guilty as the next person. But I have to believe there is help somewhere, a solution and maybe just maybe if we show compassion and empathy toward them instead of judgement it may be a starting point for them to make the decision and determination to get free of their enslavement.

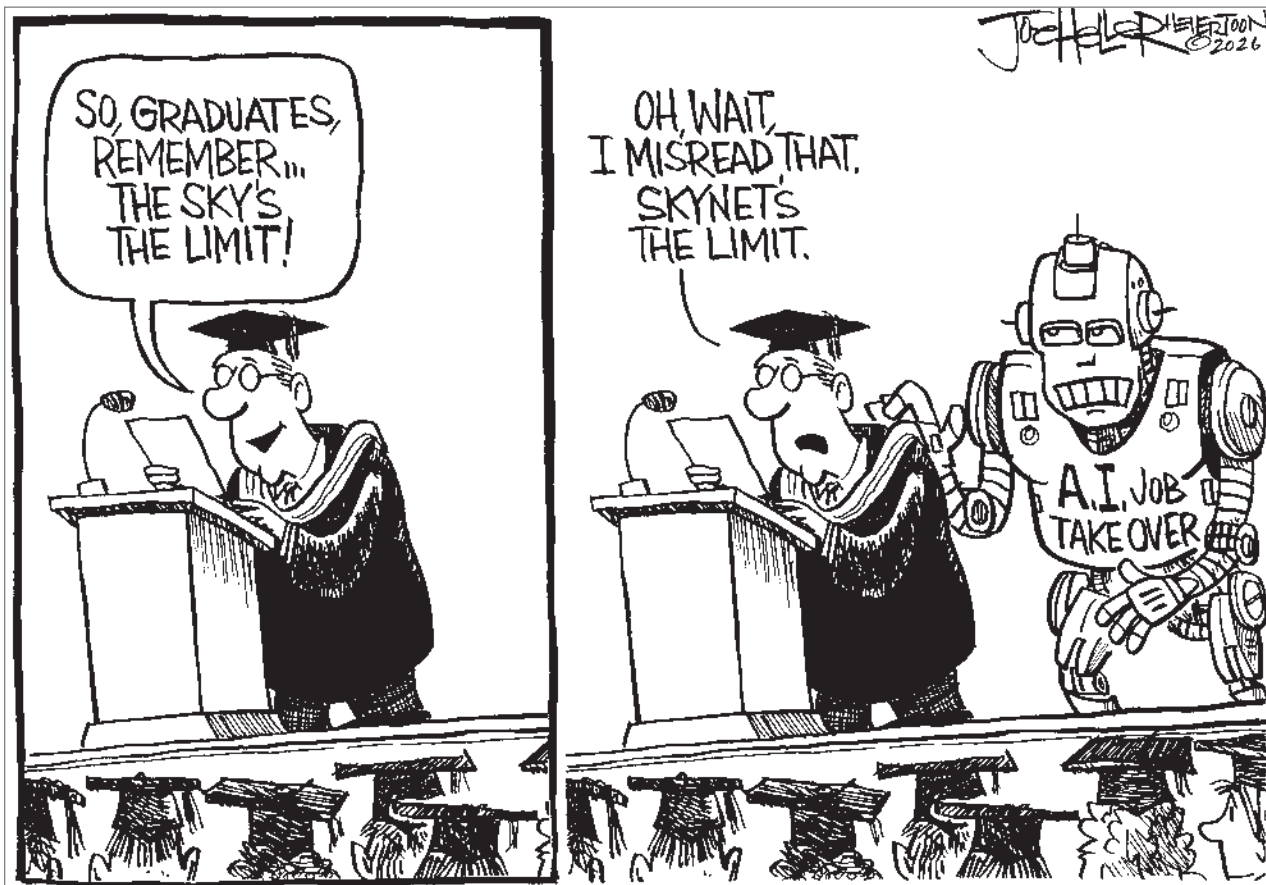
I'm a true believer that God has given each of us a will which is stronger than we could ever imagine. Somewhere, some place in all of us is the ability to say yes or no, and stay true to the course. I'm not saying it will be easy but I am saying it is possible to find victory.

The next time you see someone on the streets without shelter, take a moment and consider their plight. Maybe buy them a cup of coffee, or something to eat. Spend

a few minutes talking to them, letting them know they are important and are loved. One kind gesture may be the catalyst for them to make a decision to change. Also, let them know there are organizations that can help, and type up a list of them, their address, phone number, etc. Of course, use good judgement. There are those who might have a clinical condition that makes them unstable, possibly dangerous.

Lastly, to all of you out there who are homeless, know you are loved, your life has meaning, and many people are praying for you. Maybe someday you will be the one helping others less fortunate, doing what you can to help them climb out of a life of homelessness.

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



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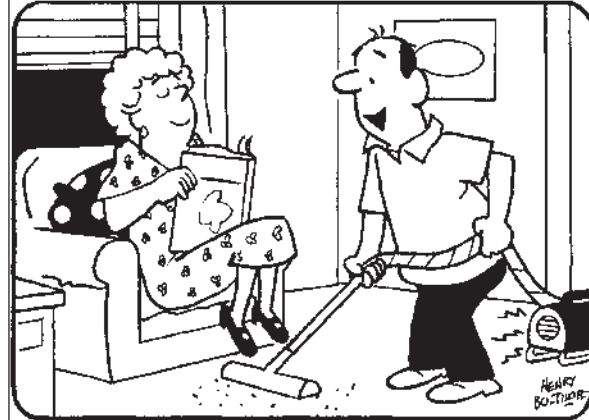
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Oldest University in England**

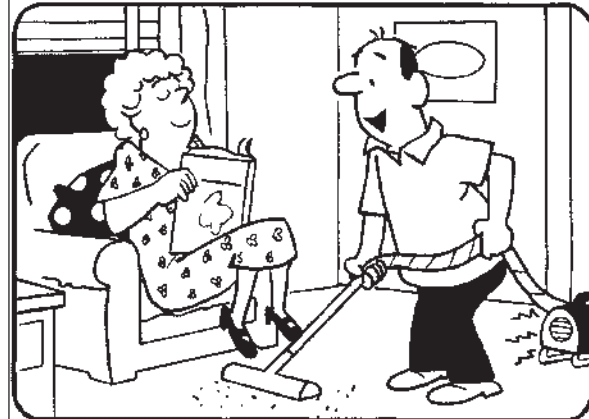
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Vacuum is moved. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Drawer is larger. 5. Back of chair is higher. 6. Bottom of chair is different.

Americanisms



“There is no sunrise so beautiful that it is worth waking me up to see it.”
 — *Mindy Kaling*

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Moments in time

• On **May 25, 1660**, exiled English King Charles II set out for Dover to assume the throne and bring an end to more than a decade of military rule. He entered London in triumph four days later, on his 30th birthday, and would reign for nearly 25 years before his death from what was likely kidney failure in 1685.

• On **May 26, 1865**, Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith, commander of the Confederate Trans-Mississippi division, surrendered, one of the last Confederate generals to do so, under terms similar to that of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. He was the last surviving full Confederate general until his death in 1893.

• On **May 27, 1887**, the Hells Canyon Massacre took place when two groups of Chinese workers, employed to search for gold in the Snake River in what is now Idaho, were ambushed and murdered by a gang of seven white men known to be horse thieves, who then made off with several thousand dollars worth of gold.

• On **May 28, 1957**, National League owners voted unanimously to allow the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers to move to San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, at the mid-season owner's meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

• On **May 29, 2003**, actor/comedian Bob Hope celebrated his 100th birthday. In a public Hollywood ceremony, city officials renamed the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Avenue Bob Hope Square, and several 1940s-era U.S. planes flew overhead. Hope's health was too poor for him to attend, but three of his children and some show-business colleagues, including Mickey Rooney, were there to honor him.

• On **May 30, 1967**, following years of suppression under Nigeria's military government, the breakaway state of Biafra proclaimed its independence from the West African country.

• On **May 31, 2009**, Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the Titanic sinking, died at age 97. Nine weeks old at the time of the disaster, she was rescued with her mother and brother but her father was not. The family had intended to relocate to Kansas City, but returned to London.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS	48 Pop singer	93 Small, springy apparatus [director Scorese]	3 Lead or in singer	39 Good, in Nice	64 Org. enforcing the 104-Across
1 Bourbon brand	49 Ma — (drink)	103 Othello's morays, say	4 "I'm Sorry" singer	40 From dusk to dawn	86 First post-band album, perhaps
8 Belly area	52 Young morays, say	98 Zenith	5 The Emerald Isle	41 Dynamo	90 Vodka brand
15 Girlfriend, in Genoa	54 Huge Asian mammal	101 Almsgiving [justice Kagan]	6 Singer DiFranco	42 52, to Flawus	92 Marine snail with no shell
20 Pertaining to the womb	60 Tijuana-to-Vegas dir.	104 Antipollution law [singer Grande]	7 Most soft, dry and crumbly	43 Hotel cousin	93 Cooking wine
21 Spiced Starbucks selection	61 Add- (extrax)	106 — -Alt-DeI	8 "Solid Gold" host Marilyn	45 Lil Abner creator Al	94 Lyricist Gershwin
22 Autos for test-driving	63 Olive — (military uniforms)	108 Major- (butler)	9 "Breakfast chain, for short	48 Ashley or Mary-Kate	95 Actor Cage, to friends
23 Food, clothes or money [actress Danes]	64 Small lakes	112 Gives one's approval	10 Flow barrier	49 Cooked in a clay oven, as naan	96 "Addams Family" cousin
25 Greek market of aid	65 — Jima	113 Persia, today	11 Discharge from the military, informally	50 Neighbor of a Spaniard	97 Compadre
26 DC-10, e.g.	67 Having supplc arms and legs [jazzman Davis]	114 Showed anew	12 Skater Midori	51 Part of TGIF	98 Harmony
27 Lariat feature	72 Nuptial vow	115 Ellipse	13 Minks' kin	53 NBC skit	99 Shamrock, e.g.
28 Rushes about wildly	73 Moving spryly	116 What the eight featured celebrities in this puzzle are doing?	14 Femme —	54 Lili Abner	100 Threat
30 Marketed	75 Smoothly polite	121 Edit further, perhaps	15 Modfly	55 Lazy soft	102 Guys contracted by the Mafa
31 Grain tower	76 Neighbor of TV's Homer	122 State of joy	16 #1 song, say	56 Moyers of "Kate & Allie"	105 Bird hangouts
32 Like a skimpy swimsuit [actor Perry]	78 Surg. sites	123 Bones near	17 "The Father" actress Poots	57 "Rambo" sht, for short	106 Wading bird
35 Church area	80 Roomy place to house vehicles [actress Jones]	124 Bottom-of-barrel residue	18 Tools for fruit preparation	58 Decline	107 Tic — (mint)
37 Powders mixed into liquids, e.g.	85 Vaccination spot	125 Fabray of Broadway	19 How bedding is often packaged	59 — polloi	109 Toothbrush brand
38 Research ctr.	87 Swallowed	126 Greek Week guy	24 M chuckle	62 "What a pity!"	110 Region of China
39 Shoes worn with tatus [designer McCartney]	88 Little fellow	DOWN	29 City near Bangalore	66 Bullfight yell	111 In tune
44 Tenth mo.	89 Performs like ice Cube	1 Vaults	31 Booming jet of old, in brief	68 Your and my	113 " — Rhythm" fish
46 Penjurer's confession	91 Initial venture	2 Writer Calvino	32 Jazz genre	69 Droop down	114 Country's McEntire
47 Fork prong	92 1040 info		33 Bitter brew	70 Mendes of movies	117 Mo. neighbor
			34 Karel Capek sci-fi play	71 Berlin article	118 Native suffix
			36 Actor Pascal	73 — discount	119 Tiny objection
			37 Floored it	74 Long, thin	120 Space station until 2001

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REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuote

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

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GO FIGURE!

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

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+	×	= 44
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5	36	56

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

YOU KNOW, DEAR, NORMALLY WHEN SOMEONE BUYS GIRL SCOUT COOKIES THEY BUY A BOX.... NOT A BOX.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

WHEN HOPE RECEDES AND CHAOS REVEALS ITSELF, DRAG YOUR BUTT ACROSS THE FLOOR TILL CALM RETURNS.

DOG GURU

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

DAD!!

DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP!

HOW THE HECK DO YOU WORK THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Belarus?
2. LITERATURE: Which Ken Kesey novel is set in an Oregon psychiatric hospital?
3. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek goddess of discord?
4. ANATOMY: What is the longest bone in the human body?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was a commanding general in World War II?
6. MATH: What kind of polygon has three sides?
7. BIBLE: What is the last book in the Bible called?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is closest in size to Earth?
9. CHEMISTRY: What is the newest element on the Periodic Table?
10. MOVIES: Which Canadian actor/comedian starred in the movie "Uncle Buck" and died of a heart attack at 43?

Answers

1. Minsk.
2. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."
3. Eris.
4. Femur.
5. Dwight Eisenhower.
6. Triangle.
7. The Book of Revelation.
8. Venus.
9. Oganesson (Og).
10. John Candy.

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PLANT

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Mayor Jeremy Gordon, whose countless hours of work helped shape the design, guide decisions around the lagoon site, and secure the funding necessary to move this project forward. Your persistence and dedication were critical in turning the idea into reality.”

Gordon was in attendance, now as Polk County commissioner.

City Manager AJ Foscoli explained after the ceremony that the project was initiated in 2018 with a CDBG grant for the design phase, and its construction was subsequently funded with ARPA dollars, as well as DEQ loan.

“The facility will replace an outdated and 38-year old system that

had started to fail and was putting the community’s ability to treat wastewater in jeopardy,” he added. “The community is grateful to Rep. Anna Scharf, Business Oregon for their professional management of the CDBG grant program, as well as DEQ, which provided the city with a loan through its Clean Water State Revolving Loan fund to completion of the project.”

The overall cost came to just over \$5.5 million.

Jon Creekmore, Public Works Director, said later in the week that the city’s old step/steg system was replaced by a lagoon system that he bought online in January.

“The system was put in 1985 and its design was too small for what we had on it. I believe there’s only 70 homes on the system. But it was

not designed for 40 years of use.” Creekmore said. “The Lagoon allows us to treat it, more efficiently, collect affluent, not solvent. It’s more effective for how our system works.”

Scharff, on hand for the ribbon cutting, said she was on board supporting getting state funds to put toward the project when Mayor Bailey expressed the highest need for the community.

“He talked to me about this project back in 2022 and the situation that this town was in, and frankly, a situation that was dire, that this town could not afford to do on their own,” Scharff recalled.

She added with a personal, familial tie to the city, she knew it wouldn’t be fair for this town to manage the project on their own financially.

“When I was growing

up as a little kid, my uncle lived in Fall City, so I have a historical soft spot in my heart for Fall City. But knowing that the meters can’t pay for it. So how do we make it happen? ... The state actually still had money, so we got it. And \$2.5 million was a good drop in the bucket to get it to completion,” she said.

Creekmore said the ponds’ capacities are permitted to discharge up to 200,000 gallons. The affluent is treated with chlorine, goes through a dechlorination process, then is discharged into the Little Luckiamute River.

“We cannot discharge again until Nov. 1. We’ll hold all the affluent from the sewer right at the 2-foot level each,” Creekmore explained.

He added once they determine the final capacity of the ponds, and

factor in potential growth for more ponds on the city owned property, city leaders can get a better idea of what they can add in the community.

“If we have lots of space, then I think we can maybe attract new business,” Creekmore said. “For the Public Works Department, it allows us to process more and provide a better system for the city, and get more

residents on the system.” Bailey agreed with Creekmore’s long-term assessment.

“It will serve Fall City for years to come, protecting our natural resources and supporting future growth,” he concluded. “To everyone who played a role, whether mentioned today or worked behind the scenes, thank you. This achievement belongs to all of you.”



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CHARGES

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around the clock to find people who possess and share child sexual abuse material, and this arrest

is a direct result of that work,” said Attorney General Dan Rayfield in the ODOJ press release. “There is no place in Oregon for those who exploit children, and every case we bring is a step

toward making our state safer for kids.”

This comes following an unrelated ICAC arrest of an Independence man last week. Eric Spier was indicted by a Polk County Grand Jury on 10 counts

of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree. A third indictment was also secured, and those details will be released when that arrest warrant is served, the ODOJ said.

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Dallas Evangelical Church — A Place of Hope and Healing: 783 SW Church Street, Dallas Oregon, across from the Post Office. Find us on Facebook: on page DallasEC, MyDallasEC Friends and www.dallasec.org. Join us on Sundays in person or on Zoom for weekly Bible Study and Worship Service. We worship in a contemporary, casual format. Sunday Services: Bible Study 9:00 AM; Worship Service 10:00 AM, zoom room 228-034-850. Celebrate Recovery (a Christ Based 12 Step Program) is also on Sundays and starts with Dinner 5:00 PM; Large Group (Worship) 6:00 PM, and small groups at 7PM. We have a Community Clothing Closet: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat 9 AM - Noon; Thurs Nights 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Step Studies are often starting or ending all year and meeting at various times. Message phone 503-623-3778. Find us on Facebook: DallasEC or join MyDallasEC Friends. You can email pastor Dave at pastor.dave@dallasec.org

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Evangelical Bible Church — 1175 S.E. Howe St., Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Troy Bassham, Youth Pastor Andrew Wheeler, Sunday services 9:00am & 10:30am. Awana 6:30pm Wednesday. Weekly Prayer meeting 6:30pm Wednesday. Women's Bible Study Thursday 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Men's Bible Study Thursday 6:30pm. Compass Middle School Youth Group Thursday 6:30pm. Forged High School Youth Group Tuesday 6:30pm. Live Streamed services via facebook and youtube @EBCDallas.

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

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Pastor Email: mpjnpdx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338

Phone: (503) 623.2440 - www.stphil.org.

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Monday- Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. (No Mass on Friday)

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Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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Online at dallatic.org. Check it out! Office open Mon.-Thur. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Fri. 9:00 am to Noon. Because God first loved us, we celebrate the gifts of Christ through worship, service, and community.

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

FALLS CITY

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INDEPENDENCE

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Touching more than trucks

Photos by David Hayes



Branson Wallace helps his son Lincoln, 4, both of Monmouth, properly use a power tool to screw in nail to wood at the Instruction Construction display.



Wayne Fitts, of Wigrich Farms, explains to Finn Johnson, 8, of Monmouth, how the sweeper attachment works in the fields while attached to his tractor.



The biggest draw of the River Bend cement truck was the easy access to its loud horn.



Serenity Mack, 4, is all smiles for her mom Samantha, of Willamina, as she imagines navigating the Polk County Sheriff Office's SAR Side by Side vehicle.



Harper Teal, 4, shows her dad Connor, of Salem, how well she steers the Polk County marine patrol boat.



Pacific Power's Jason Myers leads a rope block demonstration for dad Jin and son Theo, both from Albany, as mom Yuon takes their photo.



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Panthers snap slide with win over league-leading Spartans



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Panthers junior ace pitcher JT Girod delivers a dominant performance to help Central hand the Spartans their first league loss on May 8.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Strong pitching and timely hitting helped the Central varsity baseball team bounce back after a difficult start to the week.

The Panthers, tied for first and undefeated in Mid-Willamette Conference play, dropped two games to West

Albany. Central snapped that slide with an 8-1 victory over previously unbeaten Corvallis on Friday.

Junior pitcher JT Girod led the way, allowing four hits and one run over six innings while striking out 12.

“JT set the tone on the mound by consistently getting ahead in counts

and mixing pitches effectively throughout the afternoon,” said Central coach Ben Kramer. “He also stayed composed in key situations, refusing to give in with runners on base or while working from behind in the count.”

That composure was

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COURTESY PHOTO

Dallas softball Coach Brandi Jackson (center) poses with her players after winning her 200th game recently.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Success at an elite level did not happen overnight for the Dallas softball program.

While Dallas had enjoyed sporadic success, a different kind of achievement took root when Brandi Jackson took over the program 10 years ago. From the get-go, the challenge for her lay in building a culture capable of sustained success.

“The program has always had good softball

players and athletes,” she said. “It was really about building a culture and getting buy-in from the athletes.”

Her results speak for themselves. Within a few seasons of Jackson’s arrival, Dallas reached the state finals. The Dragons won the Class 5A state title in 2023 and have remained among Oregon’s top programs ever since, despite graduating key players every year.

Jackson cleared a major milestone this spring, earning her 200th

career victory as the Dallas head coach.

“It’s really a reflection of the people around me,” Jackson said of the honor. “I’ve been blessed with great assistant coaches, supportive families and student-athletes who buy into what we’re trying to do.”

Jackson’s softball roots run deep.

She grew up in Roseburg, where her father, Tony Campos, coached her in summer ball and high school.

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

The Panthers’ Asher Baker (center) recently won the 100m hurdles during a meet against Dallas and Lebanon.

Dragons sweep competition at Central track meet

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Dallas varsity track and field team swept the competition at the May 5 three-way meet hosted by Central High High School.

The Dragons dominated the women’s

competition, finishing with 108.5 points. Central placed second with 42 points, followed by Lebanon with 36.5.

Dallas received multiple individual victories from Harlow Nelson and Tanya Green, while Anna Cole led the way for the Panthers with two

first-place finishes of her own.

The men’s meet was much tighter. Dallas edged Lebanon by three points, 66 to 63, while Central finished close behind in third with 60 points.

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Dallas Lady Dragons tennis team finishes with a 10-4 record



PHOTO BY LB PHOTOGRAPHY

Dallas High’s Girls Varsity Tennis team includes (from left) Coach Oren Rogers, Jr Kylee Lunde, Jr. Addisyn Moore, Sr. Laurel Lund, Sr. Jenna Rogers, Sr. Navy Latta, Sr. Sofia Lozano Venegas, Sr. Kenady Morrison, Sr. Olivia Dezotell, Sr. Audrey Eastlund, Sr. Camille LeFevre, Jr. Sophia Devine, Jr. Sayre Irving, Jr. and Cassidy Guy.

By WENDY LATTA

The Dallas Dragons Girls Tennis put together a memorable 2026 season, finishing with a 10-4 record and securing the program’s first winning season since 2019. While historical records prior to 2019 are not currently available, the team hasn’t

had a league championship since 2002. Since 2019, the best the team has finished is 10-4.

Competing in one of the toughest leagues in the state, Dallas faced powerhouse programs such as Crescent Valley and Silverton, teams that are consistently among the top finishers at the

state tournament each year.

Head coach Oren Rogers credited the team’s success to the dedication and chemistry built over several years together. Many of the players have competed alongside one another

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It’s now or never for Panthers’ playoff hopes

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Two losses in three games damaged Central’s hopes of securing a state playoff spot.

A 14-3 win over Lebanon was sandwiched between losses to Dallas and South Albany. The loss to the Redhawks allowed South Albany to tie Central for fourth place in the Mid-Willamette Conference while strengthening its hold on the coveted 16th spot in the OSAA rankings.

The Panthers are 5-5 in league play and 8-13 overall. They sit 17th in the rankings. But only 16 teams qualify for postseason, leaving Central with little room for error.

“Anytime you are on



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

The Panthers’ Tawney Snair tags a sliding Kadence Tullock of Dallas during a recent matchup of the Polk County schools. The Panthers fell to the Dragons, 14-3.

the bubble every game becomes a little bigger,” said Central coach Wes Seidel. “We need to play very fundamental softball this week, and work to collect timely hits.”

The Panthers still have games against Corvallis, West Albany, Crescent Valley and Silverton. Home games include

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Lady Pirates win two, lose one

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Kennedy High School remains the Pirates’ nemesis this season following Friday’s 14-4 softball win over visiting Perrydale High School.

The Trojans have now beaten the local lasses three times this season. No other team in SD2 has defeated the Pirates.

Big innings fueled Kennedy’s win, including seven runs in the second inning and four in the fourth.

Mallory Gunther reached base three times on walks. Isabelle Arthur doubled in two runs in the fourth for Perrydale.

According to the stats sheet, only one of Kennedy’s runs was earned.

On May 6, Perrydale got their second win of the week, 14-4, over Vernonia.

Brooklyn Barcroft struck out five while allowing two hits over five innings. She also walked three.

Addison Parr, Gunther and Alizabeth Yates recorded two hits each, while Parr and Gunther drove in three runs apiece.

The Pirates finished with 10 hits and six walks. They scored eight runs in the second inning and added four more in the third to put the game away.

Perrydale kicked off their week May 4 with a 22-4 drubbing of Westside Christian. The Pirates opened the week with a dominant

offensive performance.

Arthur drove in five runs while Harper McMullen added two hits and scored three times.

Barcroft entered in the second inning, striking out six over her three innings. She also drove in three runs.

Perrydale broke the game open with a 12-run second inning. The contest ended after four innings.

The Pirates have four regular-season games remaining. They travel to Country Christian on Thursday before hosting non-league Powers Friday. Both games begin at 4:30 p.m.

As of Sunday, Powers is 9-0 in SD 4, 16-2 overall, and 10th in the OSAA standings.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1986

School district seeks May 20 levy; asks \$4.1 million for budget

On May 20, taxpayers will be asked to vote on a levy for Dallas School District no. 2 for the amount of \$4.1 million in addition to its tax base.

The total budget for 1986-87 is projected to be \$8,820,873. The proposed levy of \$4,162,517 will constitute nearly 54 percent of that amount. This amount will help fund basic school services.

With the approval of the school levy, taxpayers will be required to pay a higher tax rate. ... The tax rate is estimated to be \$14.80 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. That amount is still below the state average.

Baby boom hits Valley Community

There's a baby boom in Dallas.

Lately, babies have been arriving about one a day at Valley Community Hospital.

In fact, more babies were born in April at VCH than ever before. It was a record-breaking month with 32 babies arriving, topping the previous total of 28 and nearly twice the number in April, 1985, when 17 babies were delivered.

Reasons given by members of the hospital staff for the increase in deliveries are a general improvement of facilities with both a birthing and delivery room, six physicians who are delivering doctors, new equipment, and a staff obstetrician.

Dragon golfers hole 2 out of 3

In spite of soggy weather and stiff competition, the Dallas High boys golf team won two of its three matches last week.

On April 28, the Dragons met up with third-ranked Molalla at Arrowhead Country Club where both the varsity and junior varsity teams declared victories. The varsity team squeaked past Molalla, winning

162-165 in a close match.

On April 29, the Dragons hosted McMinnville and suffered a defeat against the Grizzlies, 156-180.

The Dragons traveled to Evergreen Golf Course Friday where they beat Silverton 174-191.

50 YEARS AGO WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1976

Council decides against backing regional library

By the tie-breaking vote of Mayor Ken Woods the Dallas City Council voted not to take any action regarding a possible endorsement of the proposed Chemeketa Community College Regional Library service at the Monday, May 3 council meeting.

Woods' vote was needed after the voted 4-4 to draw up a resolution supporting the library. The resolution, however, would have needed a separate vote at a later date before approval.

County clerk reprimanded

Polk County Clerk

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, April 30, 1986: STATE OF THE ART - Falls City fifth graders learned stitchery and quilt-making in a class of U.S. geography taught by Lynda Johnston. The students chose states and embroidered squares. Jeremy DePiero (left), Louanne Kidd, Miss Harms, and Jessie Sue Hibbs display the finished product. The quilt will be sold to provide funds for a class trip. (File I-O photo.)

Allene Kettleson has been reprimanded by the secretary of state's office for the use of the word "reelect" in campaign ads used during April. The use of the word was judged a violation of Oregon campaign law by the attorney general's office.

The attorney general and secretary of state's office said, however, that Mrs. Kettleson (who had

been appointed to the clerk's position last year after Lyn Hardy resigned) acted in "good faith" and did not demonstrate criminal intent using the term.

Dragons split in league play; lose two contests

The Dallas High varsity baseball team played four games last week and came away with but a single win. Tuesday, May 4, they defeated Forest

Grove 3-2, then went to Astoria on Friday and lost to the Coast Division leaders 11-6. Saturday, West Albany came to town and swept a double-header 8-3 and 6-5.

The Dragons complete their season this Friday at Newberg. They go into the final week with a 2-6 record in the CVL West. McMinnville is leading with an 8-0 record.

Community Achievement

LOGIN HARTT GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Login Hartt, of Dallas, was one of over 9,400 candidates to be recognized in the University of Georgia's Class of 2026 spring Commencement ceremonies held May 8.

Hartt completed a Master of Science in Comparative Biomedical Science.

JOSHUA HIGGINS GRADUATES FROM UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY

Joshua Higgins, of West Salem, was one of 3,078 students to graduate at Utah Tech University's 115th Commencement ceremonies last week.

TRACK

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Listed below are the meet's first-place finishers in each event:

BOYS

100m - David Rice, Central; 200m - Rice; 400m - Cade Weber, Lebanon; 800m - Ty Cirino, Central; 1500m - David Brandt, Lebanon; 3000m - Xavier Macedo, Lebanon; 100m Hurdles

- Asher Baker, Central; 300m Hurdles - Xander Hamill; 4X100 - Lebanon A; 4X100 Throwers Relay - Central (Mason Vela, Alex Hill, Charles Thissell, Brody Beach); 4X40 Relay - Dallas (Adan Carrasco, Maddox Mills, Daniel Russell, Peter Nicol); Shot Put - Adam Menke - Central; Discus - Dylan Gonzales, Dallas; Javelin - Israel Mabry, Dallas; High Jump - Gaipe Huff, Dallas; Pole Vault - Alexis Ramirez - Central; Long

Jump - Logan Large, Lebanon; and, Triple Jump, Large.

GIRLS

100m - Harlow Nelson, Dallas; 200m - Nelson; 400m - Vivienne Scales, Dallas; 800m - Amber Green, Dallas; 1500m - Kelsey Rodli, Dallas; 3000m - Josie Pierce, Dallas; 100m Hurdles - Tanya Green, Dallas; 300m Hurdles - T. Green; 4X100 Relay - Dallas (Elizabeth Walker, Jana Deming, T.

Green, Nelson); 4X100 Throwers Relay - Central (Lena Lakalaka, Hamden Nelson, Marlee Robbins, Ella Aust); 4X400 Relay - Dallas (A. Green, T. Green, Nelson, Walker); Shot Put - Ana Cole, Central; Discus - Cole; Javelin - Heather Savedra, Lebanon; High Jump - Walker; Pole Vault - Jana Deming, Dallas; Long Jump - Lyala Olsen, Central; and, Triple Jump - Ruby Vandenbos, Lebanon.

BASEBALL

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tested in the fourth inning when Corvallis put runners on second and third with one out before eventually loading the bases with two outs. Girod escaped the jam without allowing a run.

Central's offense broke through later that same inning.

"We were really solid with our approaches at the plate," Kramer said.

The Panthers created separation by capitalizing on a two-out Corvallis error to score two more runs.

Kramer credited the Spartans for limiting damage early despite several Central scoring threats.

"Give credit to Corvallis," he said. "They did a really good job early in the game minimizing scoring when we had runners in scoring position, so it was nice to break

through in the fourth."

Joe Mendazona and Josh Fitts added back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning. The blast was the first varsity home run of Fitts' career.

Mendazona stayed hot throughout the week, finishing with five hits and five walks in 12 at-bats. His week included a home run and a double.

Owen Patrone added four hits in three games, while Jackson Barba and Santi Alarcon each doubled.

Central now turns its attention to the final stretch of league play, beginning with Monday's road game at Corvallis. Results from that contest were unavailable at press time. A Panther win puts them in a first place tie with the Spartans - and West Albany if the Bulldogs defeated Lebanon on Monday.

The Panthers host Dallas on Wednesday before traveling to face

the Dragons on Friday. First pitch for both games is 5 p.m.

Dallas entered the week ranked 20th in the OSAA standings while sitting fourth in the conference standings.

Central closes the regular season with games against South Albany on May 18 and May 20.

"We have to stay focused one game at a

time and one pitch at a time," Kramer said. "If we do that, we'll put ourselves in a really good position going into the playoffs."

As of Sunday, Central was tied with West Albany for second place in the conference standings at 11-2. The Panthers were 16-6 overall and ranked sixth in the OSAA standings.

TENNIS

From Page B1

since their freshman year, creating a close-knit and experienced group.

The Dragons also benefited from strong off-season preparation. The team regularly plays community tennis together on Thursday nights throughout the summer, helping build both skill and camaraderie. In addition,

the unusually dry winter allowed players to spend extra time on the courts during the preseason.

Dallas will send its players to the district tournament at Timberhill Tennis Club May 20-22. The team's success is especially meaningful for its eight graduating seniors, who helped lay the foundation for one of the program's strongest seasons in recent memory.

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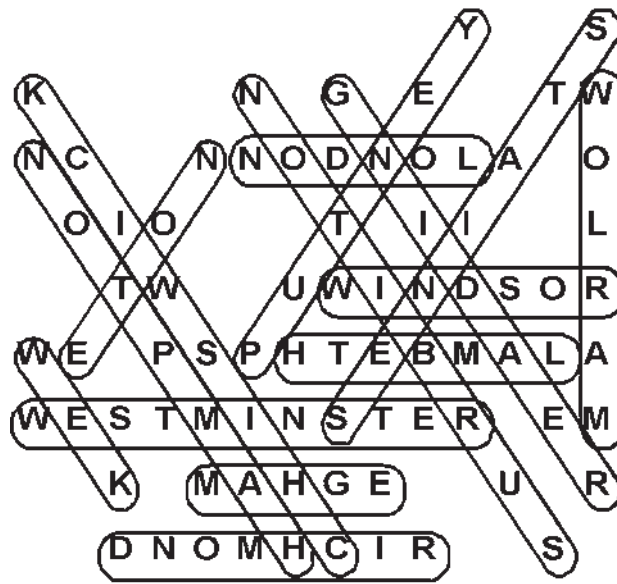
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- Bishop Michael Curry

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

7 a.m. - Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12:30 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior 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. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget & URA Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam night, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa

Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, MAY 14

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 3 p.m. - Chalk Pastels with 4-H, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 3:30 p.m. - Kid's Craft Paint A Ladybug House, For ages 4-11, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 5 p.m. - Artist Reception: Judy Phipps - A Memory in Time, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, MAY 15

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6

Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Catherine Loyer & Strawberry Roan, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
 7 p.m. - Live Music: Dallas Community Orchestra, Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 Howe St.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.
 7:30 p.m. - 4th Annual Battle of the Badges Slow-Pitch Softball Game, Dallas High School Softball Field, \$5 tickets available at Dallas Fire Department or on game day at the gate

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8 a.m. - Spring Bird Walk at JTE Tree Farm, free, sign up at www.luckiamute.org/spring-bird-walk-j2e.html
 9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park

9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
 10 a.m. - Sidewalk Chalk in the Park, Monmouth Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
 10 a.m. - Plant Sale Fundraiser run by The Rounds Farm, Library Parking Lot off of Southeast Jefferson Street
 12 p.m. - Asian American Pacific Islander Vendor Market, Monmouth Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
 1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Nytebyrds, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, MAY 17

2 p.m. - Live Music: Syco Billy's String Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, MAY 18

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/ Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/

Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 12 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/ Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Spring Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 10:30 a.m. - Little Builders with Public Works, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunco, Dallas Area Senior Center

6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Blood pressure check, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam night, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed at Hunter Arboretum on Park Street, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the work you want to do and take a break with us at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

HERITAGE MUSEUM SOCIETY HOSTS STORY NIGHT MAY 14

Heritage Museum Society hosts MI Story Night at 7 p.m. May 14 at the Valkyrie Wine Tavern, 301 S Main St., Independence. Join a cozy evening of stories, as local storytellers and writers share original works drawn from their life and experiences. Attendance is by invitation. To learn more, contact Marilyn Morton at marilyn97351@gmail.com.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES SOFTBALL GAME RETURNS MAY 15

The 4th Annual Battle of the Badges slow pitch softball match between Dallas Fire & EMS and the combined forces of Dallas Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office is at 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Dallas

High School Softball Field. Tickets are \$5 and are available for purchase at the Dallas Fire Department or on game day at the gate. Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds go to the Dallas High School Senior All Night Grad Party.

HARVEST CROSSFIT HOSTS RELAY MARATHON FUNDRAISER MAY 15

Harvest CrossFit hosts a relay marathon for Compassion First from 7 a.m. to noon, May 15 at 761 S Main St., Dallas. Run, row, ski or walk a marathon as a team. Registration is \$30 per person. For more information, go to www.harvest-crossfit.com.

MONMOUTH HOSTS AAPI VENDOR MARKET MAY 16

Monmouth holds a vendor market to celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander heritage from 12-5 p.m. at Main Street Park May 16. There will be five hours of performances, including the fire dance, free tastings from local businesses and drawings for gift certificates. For more information, go to

<https://monmouthcultures.org/aapi>.

IN THE GARDEN FAIRE RETURNS MAY 16

The Dallas Garden Club's 6th Annual In the Garden Faire is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1175 SE Howe St, in Dallas. The proceeds from this event go back into the Garden Club community projects.

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

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

4-H POLK COUNTY HOSTS 2026 LIVESTOCK

LEARNING DAY MAY 16

Oregon 4-H Polk County hosts the 2026 Livestock Learning Day at 3p.m. May 16 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall. Both 4-H and non-4-H members are welcome to attend. The event features more than 30 sessions to teach participants about all things livestock taught by registered judges, 4-H professionals, industry professionals, seasoned volunteers, and expert 4-H'ers and alumni. Classes include meat grading, wool evaluation, cheese making, Q & A with a vet, mock swine showmanship, nutrition and feed, and more. For registration, schedule and more information, go to <https://bit.ly/4mYYQDZ>.

VINTAGE MOTORCYCLISTS SHOW, SWAPMEET RETURNS MAY 16

The Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists show and swapmeet is at 10 a.m. May 16 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall. The Oregon Moto Guzzi Club

will also be attending. There will be over 125 vintage motorcycles and scooters on display. This year's feature salutes all makes, 250cc and smaller, 20 years old and older. Admission is \$5. There will be a Vintage Ride starting at noon on May 15 starting at the fairgrounds.

RICKREALL EVENT HALL HOSTS ROOTS & BLOSSOMING MAY 17

Rickreall Event Hall presents Roots & Blossoming - An Intuitive Art & Spiritual Connection Workshop, at 11 a.m. May 17 at 305 Nesmith Road, Rickreall. The event features a heart-centered day of ceremonial cacao, drum journey and intuitive abstract art. Registration required online at www.wayfinder-wellnesstravel.com.

DALLAS LIBRARY HOSTS LISA LYNNE AND ARYEH FRANKFURTER MAY 21

The Dallas Library presents a free evening of Celtic and folk music with acclaimed harpists and instrumentalists Lisa Lynne and Aryeh

Frankfurter at 6:30 p.m. May 21 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. The concert features an array of unique instruments including Celtic harps, the rare Swedish Nyckelharpa, Ukrainian Bandura, Cittern and more. Enjoy traditional instrumental music from Sweden and Ireland along with original compositions woven together with stories filled with humor, adventure, and musical discovery. For more information, contact the library at (503) 623-2633 or go to www.facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon?utm_source=chatgpt.com.

MONMOUTH HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 25

Northwest Music Studio presents Memorial Day Country Music Festival from 4-9 p.m. at Main Street Park, at 161 Warren St. N., in Monmouth. The lineup features three bands - The Shinkle Band, The Schown Slade Band and Lee Wanner and Counter Country. There will also be food trucks, many different vendors, and booths.

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Luggage, TVs, Bedding, Kitchen things, Frames, Canning Jars, Filing Cabinets, RV supplies, Tools, Golf Clubs, Books, BBQs, original Disney VHS, lots more.</p>	<div data-bbox="1085 698 1466 824"> </div> <div data-bbox="1111 824 1432 860"> <p>THIS WEEK'S FEATURED HOMES</p> </div> <div data-bbox="937 878 1241 1057"> <p>BEAUTIFULLY maintained home on a corner lot. 3bd/2.5bath. New roof in 2021. Lovely hardwood floors on the main level. Light and bright kitchen with a large pantry. Primary suite with tile shower and walk in closet. Concrete RV pad with hookups and waste disposal. \$510,000.00 (#839870)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1284 878 1623 1057"> <p>NEW LISTING! Beautiful 3bd/2 bath home updated in 2025. New roof, new flooring and new paint. New landscaping and move in ready. Spacious home in beautiful Greenway Mobile Estates. \$169,000.00 (#840284)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="937 1200 1241 1379"> <p>Bring your ideas for this solid bones home! 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State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be in April, May, and June in the Henry Hill Education Center Board Room, 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon. Meetings can be viewed streaming on the "Info Central 13J" YouTube channel. The SECOND public meeting of the Budget Committee, will be May 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive budget documents and take public comments. To present comment, submit your name, topic of comment, and how you will present comment (in person or digital) by 2:00 pm, May 18, 2026. Information can be sent to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us, turned in to the District office, or by goggle form at: <https://forms.gle/TDSQGBhndymqmqzVQp8>. Comment cards will be available at the meeting and should be given to the committee before the meeting begins. Those wishing to comment will be called on by name during the meeting. (If you wish to comment via video, please provide your email and a link will be sent.) A budget hearing for fiscal 2026-27 budget will be held at a later date to be determined. Information will be available on the Central School District 13J website. Budget documents may be inspected on or after May 18, 2026, at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm or via email request to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us. Information and links available at <http://www.central.k12.or.us/> > Departments> Financial Services Jennifer Kubista, Superintendent Central School District 13J 05/13/26

PCIO26-250 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Fir Crest Cemetery Maintenance District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held in a conference room at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren Street, Monmouth, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 27, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 26, 2026, by calling (503)485-2446, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. 5/13/26, 5/20/26

PCIO26-251 Polk County Public Works Rock Purchase Quotes Due: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 Polk County is requesting quotes for aggregate material purchases in fiscal year 2026-2027. Quotes will be received by Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 until the end of business on Wednesday, June 3. The County estimates approximately 75,000 tons of aggregate material will be purchased during the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). There will not be a contract awarded for County aggregate purchases; quotes will be used to establish a scheduled price agreement for purchases from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338, (503) 623-9287. Polk County reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, waive formalities, and postpone establishing an Aggregate Material Price Schedule if it is in the best interest of the County. DATED this 13th day of May 2026 Polk County Public Works By: Heather Chase, Administrative Services Manager 5/13/26, 5/20/26, 5/27/26

PCIO26-252 Public Sale Rickreall Mini Storage 10255 Rickreall Rd, Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900 ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 6/27/2026 At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY Michelle Sides OP-62 513/26, 5/20/26

PCIO26-253 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be held on May 20th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

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To access and participate in the meeting please use Zoom through a web browser at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83295262367?pwd=VbaGs10v2kxE7DPXnouC8nWQK3rKxN1> Webinar ID: 832 9526 2367 Passcode: 234624 For participation by telephone, dial 1 253 215 8782 You can also attend and participate by coming to the Community Center, 320 Main St. Falls City, OR, where the meeting will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the proposed budget, the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A public hearing will also be held on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds at this meeting.? A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 15th, 2025, in the City Hall foyer. This is a meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Additional Budget Committee meeting (as needed) on: Wednesday, May 27th, 2025 at 6:00 pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83295262367?pwd=VbaGs10v2kxE7DPXnouC8nWQK3rKxN1> Webinar ID: 832 9526 2367 Passcode: 234624 For participation by telephone, dial 1 253 215 8782 Additional Budget Committee meeting (as needed) on: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83295262367?pwd=VbaGs10v2kxE7DPXnouC8nWQK3rKxN1> Webinar ID: 832 9526 2367 Passcode: 234624 For participation by telephone, dial 1 253 215 8782 This notice was also published on the City of Falls City website: www.fallscityoregon.gov 5/13/26

PCIO26-254 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS APPLICATION: The Polk County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners will hold separate public hearings to consider an application for Special Property Tax Assessment of Open Space Land, SA 26-01. The subject property contains approximately 55.5 acres and is located entirely within the Farm/Forest (F/F) Zoning District. APPLICANT/ OWNER: Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon PROPERTY LOCATION: Assessment Map T8S, R5W, Section 7, Tax Lot 301 FILE NUMBER: SA 26-01-REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 308A.300 to 308A.330 HEARING DATES AND TIMES: Planning Commission Hearing: June 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM Board of Commissioners Hearing: July 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM LOCATION FOR BOTH HEARINGS: Hearing/Conference Room, First Floor, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon POLK COUNTY STAFF CONTACT: Hannah Brickner - Phone: (503) 623-9237 Email: brickner.hannah@polkcountyor.gov The location of these hearings is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at 503-623-9237 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. A copy of all documents and evidence relied upon in making this decision, and the applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at the Community Development Department for the cost of copying. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to each hearing. Copies can be obtained at a reasonable cost. Testimony may be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department prior to the public hearings. The public hearings will be conducted in a manner that allows written or oral testimony in favor, opposition, and general testimony. Testimony must address the applicable criteria. The Planning Commission reviews applications for open space special property tax assessment and provides a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for a final decision. Please include file number SA 26-01 in all correspondence regarding this application. Correspondence may be submitted to: Polk County Community Development, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338. A decision of denial may be appealed to Polk County Circuit Court pursuant to ORS 308A.312(6). 5/13/26

PCIO26-247 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Ash Creek Water Control

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District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the biennial budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 will be held at Indy Commons, 154 S. Main Street, Independence. The meeting will take place on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. To appear by telephone or other electronic means, contact Marilyn Morton at DistSec@AshCreekWCD.com no later than Noon, May 14, 2026. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the proposed budget may be inspected on or after May 14, 2026 on the District's website. 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-244 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 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.bid13.com on 5/26/2026 at 10:00AM. Craig Anderson Unit #D3014. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-191 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS. No.: OR-24-1004787-RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KELLY CHAPMAN, HUSBAND AND HEIDI CHAPMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, as Beneficiary, dated 6/25/2004, recorded 6/28/2004, in official records of POLK County, Oregon as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2004-010419 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 562318 07529-AC-05200 LOT 11, BLOCK 3, NORTH OAKS ADDITION, PHASE IV, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 592 NW EVE DR, DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, nor remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$43,300.19 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$218,668.97 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums,

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advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 7/30/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 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 sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has 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 in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest KELLY CHAPMAN 592 NW EVE DR DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 Original Borrower HEIDI CHAPMAN 592 NW EVE DR DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and 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 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. 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. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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

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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 TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-24-1004787-RM Dated: 3/20/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0313881 4/22/2026 4/29/2026 5/6/2026 5/13/2026

PCIO26-225 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Falls City School District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR. The meeting will take place on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. A second meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and public comments on the proposed budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 12 at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-228 TEAMSTERS COUNCIL #37 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION v. VELVET E. FULLER; JOSEPH ABRAHAM SHINN; KEIRSTIN NELKE ROBERG; ALL OCCUPANTS; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY SUMMONS - CASE NO. 26CV04265 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY (collectively, "Defendant"), the above-named defendant. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For judgment for foreclosure and sale of the Property located at 2300 Lincoln Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304, and a declaration of amount owed and secured by plaintiff's Deed of Trust comprising of the unpaid principal balance of \$311,110.47, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$4,768.73 through January 16, 2026, plus interest accruing thereafter at the contract rate of 3.25 percent per annum (\$28.086 per diem), from January 17, 2026, until the date said judgment is entered; plus the title search cost of \$974.00; together with any additional sums required to be paid by plaintiff during the pendency of this suit for the protection of the Property and the plaintiff's interest therein; plus plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements incurred herein; plus interest on the total on the total sum in paragraph 1 at the contract rate of 3.25 percent per annum from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full; 2. That plaintiff's Deed of Trust, dated January 20, 2022, recorded January 25, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-001078, Records of Polk County, Oregon, be declared a first lien upon the Property for the amount of the judgment prayed for

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herein; 3. For judgment and decree that plaintiff's Deed of Trust upon the Property be foreclosed, and that the title, claim, interest, or demand of defendants in said Property, and every part thereof, except their statutory rights of redemption, be foreclosed; 4. For judgment and decree that the Property, with all of its appurtenances, rights, privileges, and easements be sold on execution by the Sheriff for Polk County, Oregon, after giving notice as required by law; that plaintiff may be and become a purchaser at said sale; that the Sheriff give the purchaser thereof a Certificate of Sale and, unless the Property is redeemed before the expiration of the redemption period, a deed; that said purchaser have immediate possession of the Property, and every part thereof; and that said purchaser be entitled to such remedies as are available at law to secure such position, including a writ of assistance, if defendants or any other parties or persons shall refuse to immediately surrender possession to the purchaser; and 5. That the proceeds of the sale be applied as follows: first, to pay the costs and expenses of said sale; second, to pay the judgment of plaintiff; and third, the surplus, if any, be paid to the Registry of the Court subject to further court order. WARNING: You may get offers from people who tell you they can help you keep your property. You may get offers from people who want to buy your "redemption rights" or "all rights under ORS chapter 18." You should be careful about those offers, as a sale of your rights to a property in foreclosure may include your right to claim any surplus funds arising from the foreclosure sale. Make sure you understand any papers you are asked to sign. If you have any questions, talk to a lawyer or one of the organizations mentioned below before signing. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that can give you information about foreclosure and help you decide what to do. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the statewide telephone contact number at 1 (855) 480-1950. You may also wish to talk to a lawyer. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: <http://www.osbar.org>. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of the Honorable Timothy R. Park, Judge of the above-entitled Court made on the 30th day of March, 2026, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Polk County, Oregon. Date of first publication: April 22, 2026, Date of last publication: May 13, 2026. Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff FARLEIGH WADA WITT 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97204-3136 (503) 228-6044 mbertolino@fwlaw.com 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/06/26, 5/13/26

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

At 4:03 p.m., a juvenile subject on Court Street was referred to juvenile detention for disorderly conduct.

At 7:13 p.m., an officer investigated a report that a subject was doing a "dope drop" near a fire hydrant on Jefferson Street. The officer located no drugs, but did find a Smith and Wesson pocket knife. It was taken as found property.

At 10:13 p.m., Rigoberto Contreras was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with elude, driving under the influence of an intoxicant and resisting arrest.

At 10:59 p.m., a juvenile on Ellendale Avenue was referred for reckless driving and reckless endangering.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

At 10:07 a.m., officers responded to a report of theft on Ellendale Avenue. They were unable to locate the suspect.

At 11:06 a.m., officers on Kings Valley Highway cited and released Angela Guzman, Fernando Guzman, And Andrea Harper for theft 2.

At 3:51 p.m., officers investigated a report of a hot dog in a car on Kerns Drive. An officer spoke to the owner and of the dog who said she was checking on it frequently.

At 5:23 p.m., a report of a hit and run on Washington Street.

At 5:23 p.m., a report of bee hives being thrown away in a dumpster.

At 8:25 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a small white object found in dipping gravy from Dairy Queen. A test with a NarcRanger came back with inconclusive results.

At 9:02 p.m., a motorist on Bowersville Road was cited for failure to carry operator's license.

At 9:12 p.m., a report traffic lights were blinking red at an intersection on Ellendale Avenue. Public Works was notified.

At 9:14 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for no operator's license and received a written warning for no lights.

At 9:52 p.m., five juveniles were warned about park hours on Brandvold Drive.

At 10:05 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while suspended - violation and failure to carry and present an operator's license.

At 10:42 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a possible intoxicated driver coming into Dallas. The driver was located on Maple Street and was possibly just on his phone. There were no crimes for DUII.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

At 1:51 a.m., a Dallas motorist on Washington Street was cited for failure to return a suspended license.

At 3:17 a.m., Jesus

Gonzalez was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

At 10:49 a.m., Robert Morris, a Dallas homeless person, was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with public indecency and failure to report as a sex offender.

At 11:03 a.m., officers investigated a report of a female subject throwing herself on the ground and crying, walking east on Washington Street. They were unable to locate the subject.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

At 2:29 a.m., officers located five juveniles walking north on Levens Street. The juveniles were later transported to their homes and returned to their parents.

At 9:18 a.m., Vanessa Zacarias-Steeley was arrested on Uglow Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with assault 4 - domestic violence.

MONDAY, MAY 4

At 6:14 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a vehicle going the wrong way on Main Street, but was unable to locate any suspect vehicles.

At 2:40 p.m., officers responded to a report of an unlocked door at Harvest Crossfit on Main Street. Officers were inside and aware of the door.

At 3:15 p.m., a citizen turned in an ID card that was found at the car wash. It was placed in lost and found.

At 5:30 p.m., a motorist on Mill Street was cited for failure to carry/present an operator's license.

At 6:13 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device and was warned for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

At 10:41 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving without insurance. The driver also received a written warning for failing to maintain a lane.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

At 8:09 a.m., a motorist from Salem on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

At 9:57 a.m., a subject on Holman Avenue was cited and released for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after he was in possession of a car trailer he purchased for \$200 from an unknown person.

At 2:16 p.m., a motorist from Dallas on Barberry Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

At 2:56 p.m., a 2020 Chevy Pacifica was repossessed on Sheila Street.

At 5:21 p.m., an officer responded to a report of juveniles on Brandvold Drive throwing rocks at squirrels then verbally harassing the complainant. The officer was unable to locate the juveniles.

At 5:51 p.m., officers investigated a report of a potential drug sale on Kings Valley Highway. Due to a one-hour delay, they were unable to locate anyone involved.

At 11:09 p.m., an officer advised two homeless people a business on Ellendale Avenue did not want them on the property after hours.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

At 5:12 a.m., an officer assisted in pushing a stalled vehicle out of the westbound lane of travel of Ellendale Avenue.

At 8:40 a.m., a 2016 Mazda 3 was repossessed on Levens Street.

At 8:47 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a male subject hunched over in a bus stop on Oak Street. The officer talked with a subject who said he was fine.

At 11:17 a.m., a subject on A Street was arrested for menacing - domestic violence.

At 2:07 p.m., a motorist from Salem was cited on Miller Avenue for speeding 34 mph in a 20-mph school zone and also received a written warning for failing to renew registration.

At 2:19 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a motorist in a dark blue Volvo swerving, tailgating, and flipping people off that was last seen westbound on Ellendale Avenue. The officer was unable to locate the motorist.

At 5:18 p.m., a late report of theft at Walmart.

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At 6:32 p.m., a subject on Walnut Avenue was cited and released for theft 3.

At 11:15 p.m., Athena Elkins was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Dallas Municipal Court and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:51 p.m., a resident on Jefferson Street reported a person possibly hiding in their hedges. An officer thoroughly checked the area but was unable to locate anyone.

Independence Police Department

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

The Polk County Circuit Court issued a warrant for Eric Spier on 10 charges of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree. Oregon State Police SWAT detained Spier in the early hours of April 30 after some resistance that resulted in minor injuries from a less-lethal projectile and a dog bite. Spier was transported to the Polk County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

At 12:57 a.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance on 4th Street. A juvenile was referred for harassment. Her parole officer is to be notified.

At 6:28 p.m., officers responded to a report of an intoxicated female subject getting a vehicle on Monmouth Street. They found her passed out in the backseat. She admitted having several drinks after work and was sleeping it off in the car. She was allowed to call an Uber and strongly warned against driving.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

At 12:01 a.m., an officer on traffic patrol recognized Brien Rolfe driving on Monmouth Street and knew that his license was suspended from a previous arrest. Rolfe had failed to install an ignition interlock device so he was issued a citation for that and transported to the Polk County Jail for driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

At 6:17 a.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags on Gun Club Road. The driver was cited for driving while suspended

- violation and the owner of the vehicle was cited for permitting unlawful operation of a vehicle. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

At 7:57 a.m., officers investigated a report of a suspected intoxicated driver near South 4th Street near D Street. Officers responded to the address that was listed on the registration for the suspect vehicle and found Luis Santos Herrera seated in the driver's seat. Santos Herrera appeared highly intoxicated and agitated. Multiple beer cans were strewn about the vehicle. After being transported to the police station, Santos Herrera blew a BAC of .22% and was lodged at jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Multiple calls were placed to 911 on a suspicious male trespassing in yards on Stryker Road off Independence Highway. One person observed him walk in her backyard. Prock was described as appearing to be under the influence of something as he yelled at cars and walked in traffic, causing motorists to swerve. A substance that was found on Prock when search tested positive for presumptive methamphetamine. Prock was charged with disorderly conduct 2, parole violation and criminal trespass 2.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

An officer on traffic patrol recognized Omar Ceja Lopez driving and knew he was suspended at the misdemeanor level. Upon conducting a traffic stop Lopez presented a paper from Oregon DMV on how to apply for a hardship permit. He was arrested and transported to jail where he was charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

At 9:30 a.m., Jose Merced Velazquez Trejo crashed his vehicle into a building in the 100 block of Monmouth Street, causing over \$2,500 of damage to the building and a metal container. Velazquez Trejo was arrested for failure to carry/present an operator's license and was also cited for driving while suspended. Though not showing signs of intoxication, video footage leaned towards Velazquez Trejo confusing the gas pedal with the brake pedal.

Upon responding to a dog at large call, an officer who had captured the dog met with the owner. The owner, Alexander Castillo, was found to have a failure to appear bench warrant out of Marion County. Castillo was cited and released with a new court date.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Francisco Rojas was contacted by an officer for violating park hours and was found to have a failure to appear bench warrant out of Polk County for trespass 2. Rojas was cited and released with a new court date.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

At 2:11 p.m., Luis Santos Herrera was intoxicated and hanging out downtown on C Street when he reportedly raised his fist at a person with a disability for no apparent reason. Officers recognized Santos Herrera from a DUII arrest a few days earlier and found that his release condition from jail was that he was not to use any intoxicants. At jail he

blew a BAC of .28%. He was charged with violation of release agreement.

At 3:26 p.m., a subject was arrested on Gun Club Road and charged with ID theft, fraudulent use of credit card, theft 3, and attempted theft 2.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Crime: A report of minors that damaged the rear window of a car with a cinder block. The complainant believed the damage was retaliation for breaking up a fight the day before, but provided no evidence. A case number was provided, and staff is waiting on photos and seeking potential camera footage.

Speed Trailer: A speed trailer was deployed near an intersection for northbound traffic.

Attempt to Locate: Officers were called to attempt to locate a subject who was reported as suicidal the previous day and could not be reached. The subject was located outside of a restaurant with another person, and though they left before officers could speak with them, both appeared alive and okay.

Welfare Check: A resource center reported an individual was walking around intoxicated and almost being hit by cars. The person was located, appeared fine, and explained they were heading home, although they were agitated with law enforcement.

Theft/Trespass: Officers were dispatched to a university campus regarding the theft of a phone from a bike. The owner did not want to press charges for theft. The phone was found on top of the suspect's recycling bin, though campus camera footage showed the suspect reaching for it. The phone was returned, and the suspect was trespassed from the university.

Medical Aid: Officers arrived at a location to find an individual who had fallen and hit their head. The person was breathing and conscious. Officers stood by until medical personnel arrived and transported the person to the hospital.

Animal Complaint: An individual requested a check on a dog in a vehicle, concerned it was barking, panting, and did not have water. The dog's owner was contacted, and it was confirmed the dog was being monitored and cared for. No crimes were reported.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A subject was taken to a hospital on a police hold after taking sleeping pills and drinking alcohol with a weapon nearby. The person came out of the house unarmed and was taken into custody.

Trespass: A resident reported a group of males in a field behind a location that ran when they saw the complainant. Four juveniles were located running in the field or hiding, and all were warned for trespassing.

Found Person: A caller reported finding a young non-verbal male juvenile in the roadway, who was later identified as an 8-year-old. The child's mother, who was looking for him after falling asleep, was found and reunited with her son. Child Protective Services

will be notified.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Open Door/Building: Officers found an open back hallway access door on the west side of a former store. After speaking with a clerk who owned the building and confirmed no one should be there, officers checked the area and found no one. The door was shut.

Theft: An individual reported her keys were stolen from her unlocked car. The keys included a vehicle fob, business keys, and a house key. A tracking device on the keys was found at a nearby intersection.

Animal Complaint: Officers responded to a complaint about a small dog being left alone in a fenced area, raising welfare and noise concerns. No barking was heard, and two puppies were found, both appearing healthy. An owner was contacted, advised of the noise ordinance, and encouraged to take the dogs in.

Citizen Contact: An individual receiving care reported noticing pills missing from her medication bottle over two months and was advised to report it since she cannot refill the medication. The victim no longer employs the suspect caregiver and did not witness the pills being taken.

Suspicious Activity: An individual turned in a note left in her master bathroom by an acquaintance, detailing explicit sexual desires. The acquaintance's probation officer was contacted to place a detainer, and the acquaintance was formally trespassed from the residence by phone.

Citizen Contact: An individual requested information for a civil standby due to hostile roommates and was referred to the Sheriff's Office.

Arrest: Officers received an attempt-to-locate for a subject with an active warrant and probable cause for multiple domestic violence charges. The subject was located at an address and taken into custody on a warrant, then transported to the county jail where the other city's officers took over the domestic violence interviews.

Citizen Contact: An individual called to report that another person was going to file a false report against him for damaging her car mirror after the mirror hit him as she drove off. He was advised not to be around the other person if he was concerned about false reports.

Welfare Check: A crisis hotline requested a welfare check for an individual who had called them repeatedly with plans to overdose and had recently disclosed self-harm and wanting "suicide by cop." No in-person response was made. Phone contact was established; the subject denied further self-harm and agreed to further communication with the crisis hotline.

Missing Person: A person called from out of state to report her son as a missing person, stating he is experiencing homelessness and has a mental health condition. Tracking devices on his belongings were pinged near local businesses. A form was emailed to the mother for a courtesy missing person report.

POLICE

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SATURDAY, MAY 2

Noise Complaint: Officers responded to a noise complaint and found two separate parties, breaking both up. Occupants at one location left, and the tenant at the other was warned for noise.

Driving Under the Influence: A driver was stopped for an unlawful/unsigned turn and exhibited signs of impairment. The driver performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was arrested with a BAC of 0.17%. A highly intoxicated 19-year-old passenger was warned for consumption by a minor. The driver was lodged at the county jail for driving under the influence and three counts of recklessly endangering others.

Noise Complaint: A noise complaint was received about loud music, stomping, and possible karaoke. Officers spoke with two individuals having a small get-together, who were polite and understanding about the ordinance.

Assist Other Agency: Officers covered a colleague on an arrest for driving while suspended (misdemeanor).

Alarm: A resident's back garage alarm went off. The resident was contacted, and everything was fine.

Fraud: An individual came in concerned about being scammed after her computer screen went dark, and she called a number provided on the screen. She was told not to call the police or bank and provided the last 4 digits of her social security number but did not lose money. Officers called a bank to verify activity and ensure extra verification steps were in place. Officers also contacted an electronics retailer to confirm they could wipe the computer clean.

Assist Other Agency: Officers covered a colleague on a verbal domestic disturbance on an island in the river, where parties had already separated.

Assist Other Agency: Officers covered a colleague on a disturbance where a property owner was upset about rail company equipment, but the company was found to be within the easement limit.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A report was made that a 16-year-old subject was making suicidal and homicidal threats to officers. The subject was located walking to a park with staff. The subject was calm on scene, and there was no probable cause for a police hold, though the subject is scheduled for a behavioral health placement soon.

Traffic Violation: A driver was stopped for failure to display license plates and was found to be driving while suspended - violation and driving uninsured, with multiple prior convictions. The vehicle was impounded. The driver was cited for registration, insurance, and suspension violations, and criminally cited and released for failure to carry/present a license. The driver consented to officers taking weapons found in the vehicle to his residence for safekeeping.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Arrest: A subject was arrested and lodged at the county jail on a parole

violation warrant. The subject's vehicle was released to their girlfriend.

Driving Under the Influence: A driver was stopped for erratic driving and suspicion of driving under the influence. The driver performed poorly on tests and was arrested with a BAC of 0.16%. The driver was lodged at the county jail and charged with driving under the influence and recklessly endangering others, and was placed on suicide prevention observation due to comments and actions indicating suicidal intent.

Suspicious Activity: An individual reported seeing two teenagers on scooters enter a carved-out area of bushes in a park, believing they were going to smoke, and seeing cigarette packages. Officers checked the area but found no teenagers or evidence of cigarettes.

Noise Complaint: A neighbor complained that a dog was barking continuously. Officers arrived and did not hear any barking. Officers contacted a teenager at the residence and asked them to keep the dog's barking to a minimum.

Suspicious Activity: An resident reported that someone threw mud and sand at her front door. She declined to pursue it this time but was assured a report would be taken to document a pattern if it recurs.

Welfare Check: Officers spoke with the wife of an individual who was having delusions due to heavy drinking and was kicked out of the home. The individual was then advised to go to his parents' house.

Suspicious Activity: Residents reported a group of teenagers wearing ski masks harassing their neighbor via "ding dong ditch." The subjects left in a silver car. The neighbor was not very concerned and thought they were seeking a reaction. No further vehicle information was available.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Runaway: A 6-year-old child ran away from an elementary school but was found by officers at the corner of the campus and returned. The child ran back into a classroom when they attempted to speak with him. He never actually left the campus.

Animal Complaint: Officers responded to a report of a loose dog. A German shepherd/husky mix was found and taken to a temporary kennel. Officers located a matching report and contacted the owners, who claimed the dog. Officers will follow up for licensing.

Suspicious Activity: An individual reported overhearing a female offer a male subject prescription pills at a public location. Officers drove by the location but did not see anyone; later they saw a male matching the description sitting on a bench at a different location. When officers circled back, the male was gone.

Suspicious Child Injury Report: A report of a suspicious injury/strangulation to the neck of a 9-year-old. The child had a small scratch and said he was fighting with his brother. His mother claimed the scratch was accidental, caused by the father when pulling the child off the brother.

Harassment: An individual reported ongoing issues with a subject trying to contact her via social media and messaging her friends. The subject was warned for telephonic harassment and

advised on the restraining order process. The subject claimed others were making the fake accounts.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A 14-year-old called to report a friend was suicidal, with the friend describing problems with bullying and having suicidal thoughts. Officers spoke with the friend's father, who was aware and had her in counseling. The friend denied having a plan and has a scheduled therapy appointment.

Elude: A driver eluded officers after an attempted traffic stop for speeding. The pursuit was lost but restarted by another officer, and the driver was arrested. The investigation showed the driver crashed into a porch during the elude. The driver was charged with felony elude, driving under the influence, reckless driving, hit and run, criminal mischief, trespass, and driving while suspended (misdemeanor).

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Suspicious Activity: Report of people hanging out/having a party in a park. Due to a delayed response, officers only found a male and female talking on swings, who left without issue.

Suspicious Activity: An individual called to report that someone possibly trespassed, took something, and threw it out of a window. The suspected person is likely an individual with whom the caller has had recent domestic issues. Officers attempted to call the reporting individual multiple times but could not get an answer.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported a subject with a dog possibly sleeping behind apartments. Officers located a female who said she was waiting for her boyfriend. She was advised to wait somewhere else as she was on private property. Attempts to contact the property owner were unsuccessful.

Citizen Contact: An individual called regarding another person who was admitted to the hospital and was mentioning the prior scam incident. Officers confirmed the person had spoken with them, and the caller said the person's daughter would monitor her accounts.

Arrest: A subject was arrested and lodged at the county jail on a parole violation warrant.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a library regarding a disturbance. A subject who yelled and smashed a computer keyboard was cited and released criminal mischief and disorderly conduct and was trespassed from the library.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual on the phone with a subject called 911, believing the subject was suicidal after the subject said he was "done" and was heard opening a safe where he kept weapons. Officers spoke with the subject, who said his friend overreacted and he was not suicidal, only getting an item for a move.

Domestic Issue: A domestic/civil issue occurred when a 17-year-old was moving items, and her former boyfriend yelled and threw items outside, one of which hit the 17-year-old's mother. Two accompanying males approached the door, where another male inside displayed a weapon and told them not to enter. Officers retrieved some items for the 17-year-old and advised them to use the civil standby process

for more items.

Hit and Run: An individual reported damage to the front passenger side of their parked vehicle, believing someone kicked it as that side was against the curb. Video footage from the university was unavailable.

Suspicious Vehicle: A resident reported an unfamiliar SUV had been parked across from her house for about 30 minutes with a male inside appearing to be smoking, which made her uneasy. The vehicle left before officers arrived and was not located.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Arrest: Two subjects were contacted at a laundromat. One subject was taken into custody on a parole violation and a municipal warrant, and was lodged at the county jail.

Assist Other Agency: Officers assisted an outside police department with a death notification, contacting the deceased person's son and daughter-in-law and providing them with the other officer's contact information.

Suspicious Activity: An individual reported a woman panhandling outside of a market and another establishment. The market reported no problems, but another business confirmed having previous issues. The reporting individual was supposed to send a photo of the woman to officers.

Citizen Contact: An individual called to report children riding skateboards on the street on their way to a park. Officers attempted contact with the caller but were unsuccessful, and were unable to locate anyone at the park.

Theft: An individual reported a stolen electric bike that was later found by campus safety and returned to him.

Citizen Contact: An individual was locked out of his car. Officers unlocked the car and verified his identification.

Arrest: A subject was arrested and transported to the county jail on a warrant for seven counts of encouraging child sexual abuse.

Driving Complaint: A resident reported children riding dirt bikes on the street. He confronted a parent about it, who was verbally dismissive. Officers called the reporting individual, who did not answer, and was unable to locate anyone in the area.

Attempt to Locate: A caller reported a 3-year-old unsecured in a vehicle between the driver and passenger seats. Officers located the car and spoke with the homeowner, asking him to get the registered owner of the vehicle. The registered owner refused to speak with officers. They advised the homeowner to ensure his friend secures her children with a seatbelt.

Missing Person/Found Person: An individual reported her 6-year-old son with a disability had left the house while being watched. Officers were dispatched and simultaneously saw another call about a found child matching the description. Officers located the child and reunited him with his parents shortly after.

Sexual Offense: Officers from a facility called on behalf of a female who reported being sexually assaulted by a coworker at a park. The coworker allegedly forced her to perform oral sex in his car and gave her multiple marks on her chest and

shoulders. An initial report was taken, the female was transported for a forensic exam kit, her shirt was seized for evidence, and she was driven home.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

At 7:34 a.m., a resident on Parry Road reported she suspected a handyman she hired of stealing several items from her property over a period of time. Detectives are investigating.

At 8:01 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 110 mph in a 55-mph zone and received written warning for reckless driving and careless lane changes.

At 3:18 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for using a cell phone with both hands and using a knee to steer. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and using an electronic device while driving.

At 4:45 p.m., deputies assisted Dallas Police at a domestic disturbance report on Ellendale Avenue. They departed when no longer needed.

At 4:29 p.m., dogs found loose on Hopewell Road were transported and housed at the county fairgrounds shelter.

At 5:11 p.m., a resident stopped in the Sheriff's Office to report receiving a suspicious call about having a warrant for her arrest. A deputy explained these calls are fake and not new to PCSO. The deputy gave her and her partner advice on how to navigate fraudulent callers.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

At 2:45 a.m., deputies contacted a male subject on Bassett Street and informed him he was trespassing and needed to leave.

At 11:27 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was stopped for improper display of license plate and expired registration. The driver was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

At 11:54 a.m., the superintendent at Perrydale Schools reported he is investigating a rumor a student was talking in an inappropriate manner to a 12-year-old female on Instagram. He planned to talk to other students and will report back with his findings.

At 1:24 p.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle rear-end crash. One driver was taken by medics to Corvallis. Deputies assisted with gathering info for OSP until they were no longer needed.

At 3:05 p.m., a resident on Reuben Boise Road reported a FedEx Van pulled into her driveway and ran over her kid's bike, valued at \$300, and then drove away. She was unable to get a hold of anyone from FedEx. A deputy successfully contacted the company and got a reference number and a promise to call the resident back.

At 3:19 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a 5th wheel trailer broke down in the N bound lane at the intersection of Rickreall / Dallas Cutoff Road. A tow truck had been called and retrieved the truck, but could not retrieve the trailer. The involved were able to move the trailer mostly off of the roadway. The trailer was taped off as a

precaution due to its close proximity to the roadway.

At 3:19 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Corvallis Road. Medics were already on scene and evaluating the driver who had numerous signs of impairment. The driver Edward Merrill refused to consent to field sobriety tests. He was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant and a blood test was taken at West Valley Hospital. He was taken to Polk County Jail and charged with DUII and reckless driving.

At 5:22 p.m., deputies assisted Monmouth Police on a high risk and detain call on a potentially armed emotionally disturbed subject on Gwinn Street. A male subject was taken to Salem Hospital on a police officer hold after taking sleeping pills and drinking alcohol with a gun next to him.

At 6:26 p.m., a deputy contacted two subjects on the railroad tracks off Orrs Corner Road. The deputy informed them they were trespassing and needed to stay off the tracks. They obliged and advised they were just taking pictures/videos of nature.

At 8:21 p.m., deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on Brush College Road. The driver, Oden Ra, was uninjured after rolling her Jeep into a ditch. However, she exhibited signs of impairment and failed a field sobriety test. She was arrested, blood samples were taken at West Valley Hospital, and she was lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

At 12:57 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph-zone and for driving uninsured.

At 6:44 a.m., deputies responded to a crash alert on Coville Road. They observed the driver attempting to drive his vehicle out of a field. He performed poorly on a field sobriety test. After being arrested, he refused to take a breathalyzer test at Polk County Jail. A warrant was obtained and blood was drawn. The subject registered a BAC of .14%. He was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, reckless driving and reckless endangering.

At 9:28 a.m., a deputy investigated a driving complaint of a vehicle that was failing to maintain a lane on Ellendale Avenue, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

At 10:28 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a suspicious person near the Pedee store reportedly looking through the windows of vehicles and businesses. They found a male subject laying in a field near Maple Grove Road/ South Kings Valley Highway. He was warned for trespassing and continued North on Kings Valley Highway toward Dallas, where he claimed to be from.

At 11:34 a.m., deputies responded to a crash with injuries on Perrydale Road. Upon arrival, medics were extracting the driver and passenger from the vehicle. The vehicle appeared to be travelling north on Perrydale and left the east side of the roadway and drove 10-feet down into the ditch/embankment. The driver said there were at least two more cats inside the

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car, one cat was already inside a carrier. The driver was transported to West Valley Hospital. A deputy searched but was unable to locate the cats.

At 1:47 p.m., a deputy contacted a witness for theft at the Dallas Pawn shop. The deputy took pictures of the stolen ring and provided the pawn shop with a USB drive to obtain the video of the suspect selling the ring.

At 5:26 p.m., deputies investigated a report of two subjects riding 4-wheelers and dirt bikes on the streets of Falls City, but were unable to locate the riders.

At 5:14 p.m., a resident on Pine Street in Falls City reported two packages were stolen from her front porch. One was a Mary Kay restock worth roughly \$204 and the other was toilet paper from Walmart.

At 8:53 p.m., a deputy investigated a vehicle that was pulled over on the side of Corvallis Road. The deputy observed "Help" on the back glass. The deputy contacted the driver who stated they were just watching the sun set.

At 8:57 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

At 3:17 a.m., deputies assisted Dallas Police at a domestic disturbance call on Ellendale Avenue. They located suspected methamphetamines in open view. Jesus Gonzalez was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

At 4:28 a.m., deputies covered Dallas Police during a burglary in progress report on Walnut Avenue. The first apartment was vacant and cleared. The second apartment was secure.

At 8:49 a.m., a deputy covered a tribal officer on a traffic stop where the driver was arrested for and charged with DUII and the passenger was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. The deputy transported the passenger to Polk County Jail.

At 3:17 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Road was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and for driving uninsured.

At 4:25 p.m., a deputy responded to a vehicle broken down in the turn lane on Highway 22. The driver coordinated with the driver to steer and pushed it off the road into the paved apron in the intersection.

At 5:07 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:35 p.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle

for trespass at a location on Highway 22. Both driver and passenger gave the deputy false names. Eventually deputies learned their identities. The driver was cited for giving false information, driving while suspended - violation, and for driving with no insurance. The passenger, Daniel Felton, was arrested on an outstanding felony parole violation warrant, and was also charged with giving false information and failure to report as a sex offender. He was transported and lodged at Polk County Jail.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

At 12:56 a.m., deputies responded to an anonymous report of a prom after-party off Fishback Road. When they arrived, deputies spotted many juveniles scattering into the distance. One juvenile stayed behind and admitted he was the party host and had consumed alcohol. He was cited for minor in possession. Deputies had him call the property owner (his grandfather). While they waited for him to arrive, deputies found 5 or 6 more juveniles hiding in an RV. They did not appear to be visibly intoxicated. They each contacted their parents, informed them where they were and their plan to get home safely. The grandfather arrived and dumped out the remaining alcohol

on scene.

At 12:07 p.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and for driving uninsured.

At 12:48 p.m., a resident on Hannah Road reported a German Shepherd was dumped off and abandoned. She did not see a car, only dust. A deputy responded to the area but did not see any dogs. However, the deputy did locate a cow that escaped and was in the road. The cow jumped the fence and was able to get back home.

At 1:31 p.m., a motorist reported hitting a deer on Doaks Ferry Road and was needing it dispatched. He waited on scene to show the deputy where it was; however, when the deputy arrived, the deer was gone.

At 5:10 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 6:47 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Road was stopped for no rear license plate. The driver was cited for no insurance.

At 7:24 p.m., a motorcyclist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 21-30-plus mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

At 9:04 p.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

MONDAY, MAY 4

At 12:23 a.m., deputies covered Independence

Police while they searched a park off Deann Drive for a wanted suspect. They located and arrested the subject on an outstanding warrant.

At 1:02 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving with a permit while violating the restrictions.

At 7:53 a.m., a motorist on Livermore Road was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 1:37 p.m., a motorist on 3rd Avenue in Stayton was cited for failure to perform duties of a driver for an incident in Polk County.

At 3:15 p.m., a resident turned in an ID card found at the car wash in Dallas. It was placed in lost and found.

At 5:03 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a two vehicle rollover crash over embankment on Pacific Highway, with injuries. Deputies assisted fire personnel while they extricated one of the drivers. Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation.

At 6:33 p.m., a deputy observed a vehicle pass unsafely and observed the same vehicle at a high rate of speed. The deputy stopped the vehicle and ultimately arrested the driver, who was charged with reckless driving and two counts of reckless endangering another

person.

At 9:28 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Wallace Road for expired registration. The driver was cited for no insurance and no valid operator's license.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

At 12:15 a.m., a motorist on Dallas Highway was stopped for impeding traffic and failure to maintain a lane. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 1:05 a.m., a male subject was arrested on Pioneer Road on an outstanding felony parole violation warrant. He was transported to Polk County Jail where he was booked and lodged.

At 3:15 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 100+ mph on the highway into Salem. The driver, Alberto Vazquez, immediately showed signs of impairment. He failed a field sobriety test and was taken into custody for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. Once at the jail he provided a BAC of .14%.

At 7:42 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was stopped for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 8:09 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Highway 99 for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance. The car was towed.

SOFTBALL

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After graduating high school, Jackson played at Portland State University before serving as a graduate assistant there and at the University of Texas-EI Paso.

She eventually returned to Oregon, joined the Dallas coaching staff as an assistant, and took over the program in 2016. Campos, who retired as the winningest softball coach in Roseburg High School history, is one of her assistants.

"I grew up around softball," Jackson said. "It was always a big part of my life."

Jackson's legacy of success is alive and well. As of May 10, Dallas was 10-0 in conference, 14-4 overall and ranked second

in the state. The Dragons also held a 2 1/2-game lead over second-place West Albany with four games left in the regular season.

Though rosters change, expectations do not.

"I think every group leaves a different footprint for the kids coming in," Jackson said. "We've been able to continue building year after year."

Team chemistry remains one of Dallas' biggest and most consistent strengths.

"The chemistry they have right now is really special," Jackson said.

Jackson's consistency as a coach also stands out.

"Reaching 200 wins in just 10 seasons is a remarkable accomplishment and speaks to coach Brandi Jackson's consistency and excellence," said athletic director Ron Snively via email.

"Achieving a 20-win season in a 26-game schedule is something very few coaches accomplish."

The program has been built through discipline, relationships and high expectations.

"Coach Jackson runs a varsity program with collegiate-level standards," he added. "At the same time, every player knows how much she genuinely cares about them. That balance brings out the best in them."

Dallas benefits from competing in one of Oregon's toughest softball conferences. A lack of easy games prepares the girls for the rigors of a deep playoff run.

Jackson said they can't take anybody lightly in this conference.

"Anything can happen on any given day," she said.

Despite averaging more than 20 wins per season, Jackson remains focused on the process rather than the next milestone. Instead, her approach centers on "one pitch, one inning, one game at a time."

"We tell our players the hard work and effort they put in will take care of the wins," she said.

Becoming a mother shaped Jackson's perspective as a coach.

"I'm more patient," she said.

More than wins, she values relationships formed through the program.

"It's been really rewarding watching these young ladies grow up," Jackson said. "Getting invited to

weddings and watching them become moms themselves — that's been a blessing."

Snively said such ties define Jackson's success.

"She may say the milestone doesn't mean a whole lot to her," he said. "But it reflects the mark she leaves on her athletes every year, and that's what she cares deeply about."

PLAYOFF

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West Albany today (May 13) and Silverton in the regular-season finale on May 20. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

In their previous meeting with West Albany, Central dropped a 6-5 decision in what was one of its strongest performances of the season.

"Against West Albany we showed that we could compete and play good softball against a very strong opponent," Seidel said. "This time around we will need to be very disciplined at the plate and be ready to take our shots when they are presented."

A strong finish could still propel the Panthers into the playoffs.

"We make the playoffs by playing our best softball at the right time of the season," Seidel said. "We need to approach each game as if it is a playoff game that we need to win to advance."

Tawney Snair led Central at the plate this week, going 5 for 9 with

a couple of RBIs. Emery Lushenko added three hits in her seven at-bats,

while Sophia Beasley and Kayden Pairan each hit a home run.



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