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SW Polk Fire District plans immediate staffing cuts after levy failure

By DAVID HAYES
 I/O Editor

Voters within the SW Polk Fire District have voted down a second attempt to supplement operations funding as of the latest county May 20 by the Polk County Elections Office.

The district was trying to pass a proposed five-year \$1.37 tax per \$1,000 of assessed home value. Of the 2,836 votes counted, 1,634 no votes were cast, too much for the yes votes of 1,202 to overcome in subsequent additional tallies.

As a result SW Polk Fire District officials acknowledged in a press release they will need to take action by June

30, which includes the elimination of six staffing positions and leaving the Bridgeport Fire Station unmanned. They explained the measure would have maintained current emergency response staffing levels, ambulance transport reliability, firefighter wellness initiatives, and operational sustainability for the district's growing service demands.

"District leadership recognizes that voters are sending a clear message that many residents are unable to absorb additional financial burdens," SW Polk leadership wrote.

"The district also acknowledges

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SW Polk Fire's Bridgeport Fire Station will be unmanned starting June 30 due to voters saying no to the district's operations levy May 19.



PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

Monmouth Elementary School P.E. teacher Amber McLean (far left) leads a group of second graders back from a neighborhood ride as part of the ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program on May 21. A student is all smiles (below) as he and his classmates head out from the playground to the neighborhood streets.

Elementary students learn the bicycle rules of the road



By DAVID HAYES
 I/O Editor

The backstreets of Monmouth were inundated last week with a gang of lowriders touring the neighborhoods.

It was a wide loop in the streets around Monmouth Elementary School and the riders were actually on beginner sized bicycles with many students learning to pedal on their own for the first time.

They were participating in the school's pilot program Safe Routes to School, sponsored by ODOT and led by P.E. teacher Amber McLean. "They provide the fleet of bikes and the helmets and all the equipment to go with the teaching of safety," McLean said.

She said the school has hosted one-day events in the past. But this is the first time a program has included kindergarten

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County commissioner races only partially resolved

By DAVID HAYES
 I/O Editor

With two races for Polk County Commissioner seats, after the initial vote count May 19, only one candidate garnered enough to be declared the outright winner while the other race was only partially resolved.

In the contest for Position 2 to replace a retiring Craig Pope, John Swanson was the clear winner over Roxanne Beltz. Out of 21,356 total votes cast, Swanson received 60 percent of the tally at 12,996.

In the four-way race

for Position 3, incumbent Jeremy Gordon received the most votes at 9,464. However, his 45 percent fell short of the 50 percent plus one needed to be declared the outright winner. He will face in the November general election the other top-two finisher, which is still too close to call. County treasurer Steve Milligan leads with 3,983 votes, with West Salem businessman close behind at 3,759 and Dallas City Councilor Carlos Barrientos in fourth at 3,300.

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County courthouse to implement security screening station

I-O STAFF REPORT

Beginning June 1, the Polk County Courthouse will now channel visitors through security screening before entering.

The new security measures are the result of a collaborative effort by the court, the Oregon Judicial Department Marshal's Office, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, and county commissioners to improve safety and limit the presence of weapons in the courthouse. The improved security measures will be funded for one year through a grant from the Oregon Judicial Department.

"The courthouse should be a safe place where disputes are

resolved calmly and fairly in accordance with the rule of law," Judge Norman Hill, presiding judge of the Polk County Circuit Court, said in a press release. "Making sure people are safe from violence is an essential step in that process."

Polk County is one of the few remaining courthouses in Oregon without security screening. Officials said this "important security upgrade dramatically improves safety for Polk County residents accessing the courthouse for jury duty, court appearances, and county business."

A vulnerability assessment conducted

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SW Polk Fire District receives improved ISO rating

By SW POLK FIRE DISTRICT

The SW Polk Fire District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification rating will improve from a Class 5/10 to a Class 4/10 effective Sept. 1. This improvement reflects the dedication, training, operational readiness, and service capabilities provided by district personnel and resources made possible through the voter-approved 2022 levy.

District officials explained that an improved ISO rating is significant for property owners within the district because it is commonly used by insurance companies when calculating property insurance premiums. In many cases, a lower ISO classification can result in reduced insurance costs for homeowners and businesses located within the district's response area.

Fire Chief Fred Hertel said this improved rating is a direct reflection of

the hard work and commitment of our firefighters, staff, and community investment in fire protection services.

"The previous levy allowed the district to make meaningful improvements to emergency response capabilities and operational readiness, which played a major role in achieving this better classification for our community," Hertel said.

However, district leadership cautions that maintaining this improved

classification depends heavily on sustaining operational staffing levels and response capabilities.

Due to the voters disapproving a new operations levy May 19, SW Polk Fire District is preparing for staffing reductions, longer emergency response times, and the unstaffing of the Bridgeport Fire Station effective June 30. These reductions come at a time when the district is entering increasingly demanding wildfire seasons and continuing to

experience growing service expectations.

The district also warns that reductions in staffing and service levels may negatively impact future ISO evaluations and could ultimately result in the reversal of the improved rating if emergency response capabilities decline below current standards.

"ISO ratings are built on measurable emergency service capabilities," Hertel said. "When staffing decreases, stations become unstaffed, and

response times increase, those changes can affect the level of fire protection available to the community. Maintaining this improved rating will require maintaining the resources that helped us achieve it."

He added that the SW Polk Fire District remains committed to providing the highest level of emergency services possible while responsibly managing taxpayer resources and adapting to the financial realities facing the district.

APRIL RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

Editor's Note: Polk County Health Department conducts a bi-annual, unannounced inspection of licensed restaurants. The establishments receive an overall grade on food temperatures, food preparation practices, worker hygiene, dish washing and sanitizing and equipment and facility cleanliness. The restaurants are scored on a 100-point scale. They receive a 5-point deduction for priority violation and a 3-point deduction for priority foundation violations. Deductions are doubled if recorded on consecutive inspections. Restaurants are compliant if they receive a score of 70 or higher. They must be reinspected within 30 days if they receive a score below 70 or face closure or other administrative action. Restaurants display a placard by the entrance that indicates passing or failing their most recent inspection.

COURTHOUSE CLUB FITNESS COFFEEBAR

300 Glen Creek Rd. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 30
Score: 100

DORM FOOD-WOU

345 N Monmouth Ave., Monmouth
Inspection Date: April 28
Score: 100

COFFEE SHOP - WOU

400 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth
Inspection Date: April 28
Score: 100

THE SUMMIT

400 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth
Inspection Date: April 28
Score: 100

THE BOONDOCKS

318 N. Main St., Falls City
Inspection Date: April 24
Score: 100

EDDY'S PHILLYS #1

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 100

GYROPOULOS

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 94 - Incorrect methods are used to cool potentially hazardous foods, specifically gallon bags of cooked chicken are cooling in the fridge. Meat in bags is between 77-90F. Operator states meat was cooked three hours prior.

DING HOW CHINESE FOOD

1233 Riverbend Road NW, Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 100

K-DOG

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 97 - Ready-to-eat food is not properly date-marked, specifically sliced tomatoes without date marks have some mold

accumulation. Cooked potatoes are not date marked.

TIN ROOF BISTRO BY STREET SWEETS

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 100

PIZZA & SPUDS

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 95 - Medicines are improperly stored or labeled, specifically two bottles of prescription medications are stored above the food prep counter.

GET SOME ALOHA, LLC

1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 23
Score: 97 - A handwashing sink is not accessible for employee use at all times, is used for purposes other than handwashing or is not operated properly, specifically a large garbage can is blocking the handwashing sink.

WASHINGTON ST. CATERING KITCHEN

125 SW Washington St., Dallas
Inspection Date: April 22
Score: 100

WASHINGTON ST. STEAKHOUSE & PUB

141 SW Washington St., Dallas
Inspection Date: April 22
Score: 97 - Soap is not provided at a handwashing sink, specifically men's restroom hand soap dispenser is not working.

NORTHWEST SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES

817 Church St., Dallas
Inspection Date: April 22
Score: 100

GALAXY WON

780 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: April 22
Score: 100

IXTAPA DALLAS INC.

1320 SW Fairview Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: April 21
Score: 100

ANNETTE'S

1311 Edgewater St. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: April 21
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically raw chicken, fried chicken and raw ground beef are stored above hash browns in the walk-in fridge.

EAT AT JOE'S LLC

240 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: April 17
Score: 100

ALOHA AMIGOS

240 Monmouth St Independence
Inspection Date: April 17
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically a container of raw eggs above mac salad in the reach-in fridge.

NEW YORK SQUARES

240 Monmouth St Independence
Inspection Date: April 17
Score: 87
Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically a small glass reach-in fridge by the pizza prep station is holding parmesan at 49F. Operator states the unit was stocked within the last 4 hours.

Poisonous or toxic materials are not properly separated or located, specifically a nicotine device sitting on pizza prep surface.

Toilet tissue is not provided at each toilet, specifically no toilet tissue in restroom.

DANDY BURGERS

888 SE Monmouth Cutoff Road, Dallas
Inspection Date: April 16
Score: 90
Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically a container of raw eggs is stored over corn dogs in the reach-in fridge by the fryer.

Medicines are improperly stored or labeled, specifically an unlabeled to-go sauce cup containing white pills are stored next to cans of food on shelves above three-compartment sink.

FIGARO'S PIZZA INDEPENDENCE

1321 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: April 15
Score: 100

SAN ANTONIO

1311 Monmouth St Independence
Inspection Date: April 15
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically raw egg shells are stored above tortillas and chips.

LOS DOS AMIGOS

1349 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: April 15
Score: 100

B'S BUZZ

11065 W. Perrydale Road Loop, Amity
Inspection Date: April 15
Score: 100

MENDI'S PIZZA PARLOR

1695 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: April 1
Score: 95 - Food employees are not washing their hands as often as necessary, specifically: handwashing sink in kitchen is turned off. operator says it has been off since 10 a.m. (5 1/2 hours). An operator is observed touching the garbage can and replacing gloves to resume working with food without washing hands.

SONNY'S COFFEE AND PLANTS

1282 Main St. E. Monmouth
Inspection Date: April 1
Score: 100

TACO BELL

1537 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Independence
Inspection Date: April 1
Score: 100

Independence State Airport receives federal investment

Independence State Airport is one of eight Oregon airports receiving a combined federal investment of nearly \$19 million to improve their infrastructure.

Independence State Airport is receiving \$144,000 to install a precision approach path indicator system for a runway. The awards totaling nearly \$19 million from the federal Department of Transportation for the Oregon airports are also going to:

\$13,192,585 for Portland International Airport (PDX) to rehabilitate 9,830 feet of existing paved runway, reconstruct 200 feet of existing paved connector taxiways, construct a new 200-foot connector taxiway, and rehabilitation 1,425 feet of the existing asphalt taxiway.

\$4,455,343 for Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport to

rehabilitate 20,700 square yards of existing apron pavement and reconstruct 7,100 square yards of the existing apron pavement.

\$552,506 for Troutdale Airport to reseal 13,000 feet of existing taxiways and joints.

\$150,000 for Tillamook Airport for construction of a new fuel farm by adding two fuel tanks and two self-service pumps and associated apron pavement for a new fuel type.

\$150,000 for Crater Lake-Klamath Regional Airport to support rehabilitating 9,888 square yards of existing apron pavement.

\$115,600 for Grant County Regional Airport to construct a new helipad.

\$102,769 for Madras Municipal Airport to replace the existing Automated Weather Observing System.

Former Dallas man sentenced for attempted murder

A former Dallas man was sentenced May 19 for attempted murder of a Salem woman.

Daniel Ray Myers, 63, has been sentenced to serve 10 years, 10 months in prison for stabbing and assaulting a Salem woman multiple times in February of 2026. Myers, originally of Dallas, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, after pleading guilty to attempted murder and first degree assault. He will also be required to serve a 36-month term of post-prison supervision upon his release. Myers has prior convictions for murder, unlawful possession of weapons and supplying contraband.

Myers will not be eligible for any early release or other program that would result in a reduction of his sentence. Myers initially fled to California where he was apprehended through a coordinated law enforcement operation and extradited back to Oregon.

The case was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen. In a press release, the DA's Office commended the victim "for her resilience throughout the case, in particular her strong statement at sentencing. We also recognize the thorough investigations of the Salem Police Department and California Highway Patrol."

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WOU hosts Focus On Book Arts Conference

Western Oregon University hosts the 16th biennial Focus on Book Arts (FOBA) Conference June 24-28. Registration for the five-day event is open now through May 29.

The FOBA 2026 Conference offers a comprehensive lineup of workshops tailored to both beginning and advanced book artists. Renowned, professional instructors will lead intensive classes in book-binding, printing, decorative papers, papermaking and book art.

This year's conference programming revolves around the theme re:book.

"This theme serves as an invitation to reflect on the importance of books, both as physical objects and as vessels for stories, knowledge, and connection," the FOBA Organizing Committee said in a press release. "It is an encouragement to re:visit, re:imagine, and re:engage with the idea of books in our ever-evolving world, with an emphasis on practices that are sustainable, green, renewable and enduring."

Over the five days, participants can choose from a huge variety of specialized, hands-on classes. Some workshop highlights for 2026 include:

- Bookbinding & Structures: Japanese Stab Binding, Link Stitch/Ethiopian Board Attachment, Envelope Bindings, and Creating Longstitch Leather Journals.
- Paper Crafting

& Engineering: Fundamentals of Paper Weaving, Paper Engineering Boot Camp, and Explorations in Hand Papermaking.

- Decorative Techniques: Intro to Paper Marbling, Indigo Dyeing (Fabric and Paper), Solar Plate Etching, and Decorating with a Heat Foil Pen.
- Text & Imagery: Altered Pages and Blackout Poems, Creative Writing for Book Artists, and Ekphrastic Postcards in a Blizzard (Book).

A complete list of classes and detailed workshop information can be found online at <https://focusonbookarts.org/foba-2026-catalog>.

FOBA regularly attracts more than 200 international book and paper artists, creating a vibrant community hub. In

addition to the paid educational workshops, the Conference will host several evening events and activities that are free and open to the local community, including:

- A dedicated Trade Show
- An Artists' Fair
- A Faculty/Staff Exhibition
- A Challenge Book Exhibition

This year's Conference will honor the memory of the late Patty Grass, a foundational figure who planted the roots of the Pacific Northwest book arts community. For nearly four decades, Grass taught, shared, and created, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to inspire the region's artists.

For more information regarding housing, Conference activities, or to view the online catalog and register, go to www.FocusOnBookArts.org.

Rotary collects 1,500 pounds of food for Dallas Pantry

By EILEEN DICICCO

Dallas Food Bank received nearly 1,500 pounds of food from the recent Rotary Epic Day of Service Community Food Drive. Twenty-eight volunteers from Dallas Rotary and Dallas Food Bank collected food donations outside Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Walmart and the Les Schwab Tire Center on Saturday, May 16.

"Dallas Food Bank is so grateful to our community for this generous donation

of much-needed food that will go to local families," said food bank representative and Dallas Rotarian Eddie Nelson.

The food bank is averaging 500 visits a month so far this year. One-third of food recipients are children, more than 10% are over 65 years old, and 16% are disabled individuals. The donated food supply is not keeping pace with the need for food, so the food bank is purchasing more food than ever so families have nutritious foods from which to

choose.

Monetary donations may be made directly to Dallas Food Bank, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit that has served the greater Dallas community since 1983. Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.dallasfoodbank.com or by check mailed to 322 Main St., Ste. 180, Dallas, OR 97338

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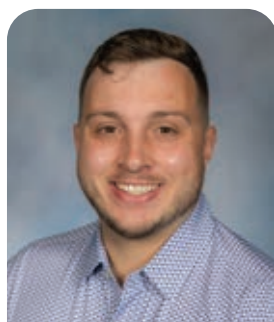
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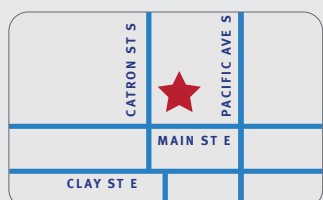
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AccuWeather wildfire Forecast 2026: Fires likely to burn over 5.5 million acres as drought intensifies

BRIAN LADA
AccuWeather Meteorologist

The United States faces a growing wildfire threat in the coming months, with fires in 2026 forecast to burn between 5.5 and 8 million acres across the country.

Wildfire danger is expected to increase across much of the western United States in the coming months, while other parts of the country could face periods of heightened risk amid worsening drought and summer heat.

2026 fire forecast: Wildfires to burn more acres than last year. AccuWeather predicts 65,000 to 80,000 wildfires will ignite across the U.S. in 2026, compared to 77,850 fires reported in 2025 and the historical average of 68,707. The forecast calls for 5.5 million to 8 million acres burned this year, above the 5,131,474 acres burned in 2025 and in line with the historical average of 7,000,514.

With fewer fires but more acres burned predicted, it means that the wildfires that do occur could become large, scorching extensive areas before being contained or extinguished.

The fires can have far-reaching effects as winds carry smoke across the continent. When winds align with larger blazes, smoke can create a hazy sky and reduce air quality in areas hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

A smoky sky can also reduce temperatures by

a few degrees compared to smoke-free conditions, even if the smoke is high up in the atmosphere.

California: Risk builds through summer

California is expected to see fire danger increase as the summer progresses, especially in interior and lower-elevation areas where grasses dry out and become more flammable.

“The spring season brought record-breaking heat to California early, which has rapidly melted off a meager snowpack from the winter season,” AccuWeather Meteorologist Brandon Buckingham said. The effects of the heat may contribute to fires in the foothills and agricultural areas during late May and early June.

The heat wave was followed by a few late-season storms, not enough to erase drought concerns or wildfire concerns, but enough to cause an uptick in vegetation heading into the summer. As this spurt of growth dries out, it can contribute to more fuel for potential fires.

Buckingham warned that residents in some coastal areas could also see fire risk rise sooner than usual because very warm Pacific water may limit the marine layer.

The fire risk is expected to become more widespread later in the summer, though the peak may hold off until autumn when wind events become more common.

Southwest, Rockies, Great Basin and Northwest: The core of the summer threat

The broadest and most persistent wildfire risk is expected from Arizona and New Mexico into Utah, Nevada, Idaho, western Montana and parts of the Northwest. Drought, above-average temperatures and below-average snowpack will set the stage for a growing fire danger as the

summer progresses.

The annual monsoon serves as a double-edged sword, as moisture helps to suppress fire activity, but lightning strikes may ignite new wildfires where the ground is dry.

“With above-average tropical activity expected in the Eastern Pacific Basin, there can be additional chances for appreciable rain aside from the typical monsoon activity that can aid in reducing the risk later in the summer season,” Buckingham said.

Farther north, the Northwest wildfire season may start near normal before the risk expands in July and August as fuels dry out, mountain snow completely melts and lightning from dry thunderstorms sparks fires.

Other areas: Plains stay active, East stays quieter

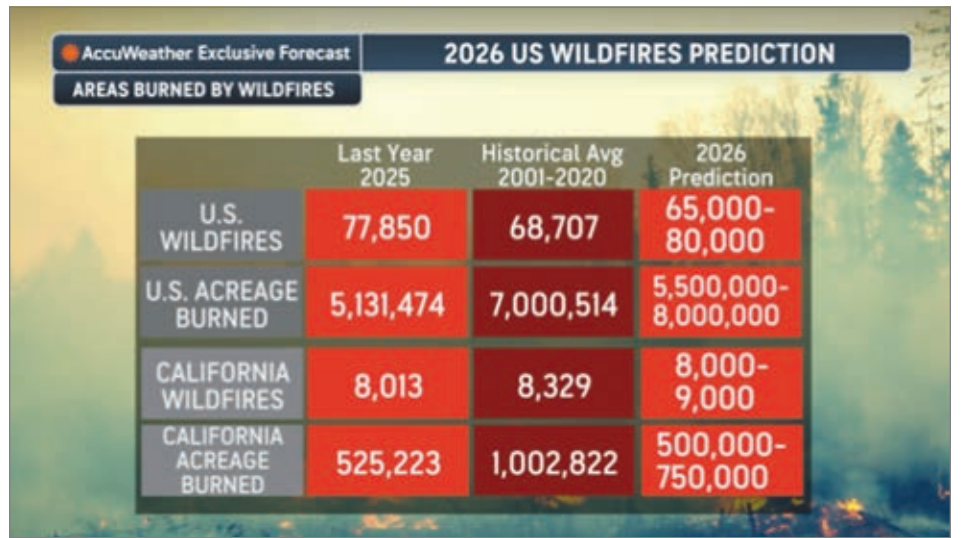
Across the Plains, wildfire danger is likely to remain highest in western areas, including parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and eastern Colorado, especially during stretches of strong wind and low humidity. Farther east, more summer storms and higher humidity should keep the risk from becoming as widespread.

“Early in the summer, portions of Florida and the Southeast may still experience some wildfire risk, particularly where drought conditions linger,” Buckingham said. “However, as seasonal thunderstorm activity increases and tropical moisture becomes more prevalent, wildfire risk is expected to decrease.”

The Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Northeast are expected to have relatively low wildfire activity this summer due to frequent rainfall, higher humidity and fully developed vegetation. The parts of the region facing the highest fire risk are the Shenandoah



Lightning strikes a charred landscape, that burned in a major wildfire, during a monsoon thunderstorm on August 18, 2021, near Payson, Arizona. (David McNew / Getty Images)



Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Any fires could likely be tied to dry and windy conditions.

The Midwest and Northeast are expected to have relatively low wildfire activity this summer due to frequent rainfall, higher humidity and fully

developed vegetation. Any fires there would likely be brief and tied to short stretches of dry and windy weather. “Early on in the season, the mid-Atlantic along and west of the Blue Ridge will have a moderate fire risk before the fuels become

wet enough to lower the chances,” AccuWeather Meteorologist Chad Merrill said.

Bottom line:

•AccuWeather forecasts 65,000 to 80,000 fires and 5.5 million to 8 million acres burned across the U.S. in 2026.

•The highest summer wildfire risk will focus on the western U.S., especially the Southwest, Great Basin, Rockies and Northwest.

•California’s fire danger will build through summer, with broader risk later in the season.

•The Plains can still see dangerous fire weather, especially in western areas.

•Smoke could affect air quality far from active fires, even in places with relatively low wildfire risk.

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YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Surviving this summer's heat waves

"When the heat comes, it's invisible...It just surrounds you and works on you in ways you can't anticipate or control. You sweat. Your heart races. You're thirsty. Your vision blurs..." – Jeff Goodell, *Climate Journalist*

By PHILIP S. WENZ

"The Heat Will Kill You First," climate journalist Jeff Goodell's best-selling 2023 book about the most dangerous aspects of climate change, opens by describing the heat wave that scorched the Pacific Northwest in the summer of 2021. Despite timely warnings from the weather service and frantic preparations by public safety agencies and the public, no one was really prepared for what happened.

"...everyone knew the heat wave was coming," Goodell writes, "but no one thought it would be a searing, ghostly force that would melt asphalt and kill loved ones..."

When a massive surge of heat released from the northern Pacific was trapped under a regional high-pressure system (AKA heat dome), temperatures in downtown Portland jumped from 76 to 116°F. When British Columbia's thermometers reached 121.3°F, the tiny town of Lytton literally burst into flames that destroyed 90% of its buildings and forced the entire population to evacuate immediately. The intense heat caused propane tanks to explode, and killed two residents.

Officially, the three-day heat wave killed 1,000 people — mostly older adults, those with medical conditions, and the unhoused. The real death toll was probably higher, and, as Goodell writes, "As heat waves become more intense and more common, they will become more democratic."

Can we anticipate similar events this summer?

We can't know, but what we do know is that this is likely to be one of the hottest summers ever. As I discussed in my last column, "Sumer 2026 — hot, dry and dangerous," available on this newspaper's website, a combination of accumulated global heating and a coming "super" El Niño will probably generate extreme temperatures along the entire West Coast. Whether this translates into extended heat waves or only single days of deadly heat, or both, is unpredictable. What is clear is the danger and the need to protect ourselves and one another.

How can you do that?

First, heed weather predictions to give yourself time to prepare.

(Temperatures over 90°F can be dangerous — especially if they persist for several days.) If your home is not air-conditioned, this might be a good time to buy a window unit capable of

cooling at least one room. If you can't afford that, get a couple of good fans. Stock up on ice. Keep as much as you can in your freezer, and store an ice-filled picnic cooler in a shaded place. Ice can't cool your home, but it can cool your body, as we'll see below.

Second, don't do anything foolish. Don't go jogging, walk your dog, or garden on hot afternoons. If you must go outdoors, take short trips to air-conditioned stores or houses and return home quickly. If you have a long commute to work, consider staying home on the hottest days. To risk getting trapped on the roadside due to engine failure or melted asphalt is to risk death.

Third, hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Drink plenty of water, and make sure your loved ones and pets stay hydrated. Take water wherever you go.

But how can you survive a double threat such

as a power outage during a heat wave? Suddenly, your air conditioning stops working, and your home heats up. During the 2021 Pacific Northwest heat event, people died in their overheated homes.

To evaluate the danger, you need to be aware of the relative humidity. Our bodies cool by sweating. But as the humidity climbs, our sweat evaporates more slowly, or not at all, and we can't cool ourselves — so hot, humid days are dangerous.

How hot and humid? A few hours of exposure to 100% humidity (foggy conditions) at 88°F can kill young, healthy adults. Humidity and temperature combinations as low as 50% humidity and 77°F endanger vulnerable people such as those with COPD and children with asthma. Everyone has some level of vulnerability, and since it is hard to determine your exact position on the spectrum — or know the precise relative

humidity in your locale — you should err on the side of caution, and "cool off" as soon as you start to feel uncomfortably warm.

How? The best way is immersion in a bathtub of cold water. (Get in the tub and fill it slowly to avoid shock. If there is no tub or running water available, you can place icepacks in the armpits and groin areas.) When assisting someone else, monitor the victim's temperature with a household thermometer, and if it continues to climb, get them to an emergency room. If you're the one overheating, call 911 immediately.

Don't take chances with dangerously hot weather. Do prepare for it and, when it comes, act with appropriate urgency. Your life, or that of someone you love, could depend on it.

Philip S. Wenz studies environmental trends and developments. Visit his blog at Firebird Journal (firebirdjournal.com).

Investigating the Bible: A Mother's Love

By DAVID CARLSON

Pastor

A newspaper ran a story titled, "Mother Couldn't Swim, But Does and Saves Daughter." In Connecticut, a woman's 2-year-old daughter had wandered toward a dangerous river. At the river's edge, the mother saw her child floating face down, about 30 yards offshore. Although she had never swam, she plunged in, somehow stroked her way to the child, and struggled back to the bank, where the child was revived.

A mother's love is profound and self-sacrificial, valuing the life of her children more than her own. In the Bible, there was a mother who so deeply loved her son, that

he became a king and the wisest man of the ancient world. However, her story has a tragic beginning.

"It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful." (2 Samuel 11:2, English Standard Version used throughout).

He learned the woman was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, who was away with troops battling an enemy. Even knowing this David summoned her, slept with her, and she became pregnant. David attempted to conceal his sin by bringing Uriah back from battle so he could be with his wife.

However, Uriah honored his fighting men and didn't stay in his home. David arranged to have Uriah killed; his men abandoned him in the heat of a battle. Bathsheba gave birth to their child, but God took the life of the child after seven days of sickness. God forgave David, and he and Bathsheba had another child, named Solomon.

Some have blamed Bathsheba for bathing in view of the king. There's no indication that she intentionally enticed the king. She was a young woman, a powerless subject of the much older king. She paid a terrible price for her mistake, the death of her first-born son.

Bathsheba is mentioned once more by name in the

Bible and reveals her love for Solomon: Bathsheba went to the king in his bedroom chamber when king David was very old. She interceded for her son, reminding the king of his promise to make her son Solomon the next king. Another son had claimed that he would be the next king. David listened. "... saying 'Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place', even so will I do this day.'" (1 Kings 1:30).

Solomon became king and remembered his mother's love, writing that as a young child, he was "... the only one in the sight of my mother." (Proverbs 4:3).

Knowing a mother's love enabled him to settle

the dispute between two women; both claimed to be an infant's mother. The king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other." (1 Kings 3:25).

He knew the true mother would not let her child die. The real mother quickly protested: "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death." (1 Kings 3:26).

Casey Hawley was on a flight out of Orlando, and immediately after takeoff, the airplane started lurching wildly to one side. The captain announced that hydraulics on the nose wheel weren't working and the landing gear may not lock. Passengers panicked. At that time, there was a well-known news

story of an airplane crash. A mother on that plane had protected her child with her body, dying in the process. The story reported that her young child was plagued with "survivor's guilt. Ms. Hawley heard a woman's calm voice.

A young mother stared full into the face of her 4 year-old-daughter, saying, "Sometimes things happen that are not our fault. You are still a good girl and my love will always be with you."

Their plane landed safely. A mother showed courage, wisdom and love.

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



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What summer blockbuster movie are you most looking forward to attending?
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 The Odyssey - 14.3%
 Spiderman: Brand New Day - 42.9%

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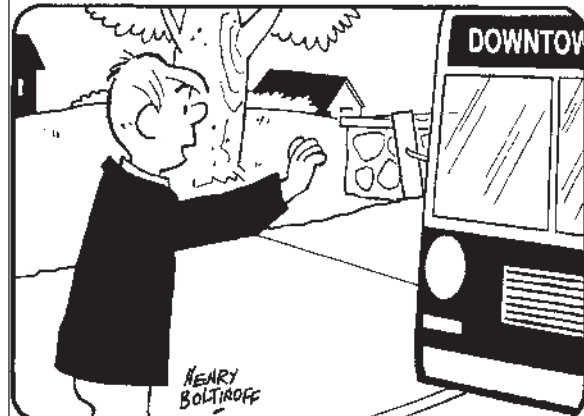


Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: TO EXPAND WITH AIR

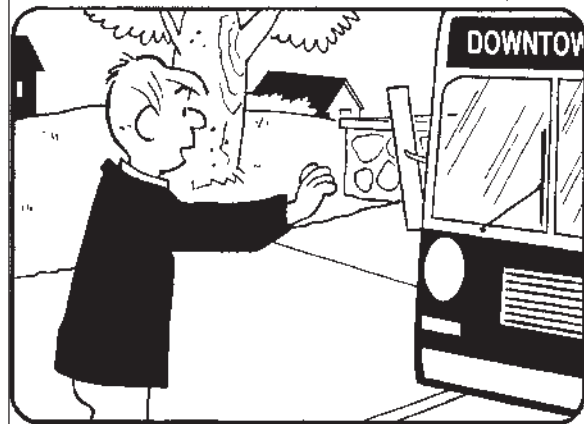
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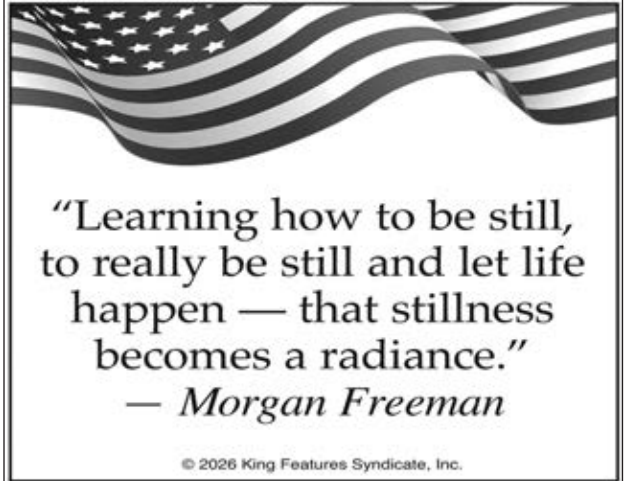


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mirror is longer. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Nose is added. 4. Windshield shape is different. 5. Windshield wiper is missing. 6. Bush is missing.

Americanisms



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Moments in time

• On June 8, 793, in the first recorded Viking attack in Europe, Norse invaders launched a raid of looting and murder on England's Lindisfarne monastery, with contemporary accounts describing "dreadful forewarnings" that included "fiery dragons flying in the sky."

• On June 9, 1893, the interior of Ford's Theatre, where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, collapsed, killing 22 people. An investigation revealed that a pier had given way during excavation in the basement for an electric-light plant.

• On June 10, 1881, "War and Peace" author Leo Tolstoy, conflicted by his wealthy landlord responsibilities and a desire to give up his property and wander the land as an ascetic, disguised himself as a peasant and began a pilgrimage to a monastery. He had started giving away his possessions and announced that the public owned his works, but his wife, understandably concerned for their children's financial stability, gained control of the copyrights for all his work published prior to 1880.

• On June 11, 1919, 3-year-old racehorse Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, Preakness Stakes and Kentucky Derby in a single season, making him the first horse to earn what would become known as the American Triple Crown — a particularly impressive feat since he had never achieved a career win until that year's Kentucky Derby.

• On June 12, 1974, Little League Baseball Inc. announced its intention to "defer to the changing social climate" by permitting girls to play ball. The decision came after the organization lost a series of lawsuits in New Jersey and was faced with increasing legal challenges in other states as well.

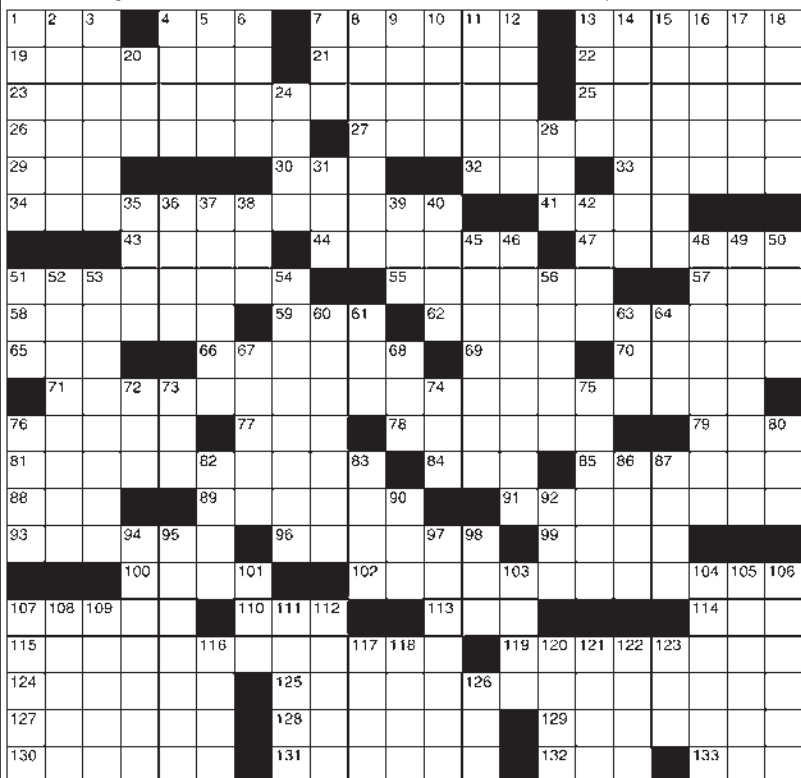
• On June 13, 1962, Stanley Kubrick's film adaptation of Vladimir Nabokov's famously controversial novel "Lolita" premiered in New York. Even its advertising posters posed a query that was no doubt on a lot of people's minds: "How did they ever make a movie of 'Lolita'?" The answer was "with extensive changes" — to Kubrick's admitted chagrin.

• On June 14, 2017, James Hodgkinson walked onto a baseball field at Eugene Simpson Park in Alexandria, Virginia, and opened fire on politicians, wounding House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and four others, after asking a passing congressman whether Republicans or Democrats were practicing.

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Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 1 PlayStation 3 competitor | 4 Prefix for "bird" | 7 Man-to-man term of endearment | 13 Lauau skirt | 19 Native (to) | 21 Moderna way to shop | 22 Neckwear clasp | 23 Noteworthy septet of piers? | 25 Spanish fleet | 26 Worship | 27 Publicly revealing Edison's secret? | 29 Bottom-row PC key | 30 Recipe qty. | 32 Overly | 33 Eggs' shapes | 34 Successfully trap a moray? | 41 Shrek is one | 43 "There coughs be I" | 44 Dozong | 47 Spellbound | 51 "This works like a charm!" | 55 Up-to-the-minute | 57 Director Ang | 58 Like family-friendly films | 59 Pres. after FDR | 62 Bring a Ferris wheel to a complete stop? | 65 Scrape (by) | 66 Charlotte — Virgin Islands | 69 Internet ID | 70 TV host | 71 Like a king who has wild mood swings? | 76 Burns a little | 77 Army NCO | 78 Teensy bit | 79 Noted period | 81 Ruling eagle sitting in her high nest? | 84 Org. giving towels | 85 Iridescent button materials | 88 Architect I.M. from China | 89 "Avengers: Age of (2015 Marvel film)" | 91 Government revenue sources | 93 Ukraine port | 96 Baskety willows | 99 Shout | 100 Mask | 102 Wish you had never met the star of "Firestarter"? | 107 Curved | 110 — Fridays (restaurant) | 113 Bank acct. amount | 114 Uncooked | 115 Response to a question about "Swan Lake"? | 119 1996 #1 hit for Los del Rio | 124 Funnel-shaped bloom | 125 People with unorthodox opinions about a girl in Wonderland? | 127 Quick raids | 128 Cinged | 129 Sugar alcohol used as a sweetener | 130 Tiny amounts | 131 Goes hastily | 132 From — Z | 133 Pop/soul singer Des— | DOWN | 1 Floor cleaner for liquid spills, in brief | 2 Suffering, figuratively | 3 — Kit (police face-maker) | 4 Part of ACLU: Abbr. | 5 — voce | 6 "High Rollers" rapper | 7 See | 8 109-Down | 9 With the wish (of) | 9 Address "Summer of 'Serenity" | 10 Encircled with a band | 11 Not suitable | 12 Like many simple questions | 13 TDs or RBI | 14 Loud warning device | 15 Eliminator | 16 Former first lady Michelle | 17 Rafael of tennis | 18 Lawn surface | 20 Suffer of nationalities | 22 "Either he goes go!" | 24 Amsterdam is its cap | 28 Sticky gunk | 31 Island setting | 35 Appellation | 36 Dressed | 37 Bible book before Zechariah | 38 Prefix with light | 39 Pipe joint | 40 Foliage unit | 42 Stan of jazz | 45 Region of pre-Roman Italy | 46 Viewed intently | 48 Some wheel adjusters | 49 Animal's "family tree" | 50 Golf pegs | 51 Deep anger | 52 Pay attention | 53 Sault | 54 Mich | 55 Replace with Bud of Cooperstown | 60 Some roofing specialists | 61 Up to, in brief | 63 Suffix with southwest | 64 Outdoor gear retailer | 67 Large city in Iraq | 68 Raised RR's | 72 "Either he goes go!" | 73 Mao — lung | 74 Diva Sumac | 75 Boomer's kid | 76 Malta chief | 80 Horse cousin | 82 Campus area | 83 Film genre | 86 Skillfully | 87 Tranquil | 90 Modern, in Munich | 92 Scottish port | 94 Varnish resin | 95 Judgy glance | 97 Make more offspring | 98 Govt. loan agency | 101 LAX guess | 103 — miler | 104 Collier's team | 105 Really bug | 106 Discarded PCs or TVs | 107 At the stern | 108 Barber's tool | 109 With 7-Down, the original "It" girl | 111 Chews on | 112 Town on Long Island's South Shore | 116 Russian news agency | 117 Chablis, e.g. | 118 Ovid's "Lof" | 120 Brand of athletic shoes | 121 "— la vie" | 122 Slangy suffix with buck | 123 Cup edge | 126 ER staffers |
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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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Puzzle answers on page B2

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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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female fox called?
2. HISTORY: In what year was the first iPhone released?
3. MOVIES: What was the first U.S. movie to be rated PG-13?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the southernmost capital city in the world?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the world's largest cave system?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What category of writing are the Hugo and Nebula Awards given for?
7. TELEVISION: In what year did the comedy show "Saturday Night Live" debut?
8. MATH: What is a polygon with seven sides?
9. LITERATURE: What city is the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"?
10. ENTERTAINERS: Which New Jersey city has a statue of singer Frank Sinatra?

Answers

1. A vixen.
2. 2007.
3. "Red Dawn," 1984.
4. Wellington, New Zealand.
5. Kentucky.
6. Science fiction and fantasy.
7. 1975.
8. Heptagon.
9. Verona, Italy.
10. Hoboken, New Jersey.

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FIRE

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the broader reality that increased costs inevitably result in reduced service levels when sustainable funding is unavailable.”

As a result of the failed levy measure, the district will implement operational reductions effective June 30 to align district services with available long-term funding.

The changes will include:

- Reduction in firefighter and EMS staffing levels by six positions

- Increased emergency response times in portions of the district
 - Reduced ambulance availability during peak demand periods
 - Unstaffing of the Bridgeport Fire Station
 - Increased reliance on mutual aid and overtime staffing when available
- Fire Chief Fred Hertel said these decisions are difficult and carry real impacts to emergency response capability.

“Our firefighters and paramedics remain committed to providing the highest level of service possible, but reduced

staffing inevitably affects response times, unit availability, and operational flexibility,” Hertel said.

He added that the timing of these reductions also presents additional challenges as the district enters the summer wild-land fire season. Hertel explained that reduced staffing levels limit the district’s ability to simultaneously manage structure fires, vegetation fires, medical emergencies, and extended attack incidents during periods of high fire danger.

“With wildfire risk increasing each summer,

maintaining adequate staffing is critical not only for emergency medical response but also for initial attack capability on vegetation fires,” Hertel said. “Early, aggressive response is one of the most important factors in keeping small fires from becoming large incidents.”

District officials remained committed to deploying their firefighters and paramedics to emergencies throughout their service area, but emphasized that residents should expect changes in service delivery times compared to current

operations.

“Measure 27-148 was developed following extensive financial analysis intended to balance emergency service demands with long-term fiscal sustainability,” officials stated. “The district had previously implemented cost-saving measures, including administrative restructuring and position reductions, prior to placing the levy before

voters.”

Officials thanked community members who participated in the election process and stated that the district will continue evaluating options to preserve emergency services while operating within available funding.

Additional operational updates and implementation details will be provided to the public in the coming weeks.

COUNTY

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by the Oregon Judicial Department Marshal’s Office identified the lack of full-time security screening as a significant vulnerability. Judges have reported people in court with guns, knives and other weapons; on one occasion, a domestic dispute erupted in violence in the courthouse hallway, risking the safety of

anyone in the vicinity.

The new security screening will include x-ray machines and magnetometers, which staff tout as highly effective in detecting weapons, explosives, or other dangerous materials to ensure they do not enter the building.

“This new method provides a minimally intrusive way of ensuring people visiting the courthouse are not armed, which increases security for everyone,” officials

said.

In addition to the new security screening at the building entrance, the

Polk County Sheriff’s Office will continue to provide security within the courthouse.

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Pastor Email: mpjinpdx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338
Phone: (503) 623.2440 - www.stphil.org.

Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

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 dallatlcc.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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FALLS CITY

Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 10:00am; Worship Service 11:10am. Community Service Center Food Bank: Second Wednesday, 11am-3pm, Fourth Sunday, 11am-3pm.

INDEPENDENCE

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

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

First Baptist Church — A warm friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St, Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11 am, Wednesdays: AWANA 5:30 pm dinner, 6:00 pm clubs; Youth Group 7:30 pm. Join us for small groups for Men, Women, and Couples throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencefirstbaptist.com

MONMOUTH

Monmouth Christian Church — 969 Church St W, Monmouth 97361. Office hours M-T 9a-4p. Phone: 503-838-1145. Join us for services on Sundays, 9am & 11am. Live ONLINE Service 11am. Please visit our website for more info or on how to join our online service. WWW.MYMCC.CCSt. Hilda's Episcopal Church — 245 Main St. West, Monmouth. Contact Information: sthildaschurch1@gmail.com. Sunday Worship (Eucharist) 10:00 AM followed by fellowship. Our church services are reverent and relaxed. Our purpose is God's worship. 7:00 PM Wednesday, Evening Prayer online, contact us thru the email address above for access codes. Walk our labyrinth – behind the parking lot, it's still in development, but it works. Follow us on our Facebook page; St Hilda's Episcopal Church, Monmouth Or.

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RULES

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through second graders all getting the opportunity to get on bikes and learn personal safety and bike safety.

ODOT loans schools a trailer full of bikes to school districts across Oregon. McLeann said the program didn't have enough bikes for the older grades this go-around. "So we took what we could get," she said.

The program starts with education before they get on the bikes themselves, teaching bike safety, learning different potential routes to getting to school versus riding in a car, how to wear bicycle helmets properly and how to follow the rules of the road.

McLeann said for many of the students, it's their first time they've ever ridden a bike, especially the kindergartners.

Cathryn Nicholas said her son Oliver has really



The group of new bike riders wait for a car to pass before continuing on their ride through a neighborhood near Monmouth Elementary School.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

enjoyed participating in the program.

"He was a low-confidence bike rider before, and this has really brought up his confidence and made it more exciting about bike riding," Nicholas said. "He was one of those kids who transitioned from training wheels to full riding now."

McLeann said all the participants, whether they

have experience or not, start out on "balanced bike" or ones without pedals. Then pedals are added as they progress through the program.

Each student is also loaned a fitted bicycle helmet, colored in easy to spot fluorescent paint.

McLeann, and about 16 volunteers rotating in and out, handle about 23 to 28 students at a time

throughout the three-week program, which culminated last week in the neighborhood ride.

"And we've had the fire department and some police officers joining us for the event, which has been fun and making it special for the kids as well," she said.

To oversee the program, McLeann had to become a student again,

herself.

"I did attend a training to go over all the bike education. They actually provide the lesson plans and stuff for it as well, and I attended a training so that I could bring that information back here and share it with the kids, and it's gone extremely well," McLeann said. "The kids have been very engaged, and it's exciting when you

have a few that really do take off."

She added some of the students, like Nicholas's son Oliver, didn't know how to ride a pedal bike without training wheels.

"But they now have some kids that are able to just go on their own now with pedals, and that's pretty exciting. It's so fun to see how proud they are of themselves in picking that up, too," she said.

McLeann added she couldn't have done the program by herself, thanking her volunteers and first responder representatives.

"Having the fire department and the police officers being a part of that just makes it extra special for the kids. Plus, this is not a program that is possible without all of the volunteers that have helped," she said. "I just want to give a huge thank you to all of the volunteers that have put their time in and helping this to be a success as well."

RACES

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Elections Office will post vote tally updates every Wednesday by 5 p.m. starting today (May 27) leading up to certifying the final tally on June 15.

Swanson, a small business owner who most recently was chief of staff for state Sen. Bruce Starr, saw his victory as a validation from Polk County voters for all the hard work he and his team put in.

"It was a coalition effort. I had supporters, not just political parties, but all walks of life and

age groups. There was a lot of involvement,"

Swanson said from the road while taking down his election signs. "With the gas tax referendum last fall, that played a big role in turnout. Voters associated me with that. My message has been saving tax payers money, a major theme that was right in my immediate past."

Swanson referred to Measure 120, which looked to raise the gas tax and various other fees to help pay for ODOT operations. It failed statewide with a resounding 83 percent of no votes out of 1,130,802 votes

cast.

Swanson said once he's sworn in office in January, he'll continue to advocate for his top issues that got him elected – economic development, maintaining a strong budget, keeping public safety first, maintaining the county's stellar reputation on county roads, and helping to fight to keep the fairgrounds open.

The County Commissioners on May 20 approved sending to voters in November a 5-year operations levy of 12 cents per \$1,000 assessed property value.

Swanson said he's in

favor of the proposed levy, while leaders should continue to pursue other funding options to keep the fairgrounds and event center open.

"I've been consistent the whole way we need to be creative, say using private auctions, to keep it open. Just as a public safety hub for public evacuations, the public has an interest in keeping the building open," Swanson said.

Commissioner Gordon said the next step for the fairgrounds operations levy is a public hearing in June.

"It's going to require the full community to

weigh in," Gordon said. "This offers transparency to the public on the status of the fairgrounds and the needs for the facilities. And I look forward to that public conversation."

Gordon said he is very humbled to receive "a good number" of votes from Polk County residents, many of whom organized the most successful grassroots support for his reelection.

"Polk County is small enough so that the daily work of being a commissioner requires you to work closely with community partners, with cities, with state

representatives, with community groups, faith communities," Gordon explained. "Getting the support of folks locally was really, I think, inspiring that I'm on the right path in leading alongside 90,000 people in Polk County."

He added he does not have a preference who he runs against in November once a second place finisher emerges.

"I'm pretty focused on the work and continuing to deliver results for the citizens of Polk County doing my job, period," he said. "So, I appreciate all the candidates' participation."

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CHICK CHECK

What to know before building a backyard chicken flock

(StatePoint) About 20 years ago, chickens — long a staple of farms and homesteads — began showing up in urban and suburban yards. They enabled city dwellers to source homegrown food, provided a touch of nature amid the urban jungle, and have continued to rise in popularity ever since. According to the American Pet Products Association’s 2025 State of the Industry report, 11 million U.S. households own backyard chickens, a 28% increase from 2023.

Caroline Komar-Steiner, a Team Lead at the Tractor Supply store in Antioch, Illinois, is a passionate chicken expert who regularly guides individuals into the world of chicken ownership. She and her husband have been raising poultry since 2018, and she describes it as one of the most rewarding things she has ever done.

“Raising those chicks and getting your first eggs is an ‘eggspereience’ unlike any other,” she said.

To ensure new chick owners can enjoy that experience, Komar-Steiner hosts regular Chickens 101 sessions at the store. The first thing she always tells people is to find out if their town or neighborhood allows chickens. Some have restrictions, so it’s best to find

that out on the front end. Then she asks them why they want chickens. Is it for their eggs? For meat? Will they be purely ornamental?

“That steers me toward what they’re looking for,” Komar-Steiner said.

To help you get started, Komar-Steiner is sharing these basics for preparing for and caring for chickens:

1. Assess your space: Chicks need a temperature-controlled space until they are fully feathered, usually about six weeks. Komar-Steiner recommends finding a warm, draft-free area. She sets her brooder up in her basement. The chicks grow quickly, so it’s important to determine where you’ll put your coop and have it ready to go. The chickens will also need a heat source in winter to stay warm and prevent their water from freezing.

2. Get supplies, then chicks: It’s a good idea to buy all your equipment and supplies before bringing chickens home. You’ll need a brooder, shavings, heat lamps or brooder plates, a perch so they can learn how to roost, a feeder and a waterer. Komar-Steiner recommends adding an electrolyte to the chicks’ water to give them an extra edge. You’ll also need chick grit, feed and a thermometer.

3. Remember, they are living



Photo Courtesy StatePoint

things: People often get excited about the idea of a steady supply of eggs, but like all living things, chickens require care. Before leaving home

for an extended time, make sure someone is available to check on their food and water, especially in winter and summer. And like other animals,

chickens are at risk of getting sick. Tractor Supply carries a wide variety of products to support chicken health.

Even after having chickens for a time, customers still frequently have questions, especially when it comes to adding to their flock, which leads Komar-Steiner to a critical point.

“It is imperative that you do not put baby chicks in with adult birds,” she said.

Chickens view new animals as either food or intruders. Komar-Steiner’s recommendation is to wait until they are large enough to hold their own, usually around three months. Additionally, introducing new adult birds requires an integration process.

With 30 chickens and five turkeys of her own, Caroline is an excellent resource for poultry advice, especially during Tractor Supply’s annual Chick Days event. Customers can purchase baby birds in store and enjoy new products, new breeds and special offers until September 13. The products and insight to keep chickens happy and healthy are available year round at Tractor Supply and TractorSupply.com.

Before you build a backyard flock, get the equipment and know-how you need for successful chicken ownership.

Mow to the right height for a stronger, healthier lawn

(StatePoint) How short to mow is a commonly debated topic, and getting it right is not only tricky, but critical to a healthy lawn.

“The goal is to find the right height for the turf type. Mowing too low can over-expose your lawn to the sun, weakening the roots and creating the potential for a weed infestation; and mowing too high runs the risk of excess moisture build-up, creating a welcoming environment for pests and disease,” said Exmark marketing manager, Lenny Mangnall. “On the other hand, grass mowed to the right height can most effectively leverage vital sunlight, rain and nutrients for deeper, denser, stronger and healthier blades.”

A video that Exmark made to demystify lawn care explains that to strike the right balance, you should follow the golden rule of mowing: Never cut off more than one-third of the blade at a time, even if your lawn is overgrown. While you may feel like you’re saving time, overzealous mowing is doing your lawn a disservice. Gradually lowering your blades to the desired height will help

maintain a strong root system and lush yard canopy.

Another consideration is grass type, with warm-season grasses and cool-season grasses falling into two mowing height ranges.

For warm-season grasses, like Zosia and Bermuda, drop the deck height of your mower close to its lowest setting, between 1- to 2-inches high. These grasses thrive in scorching summer sun and can handle a lower height. If you have cool-season grass, like Fescue or Kentucky Bluegrass, cut it a little bit higher, between 2.5 to 4 inches. These grasses are built for freezing winters and need some height as protection from the elements.

It’s also important to remember that over the course of a year, the height you mow to within the recommended range of your grass type will change. Once springtime rolls around, lower your deck height by a half inch from your normal summer height. This encourages new growth.

During summer, mow on the higher end of your grass type’s specified range. Taller grass provides shade to the soil,



PHOTO COURTESY STATEPOINT
Know the type of turfgrass of your lawn to select the best mower cut height.

helping it retain the moisture needed to stay healthy and cool.

In fall, continue your normal summer routine, especially if you have warm-season grass. If you have a cool-season lawn, you might have to up your mowing frequency, as it’s this grass type’s prime growing season.

For the last mowing session of the year, drop your mowing height by half an inch again. That brings you up to winter, the perfect season for you and

your lawn to rest. With most grasses going dormant in winter, mowing isn’t typically necessary. So take that time to do other activities and tasks you enjoy in the yard. For warmer climates, you can continue to mow, just cut down on the frequency to ensure a healthier lawn.

For additional insights, watch “How to Determine Mowing Height,” an episode of “Done-In-A-Weekend Projects,” an original series from lawn

care equipment manufacturer, Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life — a unique multimedia destination focused on helping homeowners improve their outdoor living spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos.

Lawn care may seem complex, but with the right knowledge, you can cultivate a lush, thriving lawn this summer and beyond.

Spring cleaning your kitchen? here’s how to keep bugs out

(StatePoint) With warmer weather here, spring cleaning and hosting season are in full swing. While you prep your home for guests, you may also be seeing an uptick of insect activity.

Unfortunately, insects tend to gather in the same areas of the home where household members and guests do — anywhere there is food. So, rather than let bugs disrupt your spring gatherings, act right away. Doing so is important, as



Photo Courtesy StatePoint

insects reproduce rapidly. In fact, it only takes one week for two fruit flies to multiply to 500 fruit flies!

By using these tips

to banish bugs from your kitchen this spring, you can enjoy the feeling you get when your space is truly clean and guest-ready:

DO A DEEP CLEAN

In addition to regular kitchen upkeep, be sure to do a deep clean in spring and every time you host. This is a great way to finally tackle those corners, crevices and seldom-addressed surfaces in the fridge, oven and pantry, where pest-attracting food residue and grease can build up.

FIX LEAKS

If you have a leak under your kitchen sink, you may unwittingly be creating an inviting

habitat for bugs, which are drawn to water sources. Fix the leak so you invite only human guests to your kitchen and home this spring. Doing so will have the added benefit of preventing water damage and mold.

SEAL FOOD TIGHTLY

Take a quick look at your pantry to assess your food storage containers. Transfer all items like flour and sugar out of paper packaging and into tightly-sealed jars. Not only will this help

keep bugs at bay, but your essential ingredients will stay fresher for improved hosting.

For more information about pest control in the kitchen and other areas of your home, visit zevoinsect.com.

Maintaining a tidy kitchen is just the first step in banishing bugs. Simple additional measures that require very little effort can help you truly keep the spaces where you prep, host and enjoy your food clean, fresh and insect-free.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1986

County cracks drug ring

A continuing investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Department into the manufacturing and supplying of methamphetamine to the county paid off in a big way Thursday when law enforcement officials arrested two people in a small town near Eugene.

Deputies Dick Manning and Jeff Fisher and Sgt. Paul Burke joined Independence Police Officer Jim Eaton and officials from Eugene Police Department, Lane County Sheriff's Department, Oregon State Police and federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms division in serving the Polk County search warrant Thursday at 5 a.m.

Arrested were Wayne Wiser, 29, and Malinda Sue Diansen, 24. The two are currently lodged in the Lane County Jail and are charged with the manufacturing and possession of illegal drugs, carrying a concealed weapon, and the possession and manufacturing of bombs.

Council OKs reader board

Dallas residents will soon see a new reader board on Main Street at Academy Junior High School. The Dallas City Council approved the reader board at its Monday night meeting following earlier approval by the Dallas School Board.

The sign was originally

proposed by the Dallas Booster Club and will be funded by the club and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. It will be 6 feet by 8 feet in area and 10 feet above the ground, mounted on metal posts. Primarily intended to advertise school functions, the reader board will also be used to publicize other upcoming events at the discretion of an advisory panel made up of booster club and school board members.

Dallas High golf squad takes fourth

In their season finale, the Dallas High golf team members finished in a solid fourth place at the distinct tournament at McNary.

The team's top five members had an opportunity to match their skills against other top golfers in the Willamette Valley League. As a team, the Dragons scored just five strokes better than they did at the sub-district match, coming in a 354.

Although the pressures of the match and being caught in a drenching downpour tested their mettle, the boys were able to finish off the season in a satisfying way.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1976

School Board shaves \$177,000

The Monday night school board meeting had a full agenda as the board adopted a resolution certifying the amount in excess of the six percent limitation for the June 29 budget election for the school district.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Wednesday, May 21, 1986: LACREOLE MATH STUDENTS WIN BIG - LaCreole Junior High school students who won ribbons and trophies in Woodburn April 25 at Pentagames, 1986, a math competition, are (front, from left) Eric Cone, Adam Johnston, and Jason Thorpe, and (back) Chris Whitfield, Nicky Sears, Shayne McCullough, Mark Oneth, Lisa Jeffrey and Carla Birkholz. Teacher John Buckingham is in the rear. (File I-O photo.)

The Budget Committee after several lengthy meetings presented a budget of \$2,157,021, above the six percent limitation, which is a reduction of \$177,466 from the levy previous budget voted down in April.

The total proposed budget for the next school year of \$4,158,866 will cost the taxpayers an estimated rate of \$16.40 per \$1,000 property value, a decrease of \$1.13 from the current rate of \$17.53.

Cities asking county for funds

Cities throughout the county are attempting to convince the Polk County Budget Committee that some of the county's funds should be diverted back to the cities according to Howard Brandvold, city manager of Dallas.

An informal group of city officials approached the budget committee last week with facts and figures from the League of

Oregon Cities they hope will sway the committee members to their way of thinking.

One of the major issues is that since city residents also pay county taxes, it appears that they are sometimes paying twice for some services. ... Some cities have faced in contracting with the county for jail services. Monmouth, for instance, paid the county \$2,000 to lodge prisoners and administrators feel that constituted double payment.

Boys' track team captures fifth, girls ninth

The Dallas High School boys track team scored 49 1/2 points and came away with fifth place in the Coast Valley League championship meet last Thursday and Saturday at Sandy. The girls didn't fare quite as well as they scored 24 points for ninth place.

The Dragon squad was led by sophomore Bob Quiring, who placed first in the long jump with a leap of 22 1/4 feet. The jump was his lifetime best.

Quiring also placed

fifth in the triple jump at 42-10.

Kris Tom was the top winner for the girls as she placed second in the 440 with a time of 59.8. She was eighth-tenth of a second behind the winner.

Go Figure!
answers

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CryptoQuote

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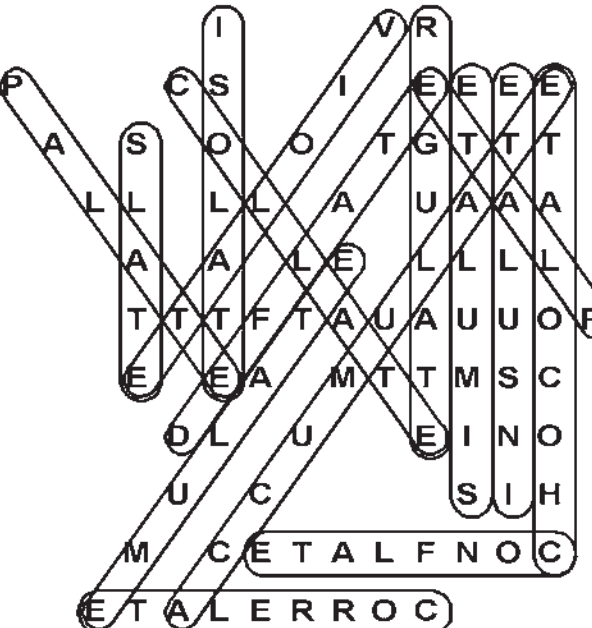
- Barbara McClintock

Weekly SUDOKU

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A LATE ENDING



Super Crossword

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Community Achievement

Welcome to downtown



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Jessica Sipe cuts the ribbon, held by co-owner Justin Stawder (left) as their second-hand collectibles store Buzzin Finds celebrates moving to downtown Dallas to a larger location at 861 Main St., the former home of Henry and Me. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Seniors trip to Brooks Peony Farm, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - 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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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
 6 p.m. - Japanese American in Oregon, featuring Corvallis resident Russell Yamada, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, MAY 29

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. - Teen Craft: Decoupage Pencil Cases, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: The Archives, Elysium Botanicals

Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Speak Easy: A Community Story, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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.
 1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Caught Dead Handed (Grateful Dead tribute), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 3 p.m. - Live Music: Spry Band, Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Remedy Rocks, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Live Music: The Return of Ace STARDUST, Brew Coffee & Tap House, 211 S. Main St., Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, MAY 31

1 p.m. - Live Music: Lucky Pluckers, 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, JUNE 1

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. - Dallas City Council Work Session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 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, 187 SE Court St.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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 Cafe, 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.

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
 1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board Meeting, Monmouth Senior Community 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, JUNE 3

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
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Community Briefs

Forest Pass Brewing hosts Sable House bingo fundraiser May 27

Forest Pass Brewing hosts an evening of bingo to raise funds for Sable House from 6-8 p.m. at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Buy in is \$15 for 10 cards and 10 rounds plus a black out round. Participants must be 21 and older to participate and claim prizes.

Indy Commons hosts Women & Whiskey May 28

Indy Commons and Mayor Kate Schwarzler host Women & Whiskey, a gathering for women who believe in helping each other and doing good in the community, is at 5:30 p.m. May 28 at 154 S Main St, Independence. We come together to connect, share resources, celebrate wins, and support one another's work.

Voices Network Community presents The History of Camp Adair May 29

The Oregon Voices Network Community presents The History of Camp Adair from 7-9 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall. This presentation on the historic and often untold stories of Camp Adair includes tales of general history and personal yarns brought by the hosts of Welcome To Oregon Live. The event will also feature beverages from

Salt Creek Cider House, food from El Pique, and experts from Oregon State University! Tickets are \$10 and the event is suitable for all ages. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/4noCyvD>.

WOU Athletic auction returns May 30

Western Oregon University's 40th annual Wolves Athletic Auction is at 6 p.m. May 30 at 345 Monmouth Ave. N., in Monmouth. Proceeds from the auction directly support the over 430 student-athletes who represent the university and compete across 14 NCAA Division II men's and women's sports and cheer. Tickets are available online at <https://woudf.ejoinme.org/tickets2026>.

Heritage Museum presents Our Community Story Stitched Together May 30

The Heritage Museum presents Our Community Story: Stitched Together, a community quilt project to celebrate America250, at 4:30 p.m. May 30 at 281 S 2nd St., in Independence. Create one 8.5" x 8.5" finished quilt square that reflects who you are or what it means to you to call Independence or Monmouth home. Your square will become part of a community quilt installation displayed across Independence and Monmouth. For more information, contact the Heritage Museum at

orheritage@ci.independence.or.us or (503) 838-4989.

Salem Philharmonic Orchestra presents Pathetique Symphony May 30-31

Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion counties, presents Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique Symphony" on May 30-31 at East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE. Conducted by SPO Artistic Director, Jonathan DeBruyn, the full programming includes Franz von Suppé's "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna Overture", followed by the world premier of Oregon composer Randall DeBruyn's "Apocalyptic Maiden", featuring soprano Saori DeBruyn. The concert concludes with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's final symphony "Pathetique Symphony No. 6". Concerts begin at 7 p.m. May 30 and 2 p.m. May 31. Maestro DeBruyn's pre-concert talk begins 45 minutes before each concert. Admission is \$25 for adults ages 18-64, \$20 for students 18-64/and seniors 65 and up, and free for 17 and under. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.salephil.org/buy-tickets/>, or at the door on concert day. Contact information@salemphil.org with questions.

Dallas Mosaic Ladies host Women's Bunco June 4
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Women's Bunco Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 4 at 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. It's \$5 to play. Bring a dish/snack/dessert to share if you want. For more information, text Jenny at (541) 300-8713.

Symphony presents Happy 250th Birthday America performance June 6-7

The Willamette Valley Symphony, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion counties, presents their Happy 250th Birthday, America performance June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Albany Performing Arts Center, and June 7 at 4 p.m., at the Ashbrook Independent School. These concerts feature selections by renowned American composers, including Copland, Bernstein, Ellington and more. Come 45 minutes early to enjoy a pre-concert talk with our artistic director, Lance Inouye. Tickets are free for ages 17 and under, \$22 for adults, and \$20 for seniors 65 and older. Tickets are available online at <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/wvsymphony>.

Monmouth Library hosts community baby shower June 6

Mid-Valley Parenting, Bambinos Oregon and Monmouth Public Library present a Polk County Community Baby Shower, on June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monmouth

Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S. Drop in to the Monmouth Public Library for a free community baby shower! All expecting parents and families with babies will get a baby gate, books, raffle entries, light refreshments, and more.

Acres of Hope Youth Ranch hosts barn party fundraiser June 6

Acres of Hope Youth Ranch hosts 2026 Barn Party Fundraiser – Throw Open the Windows, is June 6 from 5-8 p.m. at 6665 Rickreall Road, in Independence. During the evening, youth and families will share powerful stories of transformation alongside the equine mentors who have walked with them on their journeys from hurt to hope. Guests will enjoy live music, authentic BBQ, fellowship and both live and silent auctions. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, go to <https://bit.ly/4dk6IRD>.

Rickreall Event Hall hosts Creative Vendors & Collectibles market

The Rickreall Event Hall hosts their biannual Creative Vendors & Collectibles market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6-7 at 305 Nesmith Road, in Rickreall. There will be vendors selling creative creations and collectibles, indoors and outdoors. Admission is free. Food will be available to purchase.

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED HOMES



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described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 176, PARK PLACE-PHASE 5, IN THE CITY OF MONMOUTH, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1635 MADRONA ST E, MONMOUTH OREGON 97361 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 08429-CB-16400 / 566073 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2025, late charges,

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and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 7/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$35,745.56 Late Charges: \$502.08 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$4,918.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$589.00 Total necessary to cure: \$41,755.14 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and/or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation

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secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$533,269.89 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 8/21/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition

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to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's

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1031.320).? If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative.? If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n)(10)-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury.? If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's

FORM OR-18-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-266

A public meeting of the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 8:30 pm at Zoom link and access code available on the meeting agenda at www.ci.monmouth.or.us or at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W., Monmouth, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Budget Committee on May 5, 2026. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained on the City's website or obtained at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Shawn Waite Telephone: 503-751-0134 Email: swaite@ci.monmouth.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	268,096	619,039	1,433,729
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges			
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations		5,000,000	5,000,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	80	80,000	170,000
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements			
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes			
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	956,610	1,054,197	1,026,010
Total Resources	1,224,786	6,753,236	7,629,739

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	192,128	379,300	437,650
Materials and Services		20,000	20,000
Capital Outlay	323,525	322,940	294,623
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers			
Contingencies		2,746,000	3,511,546
Special Payments	360,000	3,271,146	3,365,930
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure			
Total Requirements	875,653	6,740,386	7,629,739

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Name: FTE	875,653	6,740,386	7,629,739
Name: Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
Name: FTE			
Total Requirements	875,653	6,740,386	7,629,739

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING *

In FY23 a substantial amendment process added a small amount of property to the District, increasing the maximum indebtedness, using the allowed State law escalation formula, from \$12 million to \$16,359,245 and removed the expiry date for the plan. A \$4 million bank loan was issued in FY23 for the purpose of supporting the capital project plan and economic incentives for the MURA. The property tax increment dollars will continue to be accumulated for debt service payment on this bank loan. A projected additional \$5 million financing was originally contemplated to be sought in FY26 but market conditions did not allow, and is not projected for FY27, provided market conditions improve. This funding will be used for infrastructure improvements and public facility projects which will benefit the MURA.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings	\$2,614,000	
Total	\$2,614,000	

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FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-260

A public meeting of the BUELL RED PRAIRIE WATER DISTRICT will be held on June 9, 2026 at 5:30 pm at 5818 Mill Creek, Sheridan Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 5818 Mill Creek Rd, Sheridan OR between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m M-Thur. This budget is for an annual budget period 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Kathleen Anderson - Budget Officer Telephone: 503-843-2885 Email: admnm@brpwater.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget 2025-2026	Approved Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	390,385	313,500	435,800
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	472,531	498,497	492,004
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	0	0	0
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	15,000	22,000	21,996
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	0	0	0
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	0	0	0
Total Resources	877,916	833,997	950,800

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	146,181	158,000	163,000
Materials and Services	216,612	234,755	232,768
Capital Outlay	32,502	28,500	20,000
Fleet Services	77,236	77,236	77,236
Interfund Transfers	15,000	22,000	21,996
Contingencies	0	0	0
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	390,385	313,500	435,800
Total Requirements	877,916	833,997	950,800

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program - General Fund		
Name: FTE	2.5	2.5	2.5
Name: Total Requirements			
Name: Total FTE	2.5	2.5	2.5

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING *

No Changes

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Imposed 2025-2026	Rate or Amount Approved 2026-2027
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit _____ per \$1,000)	0	0	0
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$1,225,821	\$0
Total	\$1,225,821	\$0

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PCIO26-273

A public meeting of the Falls City Council will be held on June 2, 2025 at 6:00pm at 330 N. Main St. Falls City, Oregon 97344. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the City of Falls City Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 299 Mill St. Falls City, OR 97344, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm M-Th or online at www.falls-city.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year. A public hearing will also be held on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds at this meeting.

This notice and the budget document are also available at www.falls-city.org.

Contact: AJ Foscoli, City Manager Telephone: 503-787-3631 Email: info@falls-city.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget 2025-2026	Approved Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,869,067	1,918,065	1,405,215
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	610,977	565,150	617,960
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	3,256,131	2,260,000	1,199,500
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	66,465	55,000	60,000
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	172,442	176,150	173,900
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	157,330	155,000	160,000
Total Resources	6,132,412	5,129,365	3,616,575

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	463,777	459,400	478,400
Materials and Services	821,000	837,300	502,800
Capital Outlay	3,549,595	2,160,000	1,607,500
Debt Service	94,367	97,000	97,000
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	1,203,733	1,215,915	653,715
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	359,750	277,160
Total Requirements	6,132,412	5,129,365	3,616,575

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Name: Administration	663,553	508,500	274,500
Name: FTE	-2	1.5	1.5
Name: Fire	124,878	85,000	90,500
Name: FTE	0.1	0.2	0.2
Name: Parks & Cemeteries	36,677	17,000	21,500
Name: FTE	0.25	0	0
Name: Council	3,217	4,300	4,300
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Code & Court	43,114	56,400	49,900
Name: FTE	0	0.25	0.25
Name: Debt/Other	738,791	861,150	363,160
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Shared Services Fund	0	0	0
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Utility Reserve Fund	450,401	310,000	365,000
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Polk Community Development Fund	0	0	0
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Wagner Library Fund	92,215	92,215	92,215
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Street Fund	78,998	890,000	132,000
Name: FTE	0.25	0.375	0.375
Name: Sewer Fund	3,283,082	121,000	223,000
Name: FTE	0.5	1	1
Name: Water Fund	614,822	2,100,000	1,900,000
Name: FTE	1.75	1.75	1.75
Name: Fire Levy Fund	105,405	74,000	88,000
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: LCB Fund	2,864	9,800	12,500
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Name: Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	0	0	0
Name: FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	6,132,412	5,129,365	3,616,575

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING *

Budgeted for remaining IFA Funds for Water Lines Replacement project. Attempted to make "good faith" estimates more accurate in each area and eliminate interfund transfers to show clear financial picture of each fund.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Imposed 2025-2026	Rate or Amount Approved 2026-2027
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$2.9202 per \$1,000)	\$2.9202 per \$1,000	\$2.9202 per \$1,000	\$2.9202 per \$1,000
Local Option Levy	\$1.00 per \$1,000	\$1.00 per \$1,000	\$1.00 per \$1,000
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$679,850	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$3,200,000
Total	\$679,850	\$3,879,850

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL OPTION TAX POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS/EVENT CENTER PC O26-270

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Oregon, on the following dates, locations and times:

Date	Location	Time
June 10, 2026	Polk County Courthouse Courthouse Conference Room 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	9:00 am
June 10, 2026	Polk County Courthouse Courthouse Conference Room 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	6:00 pm

Regarding the submission of the following Local Option Tax to the electors of the County at the election to be held November 3, 2026:

CAPTION: (10 words)

POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: (20 words)

Shall Polk County authorize a five-year Fairgrounds/Event Center local option tax of up to \$0.12/\$1,000 assessed value beginning 2027-28?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: (175 words)

This measure authorizes Polk County to levy a five (5) year local option tax of up to \$0.12/\$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2027 for the purpose of providing funding to the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center for operations, maintenance and improvements.

Monies generated from the local option tax will be used for the operations and maintenance of the facility (approximately 35% annually), and the remaining monies will be utilized to make improvements to the electrical system, the resurfacing of the parking areas, replacing interior walkways and paths, interior/exterior improvements to the main building, HVAC upgrades for multiple buildings, replacement of main building roof and technological upgrades to the facility.

The authorization of this measure will impact a property with an Assessed Value of \$300,000 (not Real Market Value) by increasing your current property taxes by \$36.00 in year one of the measure.

The \$0.12/\$1,000 local option tax will generate \$1,020,000 in 2027, \$1,055,700 in 2028, \$1,092,650 in 2029, \$1,130,900 in 2030, and \$1,170,500 in 2031 for a total of \$5,469,750.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, OREGON

Lyle Mordhorst, Chair

To be published in the Itemizer Observer: May 27, 2026 and June 3, 2026. To be posted no later than: May 27, 2026

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sale. Dated: 4/9/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47523 Pub Dates 05/27, 06/03, 06/10, 06/17/2026

PCIO26-261 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No: 0691254528 T.S. No.: 25-16106

Reference is made to that certain deed made by, RAUL MACIAS ARANDA, AND MARIA TRINIDAD MACIAS ARANDA as Grantor to LUCY E KIVEL, ATTORNEY, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 4/4/2003, recorded 4/17/2003, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2003-006998 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 07316-AB-01300 LOT 3, BLOCK 1, WESTRIDGE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Proper-ty Commonly known as: 1044 HEMLOCK STREET NW, SALEM, Oregon 97304 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 4/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$51,281.73 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.25 % per annum from 5/1/2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 10/6/2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at Front Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (800) 793-6107 website: www.auction.com For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 5/6/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-005109 5/27/2026, 06/03/2026, 06/10/2026, 06/17/2026

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PCIO26-262 Join the Polk Soil & Water Conservation District for Lead Local Conservation - Polk SWCD Board Meet & Greet and Information Session on June 24th from 6:00 PM 7:30 PM at Indy Commons, 154 S. Main St., Independence, OR, 97351.

This event is an opportunity to learn more about the District's work, connect with current board members, staff and explore ways to get involved in local conservation leadership. During the evening, we'll share information about our programs, conservation priorities, and the important role Board Directors and Associate Directors play in guiding the District's work. Attendees will learn about leadership opportunities, responsibilities, and the process for serving with the District. Whether you are interested in serving in a leadership role, or volunteering, we welcome you to join our team and help shape the future of local natural resource stewardship. Please RSVP at: <https://www.polkswcd.com/event/lead-local-conservation/>

PCIO26-263 Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 6/17/2026 at 10:00AM. Nichole Christoffersen Unit #191; Chris Christensen Unit #196. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 05/27/26, 06/03/26

PCIO26-265 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City of Monmouth - Uses of State Revenue Sharing for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 June 2, 2026 at 6:30pm A Public Hearing concerning possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds to be received for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held before the City of Monmouth Budget Committee on June 2, 2026 during their meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public may attend this hearing: via computer, tablet and/or phone (online Zoom links and dial-in will be provided on the agenda to be posted on the City's website by May 29, 2026); OR in person at the Monmouth City Hall at 151 Main St W, Monmouth, Oregon. The public is invited to comment on the possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds. Written testimony can be mailed in advance to City of Monmouth, Attn: Shawn Waite, Finance Director, 151 Main St W, Monmouth, Oregon, 97361, or emailed to? swaite@ci.monmouth.or.us 05/27/26

PCIO26-268 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk Case No. 26PB03847 In the Matter of the Estate of Gerald Lee Corliss, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Gerald Lee Corliss died February 22, 2026, and that by order of the above-entitled Court, the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers attached, to the personal representative or his attorney, DONALD M. KELLEY, at law offices of KELLEY• KELLEY, 110 North Second Street, Silverton, OR 97381, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published on May 27, 2026. Kory Rice Personal Representative 05/27/26

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PCIO26-269 NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING AND BUDGET CONSIDERATION

A public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ash Creek Water Control District, Polk County, State of Oregon, will be held at Indy Commons, 164 S Main Street, Independence. The meeting will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the biennial budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, as approved by the Ash Creek Water Control District Budget Committee. To appear by telephone or other electronic means, contact Marilyn Morton at DistSec@AshCreekWCD.com no later than Noon, June 4, 2026. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Board of Directors will take place. A copy of the budget may be inspected on or after June 5, 2026, on the District's website. 05/27/26, 06/03/26

PCIO26-272 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING MEETING

A public Budget Hearing meeting of the City of Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon to discuss budget approval for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held on June 1st, 2026 at 6:00 pm. To access and participate in the meeting please use Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87874064319> Webinar ID: 878 7406 4319 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 approve 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 can be inspected or obtained on or after May 27, 2026, in the City Hall foyer. This notice was also published on the City of Falls City website: www.fallscityoregon.gov 05/27/26

PCIO26-271 Notice of Central School District 13J Budget Meetings for FY 26-27

June 1, 2026 Public meetings of the Budget Committee of Central School District 13J, Polk County, 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 THIRD public meeting of the Budget Committee, will be June 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive budget documents. This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. No public comment will be taken at this meeting. The board will hold a budget hearing for fiscal 2026-27 budget on June 22, 2026 to allow for public comment. Information will be available on the Central School District 13J website. Budget documents may be inspected on or after June 1, 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 05/27/26

PCIO26-267 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of JERRY RUSSELL RICE, Decedent. Case No. 26PB04281 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that Kory Rice has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers attached, to the personal representative or his attorney, DONALD M. KELLEY, at law offices of KELLEY• KELLEY, 110 North Second Street, Silverton, OR 97381, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published on May 27, 2026. Kory Rice Personal Representative 05/27/26

PCIO26-256 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 26-77786

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by GUADALUPE GONZALEZ III AND CHRYSYAL GONZALEZ, AS TENANTS BY THE

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ENTIRETY as Grantor to AMERITITLE LLC, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for WILLAMETTE VALLEY BANK, A CORPORATION, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 8/15/2022, recorded 8/19/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-009578, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 51, EOLA VIEW SUBDIVISION, in the City of Salem, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume 14, Page 8) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 808 CROUCHEN ST NW, SALEM, OREGON 97304 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 570427 / 07319-DA-08200 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 8/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 8/1/2025

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Total of past due payments: \$25,413.54 Late Charges: \$448.38 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,130.50 Unapplied Balance: (\$1,318.75) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,069.00 Total necessary to cure: \$28,742.67 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$362,802.84 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 8/11/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by

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said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320>). If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n)(10)-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 4/2/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47430 Pub Dates 05/20, 05/27, 06/03, 06/10/2026

PCIO26-255 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 26-77650

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by KENNY D WALTON AND BRITNEY L WALTON, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for Pacific Residential Mortgage, LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 4/22/2022, recorded 4/22/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-004980, modified by Loan Modification Agreement

FORM OR-18-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PC 026 261

A public meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:30 am at 700m if it and access code available on the meeting agenda at www.ci.monmouth.or.us or at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W, Monmouth, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for the "fiscal year" beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Monmouth Budget Committee on May 5, 2026. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Shawn Waite Telephone: 503-751-0134 Email: swaite@ci.monmouth.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024 2025	Amended Budget This Year 2025 2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026 2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Ret: Working Capital	20,986,491	21,522,868	21,944,088
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	17,333,212	15,855,494	18,249,757
Federal, State & All Other Grants, Gifts, Allowances & Donations	3,539,195	2,878,457	1,021,251
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	1,119,490	1,400,000	1,083,425
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	7,388,199	3,690,958	2,091,104
A - Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	4,271,293	5,776,888	5,423,177
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	2,313,377	2,532,965	2,130,888
Total Resources	57,221,507	56,656,628	51,927,660

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personal Services	9,570,995	10,292,639	11,581,434
Materials and Services	12,704,489	12,746,137	12,581,525
Capital Outlay	9,304,070	11,759,700	9,632,435
Debt Service	2,432,481	2,452,781	2,052,351
Interfund Transfers	461,600	495,201	498,049
Contingencies	0	7,778,200	7,673,680
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	9,267,137	11,627,309	7,978,705
Total Requirements	43,739,831	56,656,628	51,927,660

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Management and Finance	3,367,535	597,571	451,334
Communications	8,773	0,977	0,611
Police Department	0	0	53,875
Public Health/Animal	3,280,652	3,787,937	4,189,781
Community Development	17,630	19,000	19,000
Library	763,177	858,814	861,596
Municipal Court	185,826	275,119	95,032
Senior Center	312,389	207,170	270,447
Public Works	13,547,654	15,354,425	9,740,492
Power and Light	8,912,252	9,255,313	10,118,514
Billing Services	502,466	535,956	673,994
Transit	2,300	2,300	2,300
Non-Departmental Materials & Services	1,500	2,500	0
Non-Departmental Capital Outlay	0	1,200,000	3,603,999
Debt Service	2,432,481	2,452,781	2,052,351
Interfund Transfers	461,600	495,201	498,049
Contingencies	0	7,778,200	7,673,680
Reserves	9,767,137	11,627,309	7,978,705
Total Requirements	43,739,831	56,656,628	51,927,660
Total FTE	66.07	67.03	66.81

Staffing levels have decreased as the Municipal Court Judge position will be paid for out of Professional Services from the Municipal Court Program rather than as an employee through personnel services. Staffing levels have decreased due to realigning General Fund personnel services to more accurately reflect where work is performed. This adjustment primarily affects Management and Finance positions, with time appropriately reassigned to support Public Works and Power & Light. Additionally, City Communications has been moved from the Management and Finance program area to its own program area. This will provide greater transparency related to the services provided by the program area. Federal grant revenues such as ARPA funds were fully spent down in FY26. Reserves have also declined over the prior fiscal year as the City plans and initiates a larger number of capital projects in FY27. Funds previously held in reserves for System Development Charges for Park, Sewer, Water and Transportation will be utilized as projects move forward. All funds continue to meet revenue requirements in accordance with the City's Fiscal Policy.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024 2025	Rate or Amount Imposed FY 2025 2026	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2026 2027
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$3.6107 per \$1,000)	\$3.6107	\$3.6107	\$3.6107
Local Opt on Levy			
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	\$366.275	\$399.023	\$459.383

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding as of July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred as of July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$5,550,000	
Other Bonds	\$10,109,232	
Other Borrowings	\$2,614,000	
Total	\$18,273,232	

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recorded as Instrument 2023-000474 and recorded on 01/24/2023, further modified by agreement recorded as Instrument 2024-006672 and recorded on 09/09/2024 in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 2, MOUNTAIN FIR ESTATES PHASE 3, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 11, PAGE 42) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1098 S 7TH ST (AKA 1098 S SEVENTH ST), INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 568336; 568337 / 08429-DA-09101 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the

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Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 7/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$32,025.99 Late Charges: \$1,201.54 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,810.50 Unapplied Funds: (\$91.78) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$977.00 Total necessary to cure: \$36,923.25 Please note the amounts

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stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$391,760.86 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 8/11/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due

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(other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of

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residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320). If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n)(10)-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 3/31/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Amber L. Labrecque,

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Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47413 Pub Dates 05/20, 05/27, 06/03, 06/10/2026

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

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, MAY 14

At 1:09 a.m., a motorist in the 1500 block of Monmouth Street was cited and released for failing to carry/present an operator's license after an officer spotted him driving through town. He also received a citation for driving uninsured.

At 7:48 a.m., officers responded to a report of a crash on Spruce Court. It was believed to be over \$2,500 in damage. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 8:02 a.m., officers responded to a report of a person with dementia walking away from a memory care facility on 9th Street. The subject was found near her old address out of town.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

On May 14, a health care worker reported that a patient had disclosed incidents of domestic violence. The victim had been choked and had multiple bruises on their body from being punched. Probable cause was developed and on May 15 Jason Stites was arrested in the 400 block of Boatlanding Street and charged with attempted strangulation and assault 4.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

A 7-year-old child on a pocket bike was struck by a motorist in a parking lot in the 30 block of South Gun Club Road. The motorist exited the vehicle to check on the child but then left the scene as the child left the scene. Yazmin Aguilar was cited and released for failing to perform duties in an accident with property damage after it was determined that no effort was made to comply with the

requirement to provide her information to the appropriate party.

At 2:41 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for hit and run - property.

Officers responding to two females fighting in a parking lot in the 200 block of Deann Drive arrived to find that Kaylea Marberry was intoxicated and had been holding the other involved party on the ground by her hair. As there were multiple people that witnessed Marberry engaging in fighting and tumultuous behavior against the other party, Marberry was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct 2 and taken to jail.

MONDAY, MAY 18

At 9:59 a.m., officers investigated a report of a possible disturbance on 4th Street. They found upstairs children being loud getting ready for school.

At 5:39 p.m., officers received a request to check the welfare of a minor-aged child in the 300 block of Stryker Road where there were concerns of physical abuse. The child disclosed that they'd been forced into a chair and struck with a belt on their backside. Michael Nash was arrested and charged with assault 4 - felony level and transported to jail.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

At 9:03 a.m., officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm on Monmouth Street. They found the business had just opened and everything was fine.

At 9:34 a.m., a motorist on 16th Street was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

At 11:37 a.m., officers responded to another commercial burglary alarm on 2nd Street. They found the building secure.

At 7:06 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on 2nd Street. There were minor injuries and minor damage to both vehicles. No crimes were committed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

At 8:07 a.m., officers

responded to a report of a suspicious male subject in a vehicle on Main Street watching employees. They found a subject who had picked the parking lot to eat his breakfast in.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Found Property: A resident reported that someone slept on their lawn and left a maroon duffel bag containing shotgun shells. The resident wanted the bag removed for safety, but it was gone upon arrival.

Crime/Arrest: Contact was made regarding a person violating a no-contact release agreement. The person was initially concealed within the residence but was eventually found and arrested for the violation and lodged.

Check Welfare: Property management performed a housing check at an apartment and found poor living conditions, including a strong smell of cat urine, piled clothes, and excessive trash being removed. Management was concerned about a teenager being left unattended for long periods. An attempted check on the youth was unsuccessful, and the department of human services will be notified.

Found Property: A brown tri-fold wallet was found at a business and turned in. The owner was contacted through their mother and later arrived at the police department to claim the wallet.

Trespass: A resident reported a female was trespassing. The female claimed to live in the complex. The reporting resident, who appeared visibly intoxicated, claimed the other female had verbally attacked her. Both parties were advised to avoid each other.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A caller requested assistance getting their father into their car to go to a senior services appointment. Due to delayed response, the caller left the father, last seen walking west on a main street. The caller had no immediate safety concerns other than the father's recent issues.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical disturbance occurred between two people. One person had multiple injuries, including deep bruising on the forehead and nose, swelling, redness, a lump on the back of the head, and strangulation marks (reported as 5 times for 30-45 seconds). The injured person was highly recommended to get a medical examination. The other person was arrested and charged with assault 4, four counts of strangulation, and three counts of interfering with making a report.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Prowl: Staff at a location reported seeing a subject near cottages with a flashlight. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the subject.

Citizen Contact: A person explained that they split up with their partner and planned to file for custody. They reported historical incidents of inappropriate discipline resulting in marks on their son (age 4 at the time). The person was advised on which police district in another city to contact.

Alarm: Units responded to a business alarm with motion reported. Upon arrival, it was confirmed to be the cleaning crew.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A caller reported an individual trying to assault staff. Officers assisted in restraining the person, who tried kicking, attempted to bite multiple times, and spat on staff. The person was placed in handcuffs and in a protective hood, then transported to a hospital on a protective custody hold, with an officer riding in the ambulance.

Hit and Run: A person reported that a white utility vehicle backed into their rental car while they were sitting in it at the post office. The driver continued driving and would not stop, heading north on a street.

Theft: A person reported that someone entered their car overnight and stole a 200-piece tool set. Video showed a male entering the victim's vehicle before leaving in a dark-colored sedan.

Check Welfare: A

person requested a welfare check after their caregiver failed to arrive for a 10 a.m. appointment. The dispute was determined to be an employment matter concerning the quality of caregiving services, and the client was advised to follow up with the employer.

Assist Other Agency: Units staged at an intersection to provide cover for other city units taking a suspect into custody. Traffic was blocked while verbal commands were given and the scene was secured.

Assist Other Agency: An officer stopped to check on a person who ran across the highway and fell. The person was with an accompanying woman who had outstanding warrants out of another city. She was arrested and lodged.

Assist Other Agency: An officer stood by with the Department of Human Services while they planned safety measures with a mother. Her children were removed from her care on a 10-day plan and placed at a different address.

Hit and Run: A person reported being rear-ended earlier in the day by another driver. The driver gave her mother's name and her own phone number, but not her own name, and admitted to the crash. She was informed she committed a hit and run by not providing her own information. The victim did not wish to pursue charges. A crash report was completed.

Follow Up: A medical evidence collection kit related to a previous strangulation incident was received at the hospital and stored in evidence.

Sex Offense: A sex offense was reported and will be investigated by detectives.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Animal: A person called requesting an officer contact them regarding their dog's registration.

Assist Other Agency: An officer contacted a person and arrested them on an outstanding contempt of court warrant out of a local county. The person was lodged.

Assist Other Agency: An officer responded for

traffic control after a vehicle caught fire while driving. The driver's information was collected.

Traffic Assist: A person had their keys locked in their car at a birthday party. After signing a liability disclosure, officers unlocked the car.

Check Welfare: A neighbor reported seeing a child locked out of a home screaming. The mother was cooperative and said her son (age 4), who has autism, was given a punishment but was not locked out. The child was found hiding under a table, afraid of being in trouble.

Arrest: Two people were arrested. One was cited and released for disorderly conduct 2. The other was cited and released for harassment, interfering with making a report, and disorderly conduct 2.

Attempt to Locate: A person reported an argument with their partner, an alcoholic in recovery who had relapsed and left the home very intoxicated with a bag and camping gear. The caller was unsure if all firearms were accounted for but was not concerned for her own safety. Her main concern was for the partner's and others' safety if he was driving drunk. She was advised to call if the person returns and police assistance is needed.

Check Welfare: A helpline requested a welfare check on an individual who did not wish to harm themselves or others. The person had opened a lock box containing medication and sharps that they were not supposed to open, after finding a sticky note instructing them to do so. The person did not want the police to take the box for safekeeping.

Assist Other Agency: An officer provided cover on a driving complaint. The vehicle was parked near a fast-food restaurant, and the involved parties would not share who the driver was.

Noise Complaint: An officer responded to a noise complaint and a report of residents burning plastic. No noise was observed, but the residents were having a party and

were advised to keep the noise down. The complainant started socializing with the residents.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal disturbance was reported from earlier in the day between a person and their ex-partner. The ex-partner argued and got into the caller's car with the children but wouldn't leave, eventually being made to get out after arguing more.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported that their ex-partner spanked their son (age 4) a couple of months prior. A photo showing redness on the child's backside was sent, but there did not appear to be an injury beyond redness.

Arrest: A person was cited and released on an outstanding warrant for a traffic offense.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Domestic Disturbance: A person called and was heard telling a male to leave. The male had left before arrival. The female was uncooperative but reported the male woke her up by yelling. She planned to get a restraining order. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the male.

Hangup Call: An officer contacted a person regarding a text-to-911 that said "help me." The person claimed everything was fine. The area was checked, but no one in distress was located.

Suspicious Person: A caller reported a male sleeping in the Post Office who had taken photos of her car after she asked him to leave. An officer contacted the male, who identified himself as homeless. No crimes were committed at the time.

Found Person: An officer was notified of a lost female who was disoriented. The daughter reported her missing to the county. The daughter was called and came to pick up her mother, after medics evaluated her with no obvious concerns.

Animal: A person called to report a loose dog, a mixed breed, which happens every few weeks. An officer looked around the area but was unable to locate the dog.

Civil Issue: A person called to report that her ex-partner had their 7-year-old daughter and would not let the mother speak to her. The mother also had concerns about possible stalking and telephonic harassment.

Citizen Contact: A person called to report a child (age 8 or 9) riding a motorcycle up and down the street, wearing a helmet and supervised by an adult. The caller was concerned for the child's safety. The officer was unable to respond and advised the caller to call back if they saw them again.

Animal: A group home client reported an unknown person pulling their dog while it was sniffing, which she felt was animal abuse, though the dog was not reported as injured.

Civil Issue: A person reported that her 16-year-old daughter took her vehicle and was with the girl's father in another city. The mother believed this violated their custody agreement. The officer explained this was a civil issue for court, and the daughter could not be listed as a runaway as she was with a parent.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Public Safety at a university called to report a student employee was suicidal and wanted to

be committed. A mental health team was in touch and responded, later following up that they made a plan with the student and she was not a danger to herself. Police assistance was not needed.

Domestic Disturbance/Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person made numerous allegations against her sister, including a text threat. The caller's claims contradicted her own medical chart regarding an injury, and the sister and mother denied the allegations. No probable cause was found. The caller has a history of mental health calls.

Suspicious Activity: Report of a male and female near a truck with yelping puppies. The male and female were contacted and advised the puppies were being loud while they were visiting a friend.

MONDAY, MAY 18

Domestic Disturbance: A person came to the police department to report her boyfriend causing a disturbance. She said he is schizophrenic and began throwing things, allegedly damaging her car and a window. She wanted him removed, but officers advised there was little they could do as he had been staying there for six months. They opted not to make contact to avoid escalation, and the caller did not want to pursue property damage charges.

Citizen Contact: A person came to the police department to report damage to their bushes from a vehicle fire on May 16. An officer took pictures of the damage and ensured the person received the contact information of the involved party.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported concerns about an unusually high number of bikes at a local park event, noting a man was carrying two bikes. The officer explained that without the bikes being reported stolen, there was little to be done but assured the caller they would keep an eye on the location.

Animal: A delivery person reported finding a black/white dog mix. A chip reader identified the owner, who was contacted and picked up the dog.

Citizen Contact: A person came to the police department to report their mother was withholding their medications. The person claimed their 17-year-old sister was being given their dosage of a medication in addition to her own. The Department of Human Services was notified.

Suspicious Person: Report of a male loitering at the Post Office. An officer noted trash left all over the front door area, and subsequently located the person. The person was cited and released for offensive littering after cleaning up much of the mess.

Domestic Disturbance: Report of a late, separated disturbance between a 17-year-old daughter and her mother. The daughter admitted to attacking her mother after getting upset. The daughter is being referred for harassment and disorderly conduct 2.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A 12-year-old was placed on a protective custody hold after attempting self-harm by tightening a cord around her neck, trying to drink insect killer, and trying to put a bag over her head before being stopped by her mother. The child was transported by medics to a

hospital, accompanied by her mother.

Animal: A person called to report that two of her emotional support cats went missing about four days prior. Descriptions were noted for the briefing board.

Civil Issue: A person initially reported their phone was stolen but later admitted to a civil agreement with the resident regarding payment for car insurance and the phone. The caller was advised it was a civil matter to be resolved in court and was warned not to show up uninvited to the resident's house.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A debt collector reported a client stated they were "100 percent going to off himself." An officer spoke with the client who said he was fine, did not plan on killing himself, and was just upset over the debt.

Criminal Mischief: An unknown suspect pulled the window screen off an apartment between 12:30 and 4:30 a.m. No entry was made. A person previously involved in an argument with the residents is a possible person of interest.

Citizen Contact: An anonymous complainant reported multiple young juveniles at a skate park without helmets. An officer responded but was unable to locate anyone.

Citizen Contact: A person called to speak with officers about a gun they had "gifted" a friend that they now wanted back after an argument. The person was advised this was a civil issue.

Citizen Contact: A person called with concerns that an individual arrested the previous week had a cat that would die since the owner was still in jail. Jail staff confirmed the family had picked up the cat.

Animal: A dog with a license tag was found at a school and returned to the owner. A second report of a loose dog came in nearby, and the owner confirmed he owns two dogs. Both were claimed and returned.

Crash: An officer spoke with a person who was upset about an investigation into a previous crash. The person was advised to speak with their insurance again and follow up with the original responding officer.

Theft: A person reported that an unknown person entered the open section of their garage while they were out of town and was seen leaving with grocery bags. Officers were asked to check on the residence while the residents were away.

Harassment: A person called to report two males in a black car threatening and pointing a firearm at him. Officers spoke with all parties, and it was determined the males only told the caller "be careful" when he fell. The caller gave inconsistent versions of the story, and no provable crimes were found.

Crime: A person reported seeing an individual with an active restraining order against them driving by her residence as a passenger in a white utility vehicle on two separate days. An officer advised they would look at the conditions of the order to determine if it was a violation.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person called about another individual who was paranoid about people trying to harm him, related to the harassment

he reported earlier. The caller allowed the person to stay at the residence for a few hours.

Overdose: A person reported finding her daughter overdosing on medication and unresponsive. Officers provided two doses of Narcan and administered a sternum rub. The person was breathing but not responding and was transported by medics to a hospital.

Hangup Call: A 911 call came from a person's phone. An officer arrived to find the person laying on the ground, stating people were after him and he wanted to go to jail. The person was warned for misuse of emergency services and told to only call 911 for emergencies.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Suspicious Person: Another call was received about a person sleeping at the Post Office. The person left without issue. The postmaster wanted the person trespassed if he returned to sleep or loiter again.

Trespass: Bar staff requested police assistance after a male came into the bar acting strangely and urinating outside. The male was contacted, appeared to be having mental health issues, and was verbally trespassed from the bar.

Trespass: A caller reported that a previously noted individual had returned to sleep in the Post Office and was unwilling to leave. He was arrested, charged with trespassing and lodged.

Arrest: An individual was arrested on charges of probable cause for felony Assault 4 and was lodged.

Arrest: An officer stopped a driver who was confirmed to be driving while suspended - violation. The driver was issued traffic citations for driving uninsured and driving while suspended - violation, and a criminal citation for failure to carry/present identification.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported possible juveniles drinking. An officer arrived but was unable to locate them.

Disturbance: A disturbance was reported between a male and female. The female had left the house without telling anyone. The male was frantically searching for her, was emotional, and has autism and past trauma from being homeless. No threats or physical incidents were reported.

Theft: A university safety officer called about a scooter theft at the library. The victim needs to call to make a report.

Found Property: A person found a phone with a shattered screen at a park on May 9. It was entered into safekeeping.

Suspicious Activity: A person called to report a female in a black vehicle following him from a nearby city, where she was driving aggressively. He kept driving toward the police department, and the vehicle eventually turned away. He wanted to document the incident.

Citizen Contact: A person called because a previously arrested individual had the ignition key for a vehicle tagged for tow the next morning. The caller was informed that the individual was in jail and advised she might need to find a different solution to move the vehicle.

Crime: Two people called to report that a male, who is prohibited from having firearms due to a court order, told them

he purchased a firearm at a store. Officers will follow up with the store.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

At 7:01 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:07 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near milepost 54 was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:35 p.m., a deputy contacted three vehicles with four passengers at the cemetery. A caller reported that he believed the persons had been camping, but was unsure. The deputy spoke with workers on scene and verified the subjects were there early this morning and had camping supplies set up. The deputy identified all the subjects, and they were advised to move along. They were able to jump-start one of the vehicles, but needed gas to move it. All the subjects left to get gas and would return within 20 minutes to move the last vehicle.

At 3:46 p.m., a truck pulling a 44-foot trailer broke down on Ellendale Avenue, blocking the eastbound lane. A deputy assisted with traffic control until the driver was able to get the trailer off the main road.

At 4:45 p.m., a deputy took a female subject into custody in courtroom 3 and transported her to Polk County Jail where she was lodged.

At 6:50 p.m., deputies arrested Preston Mandas on Orchard View Lane on a DOJ Secret Indictment warrant.

At 6:29 p.m., a resident on McTimmonds Road reported finding his 12 chickens missing with evidence suggesting that an animal had eaten them (likely a dog or coyote). He suggested checking with his neighbor to see if their dog may have gotten out. The neighbor had eyes on his dog all day, which did not get out. However, he did spot a few wild dogs about a week ago and it could have been them. The deputy updated the complainant.

At 11:50 p.m., a motorist was stopped for failure to obey a traffic control device. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, no insurance and expired tags.

At 11:32 p.m., a resident reported finding a dog by the Burger King in West Salem and had nowhere to lodge it. A deputy met her and lodged the tan pitbull in the PCSO kennels. The deputy provided food, water, blanket, and took photos and sent them to PCSO animal control.

At 11:55 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver, Roman Aerrola, showed signs of impairment and performed poorly on a field sobriety test. He was taken into custody for driving under the influence of an intoxicant and provided a BAC .08% at Polk County Jail.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

At 8:28 a.m., a resident on Bethel Road reported an unknown male at the end of her driveway trying to open her gate. A deputy contacted a male crouched down in front of the gate who said he was just trying to get some water. After giving him water, the deputy learned he was Thomas Clowdus. He had an outstanding warrant out of Marion County and was also out of compliance on his sex offender registration. He was arrested and lodged on the local charge and the jail took care of the warrant.

At 9:38 a.m., a deputy investigated a report a blue log truck was swerving on Liberty Road. After driving Liberty from Highway 223 to Bridgeport Road, the deputy was unable to locate the truck.

At 8:51 p.m., a motorist on Halls Ferry Road was cited for driving while suspended. The deputy had to use Google translate to tell the driver he cannot drive and needs someone to come and drive him home.

At 8:54 p.m., a motorist on Edgewater Street was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device after running a stop sign on 2nd Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

At 12:56 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 20- to 30-plus mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

At 1:18 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 20- to 30-plus mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

At 11:32 p.m., a resident reported finding a dog by the Burger King in West Salem and had nowhere to lodge it. A deputy met her and lodged the tan pitbull in the PCSO kennels. The deputy provided food, water, blanket, and took photos and sent them to PCSO animal control.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

At 1:55 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver, Roman Aerrola, showed signs of impairment and performed poorly on a field sobriety test. He was taken into custody for driving under the influence of an intoxicant and provided a BAC .08% at Polk County Jail.

At 1:07 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 6:27 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on Clow Corner Road. A female subject had climbed in through a male subject's window and threw their care provider's stuff out the front door. She was cited for criminal mischief 3.

At 10:43 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of an elderly female possibly in her 70s walking along the fog line eastbound on Airlie Road near Sauerkraut Road who did not appear to be stable. The deputy was unable to locate the female subject.