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Steve Harvath, of Newberg, tries to interest Kris Goldin of Eugene in some of his Hammarlund gear for sale at Saturday's Swaptoberfest at the Polk County Event Center.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Swaptoberfest returns as home for amateur radio enthusiasts

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Polk County Fairgrounds Event Center has long doubled as a home for a marketplace for likeminded shoppers and vendors to exchange their wares. Since the 1970s, the Event Center has been home to the Mid Valley ARES whose membership is made up from amateur ham radio operators. Once a year, they exchange their gear at Swaptoberfest. “So this is an opportunity for amateur radio operators to come and um it’s essentially a swap meet to sell their wares,” said Ken Kurth, a member of the Mid Valley ARES. After being absent last year

due to logistics, members and radio operations from around the region returned in force to find that special part to keep their hobby going. Vendors set up 143 tables for the one-day event Oct. 17, mostly devoted to amateur radio related gear. “So, you will see everything from tech equipment, historical equipment here, and late modern stuff and then you will also find new stuff. Most of it’s used,” Kurth said. He added that many vendors have family members who have passed and needed a place to sell their gear now that they’re gone. Kurth said there has always been an eb-and-flow interest in

amateur radio since the 1970s. Ironically, in a club that communicates through ham radio, Swaptoberfest experienced one of its biggest downturns during the COVID pandemic years. But interest is again on the rise. “This is the first one where it feels really big like in years past. So it’s, a lot of people are getting into it. A lot of people get into it for community emergency response teams,” Kurth said. He explained that the younger crowd get into amateur radio for emergency communications, such as members of the Community Emergency Response Team. (CERT) that educates volunteers in disaster preparedness and basic

response skills like (such fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The various ARES clubs offer something for everyone to peak their interest. “For example, right now, one of the most popular is something called Parks on the Air where amateur radio operators will go to a park and they will set up a station off grid, if you will, and then try to make contacts with other stations that are in the Parks on the Air and export you through the internet. So it’s a little bit different than some of the other stuff,” Kurth said.

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Fire district eyes leaving Polk County ambulance agreement

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

SW Polk Fire District is considering withdrawing as an assigned ambulance service provider under the Polk County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Plan due to ongoing financial concerns. District officials said in a press release Oct. 16 they will continue operating ambulance resources and providing emergency medical transportation when personnel and equipment are available. The SW Polk Fire District area of responsibility is about 142 square miles around the Dallas area. District officials said this is not a decision they are taking lightly. “This is not a direction we want to take, but it is one we must seriously consider,” Chief Fred Hertel said in a press release. “For more than three years, we have worked with the Polk County Commissioners, provided operational data, identified financial concerns, and proposed solutions. Unfortunately, the fundamental problems remain unresolved, and our taxpayers cannot be expected to indefinitely subsidize an ambulance system that was not designed to be financially sustainable, as required within the County’s own ASA Plan.” Under the county’s ASA Plan, ambulance providers must give the Polk County Board of Commissioners at least six months’ written notice if they chose to leave the agreement.

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Dallas City Council candidates pitch top concerns

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The city of Dallas has five candidates running to fill four seats on the City Council. All positions are non-partisan and are elected at-large. Candidates run to represent the entire city rather than a specific district and all registered city voters are eligible to vote for each position. The council positions are four-year terms and the mayor is a two-year term. Since City Councilor Anthony Blosser is running unopposed for mayor, the Itemizer-Observer sent four questions to the remaining five candidates for city council. Here’s their answers, listed

alphabetically by candidate, edited where needed. **SHELBY ALEXANDER** *What inspired you to run for city council at this time?* My inspiration for running for Dallas City Council comes from my love for the Dallas community and my desire to help shape its future. I fell in love with Dallas after moving to Polk County in 2017 to attend Western Oregon University and chose to make Dallas my home in 2024. In my role as executive assistant to the director of the Department of Public Safety



Standards and Training, I have gained valuable insight into Oregon’s political climate, budgeting, and legislative operations. If elected, I hope to bring that experience, along with my education in communications and political science, to the council. As a younger resident, I would also bring a fresh perspective to local leadership and, if elected, join the council’s only other female member, contributing to greater diversity of experience and perspective at the local level. *What will be your top three priorities?* 1. Thoughtfully consider methods of expansion residentially, industrially and commercially to bolster the city’s economy while maintaining Dallas’

safety, character and strong sense of community. 2. Prioritize the city’s public works projects to ensure that all facets of the town are being proactively and ethically maintained, like our sidewalks, roads, parks, sewers, etc. 3. Maintaining the city’s historic infrastructure to ensure our local businesses are supported and our unique historic buildings remain well cared for. *What is the best thing about Dallas that makes it worth fighting for as a city council member?* As previously mentioned, Dallas has a very strong sense of community and camaraderie, and I think that is one thing that makes the town so special. As a newer resident, I very

much appreciate living in an area where people know their neighbors, support local businesses, and come together to support one another. That connection is what makes Dallas feel like home to me and is something worth preserving as our city grows. If elected for City Council, I want to help maintain that close-knit spirit of the community while ensuring Dallas continues to grow in a way that benefits residents, strengthens local connections, and preserves the character that makes our community unique. *Anything else about your candidacy that voters should consider?* Dallas has an incredible

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County certifies 2026-27 tax roll, collection of taxes

By THE PCAO

The Polk County Assessor’s Office certified the 2026-27 Tax Roll to the County Clerk. This authorizes the County Tax Collector to start the process of mailing tax statements and collection of taxes.

Katlyn D’ Agostini, Polk County Tax Collector mailed statements Oct. 16 and taxes are due Nov. 16. If you have questions about where to pay your taxes or how to pay your taxes, please call the Tax Office at (503) 623-9264.

The assessor reports the total real market value in Polk County increased by over 3% from last year to

\$18.1 billion. The overall assessed value of Polk County grew by approximately 4.4% over last year to \$8.6 billion.

The total amount of taxes, special assessments, fees and charges to be collected for all districts in Polk County is approximately \$139.9 million for the 2026 tax year, an increase of 4% over the \$133.8 million in 2025.

According to information submitted by the Assessor’s Office, a significant number of property owners will see an increase in their property taxes this year. Polk County Assessor Valerie Patoine explained that the law allows for a 3% increase in a property’s

assessed value each year, which could then cause an increase in the property taxes.

“The primary reason a property’s taxes may change more or less than the 3% is due to changes in a taxing district’s bond repayment requirements and/or new local option levies,” Patoine said.

She added there are Urban Renewal Districts operating within the cities of Salem, Dallas, Independence and Monmouth.

“From these combined Urban Renewal Districts, \$4,888,812 in taxes will be collected from the Division of Tax and Levies that goes towards Urban Renewal projects,”

Patoine said.

The total breaks down to \$2,042,210 for Salem; \$497,225 for Dallas; \$1,292,779 for Independence and \$1,056,598 for Monmouth.

Measure 5, a constitutional amendment approved by Oregon voters in 1990, is still in effect. This amendment created a permanent limitation on property taxes of \$10 per \$1,000 of real market value for general government services and \$5 per \$1,000 of real market value for education services. Measure 5 reductions amounted to a \$302,947 loss in property tax revenues for the taxing districts this year,

primarily for education services. Total compression loss is up 11 % over last year’s revenue loss of \$271,440.

When looking at the values portion of the tax statement, the real market value is the value the assessor believes your property would sell for on the open market as of Jan. 1, 2026. The assessed value is the value used to calculate your taxes.

Patoine encourages property owners to take this opportunity to review their tax statement for accuracy of information, such as the correct ownership, mailing and location address. If there are any questions or changes needed, contact the

Assessor’s Office at (503) 623-8391.

If you disagree with the real market value the assessor has placed on your property, you are encouraged to contact the Assessor’s Office to have your value reviewed, free of charge, prior to filing an appeal. Patoine has seen the majority of value differences resolved during the value review process. If once this review is completed and the property owner still does not agree with the value placed on their property, they can find instructions on the back of the tax statement on how to appeal to the Property Values Appeal Board.

News Notes

CITY OF MONMOUTH ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ARTISTS

The city of Monmouth and the Monmouth Arts and Culture Commission announces a call for art 2027. Recognizing

the importance of art in citizens’ lives and community, the city and the MACC have dedicated 2-D gallery space on the first floor of City Hall to rotating art exhibitions. These shows will be

scheduled on a three-month basis and can be either solo or multi-artist exhibitions. Applications and information can be found online at the city’s website under the Arts and Culture

Commission’s webpage. Applications are due Dec. 1 at 5 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

The Oct. 14 story “SMART Reading calls for community volunteers in Dallas” listed the

incorrect date and times for volunteering. Here are the correct opportunities in Dallas:

Lyle Elementary: Reading on Tuesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from

9:30-11:30 a.m. with second and third graders.

Oakdale Heights Elementary: Reading on Mondays from 9:30-11:20 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30-2 p.m. with second and third graders.

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BEND SHOOTING

Dallas schools’ safety remains our top priority

By STEVE SPENCER
Dallas School District Superintendent

Before anything else, our hearts are with the students, staff, and families in Bend. That community has a long road ahead, and I know many of our own families are feeling this one too. It hits close to home.

Yes, we have thought about it. Anyone who works in school safety has to think through scenarios like that,

as hard as they are to say out loud. Our vestibules were never meant to be impenetrable. Their purpose is to control who enters our buildings during the school day and to slow down anyone who shouldn’t be there, which buys time for staff to lock down and for law enforcement to respond. They do that job well, and they are one layer of a much larger plan.

I’d be doing our families a disservice if I told them any building, system, or plan can prevent every possible threat.

No school district in the country can honestly make that promise. What I can tell them is that we take this seriously every single day. We work closely with local law enforcement, our staff train regularly on emergency response, and we have a threat assessment process for when concerns come up. The most important safety work, though, is the least visible. Most planned school violence is stopped because a student or adult noticed something and told someone. That’s

why we put so much effort into making sure every student has an adult at school they trust enough to talk to. It is also why we strategically publicize the links to SafeOregon where tips can be reported and followed up on.

As we do after any event like this, we’ll sit down with our law enforcement partners and review our practices. I’m not going to discuss specific security features or where we might strengthen them in the paper, since that information is most

useful to the wrong people. I hope you understand.

If I could add one thing we have been focusing on as a message for families: if your child seems anxious or unsettled this week, that’s a normal response. Let them ask questions, keep answers simple and honest for younger kids, and limit how much news coverage they see. Our school counselors are available to any student who needs to talk, and parents are welcome to reach out to their child’s school.

Investigating the Bible: How to and how not to preach

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

Those who have given a speech, know that public speaking is a challenge. So is preaching. Ray Stedman was the pastor of a growing and healthy California church for 40 years, and he preached most every Sunday. He became a Christian as an 11 year-old, where he helped on the family farm. He was overwhelmed with his new faith.

“I preached to the cows as I brought them home. Those cows were a very good audience, too, by the way. They never went to sleep on me,” Stedman said.

The apostle Paul preached with great success to citizens in Thessalonica. However, he competed with those

who preached from selfish and ungodly reasons. Also, some may have accused Paul of having these wrong motives. In his letter to the young church, he gave clear signs of false preaching, and then illustrated with his own life how preaching must be done.

DON'T HARBOR SEXUAL MOTIVES.

“For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit;” (1 Thessalonians 2:3, New American Standard Version used throughout).

The word impurity is the same one Paul used in another letter about sexual sin in that church: “I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.” (2

Corinthians 12:21).

In our time, Jim Jones, David Koresh, and many other lesser known religious leaders have used their allegedly holy calling to practice unholy sexual abuse. The apostle Paul did not have a secret life. For the Thessalonians, he had “...a fond affection..., we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

DON'T PREACH TO PLEASE OR FOR MONEY.

Paul came not as “pleasing to men”, and as he said, “...we never came with flattering speech...nor with a pretext for greed – God is witness – nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others,

even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.” (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).

Prosperity preaching is big business in some parts of America. As of August this year, David Taylor and Michelle Brannon, former religious leaders, still face federal charges of forced labor at their church fund-raising call centers.

Paul set the bar high for teaching and preaching. First, preach the gospel with boldness. Paul and Silas had been flogged in Phillipi, then put in prison. At Thessalonica, they risked suffering again: “...We had boldness in our God to speak the gospel of God amid much opposition.” (1 Thessalonians 2:2).

Second, preach with love.

“But we proved to be gentle among you, as a

nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children...just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children.” (1 Thessalonians 2:7,11).

THIRD, LIVE THE MESSAGE PREACHED.

“For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day, so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed the gospel of God. You are our witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;”. (1 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

Amy Carmichael served as missionary in India for 56 years, from 1895-1951, and never returned once to her England home for a resting furlough.

When she first arrived, to her horror she discovered that parents were selling their daughters, some as young as 7 years old, to the temples of gods as prostitutes.

She dedicated her life to stopping this abuse and rescuing young lives. For a band of young women converted to Christ, she wrote her beliefs.

“My confidence: Thou art able to keep that which I have committed unto Thee. My Motto: Love to live – live to love.”

[Mr. Pastor graduated from Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota. He leads of study of the Bible every Sunday, 5 PM, courtesy of a room at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy. It's non-denominational, one hour long, and interactive.]



Four tips for managing parent guilt when you have young children

- Guilt can show up when you’re answering work emails instead of playing, ordering takeout instead of cooking or simply wishing for five quiet minutes.
- Remember, feeling guilty doesn’t mean you’re doing a bad job. That guilt is often a reflection of how deeply you want to do right by your child.
- Here are a few things to keep in mind when guilt bubbles up:
- 1. Perfection isn’t the goal.** The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that mistakes and difficult emotions are a normal part of parenting. Naming those emotions and frustrations out loud model for your children that perfection is not the goal. Parents, as well as kids, try their best and learn from less desirable outcomes.

2. Focus on manageable priorities. Turn your attention to what matters the most: connection, safety, routines and warmth. These are the foundations for healthy development.

3. Remember: You have needs, too. The CDC emphasizes that caring for yourself physically, mentally and emotionally can make it easier to be a positive, loving parent.

4. When you feel like you’re failing, reframe that you’re doing your best. Some days you have more to give than others. You’re a real person, not a perfect one.
- Parenting is not a performance. There will be messy days, screen-time days, cereal-for-dinner days — and these days are beautiful ones too.

AUGUST 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.

THE CORNDOG COMPANY
138 W Ellendale Ave., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 31
Score: 92
Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the handwashing sink, specifically\ hand-washing the sink has no paper towels.
Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically several items near the top of the chest fridge are not 41F or below (hot dogs - 49F, batter - 50F). The operator states the hot dogs were 41F at opening (3 hours prior).

NANCY JO'S BURGERS & FRIES
1499 Edgewater St. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 31
Score: 100

ROOKIE'S
641 E Clay St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 28
Score: 100

HABANERO'S
601 Clay St. E., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 28
Score: 100

URBAN GRANGE COFFEE AND BAKERY COMPANY
1594 Edgewater St. #180, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 29
Score: 95 - The chlorine sanitizer concentration, pH, or temperature is not adequate, specifically chlorine sanitizer is dispensing at Oppm. The bottle was recently replaced, line has not been primed.

DOMINO'S PIZZA
590 Taggart Drive NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 100

SUBWAY
1554 Edgewater St. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 100

JAMBA JUICE # 1149
515 Taggart Dr. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 100

WINGSTOP
525 Taggart Dr. 120, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 100

ALIBI INN INC.
590 Taggart Dr. 130, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 95 - Poisonous or toxic materials are not properly separated or located, specifically a container of nicotine pouches is on the shelf above food prep.

MOES PIZZA
1594 Edgewater St. #160, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 95 - Refrigerated, ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food has not been consumed within the required time period or is not properly date-marked, specifically a container of cooked chicken tenders are date marked Aug. 14, 13 days prior. A container of

chopped romaine lettuce is date marked Aug. 18, 9 days prior.

PANDA EXPRESS
655 Taggart Dr. #150, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 100

DUDE DONUT CITY
525 Taggart Dr. Ste. 130, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 27
Score: 100

UGO'S PIZZA PARLOR
967 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 26
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically a staff personal carton of raw eggs is stored above bottles of soda in a glass fridge.

KARMA COFFEE BAR AND BAKERY
1062 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 26
Score: 100

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN FOOD
994 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 26
Score: 95 - Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically raw chicken is stored above raw beef in a walk-in fridge.

DAIRY QUEEN
1141 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 25
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically queso is hot holding in warmer at 128F. An operator states it has been in the unit since this morning (over 4 hours).

WALERY'S PREMIUM PIZZA
1555 Edgewater Street Nw Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 24
Score: 100

BOBABLASTIC DALLAS
995 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 19
Score: 97 - The use of time as a public health control is not properly monitored, food is not properly marked or written

procedures have not been developed, specifically a tub of tapioca pearls have not been time marked. The operator states these were made 2.5 hours prior.

YANG'S TERIYAKI
140 N Monmouth Ave Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 17
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically chopped cabbage is held on ice packs. Cabbage is 47F. The operator states it was removed from the fridge 3.5 hours ago.

LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA - MONMOUTH
405 W Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 17
Score: 97 - The use of time as a public health control is not properly monitored, food is not properly marked or written procedures have not been developed, specifically four pizzas prepared 10 minutes ago have not been time marked.

KOYOTES TACOS
159 N Monmouth Ave Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 17
Score: 95 - Materials used for food-contact surfaces of equipment and utensils are not safe, specifically drill attachment used to mix beans has chipping paint. Single-use tortilla bags are being reused to line rice containers in the warmer.

COFFEE CABANA
9750 Rickreall Road, Rickreall
Inspection Date: Aug. 14
Score: 100

DREAMIES CREAMERY
141 SW Court St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 14
Score: 100

TWO WOLVES TAPROOM
171 SW Court St Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 14
Score: 95 - The chlorine sanitizer concentration, pH, or temperature is not adequate, specifically the dishwasher is reading

Oppm.

TONY'S PLACE
127 Court St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 14
Score: 95
Food employees eat, drink or use tobacco in unapproved areas or use an inappropriate beverage container for drinking, specifically operator beverage without lid/straw and plate of food is inside the bar area.
Ice used as a medium for cooling food or equipment is used as a food, specifically three beer bottles are submerged in ice used inside beverages.

KELLI'S CAFE
1089 Edgewater Ave. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 13
Score: 95 - Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically a container of ribs cooked two hours prior is sitting above the oven. The ribs are hot holding at 112F.

LITTLE CAESARS
1395 Edgewater St. NW 100, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 13
Score: 100

DUTCH BROS. COFFEE
515 Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 12
Score: 100

FLAME AND FORK GRILL
1233 Riverbend Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 12
Score: 97 - Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the hand-washing sink, specifically paper towels are empty.

DAIRY QUEEN - DALLAS
586 SE Jefferson St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 12
Score: 90
Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross contamination, specifically a carton of raw eggs is stored above strawberry topping in the walk-in fridge.
Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding

temperatures, specifically queso is in the warmer at 130F. An operator states it has been keeping warm since last night.

BUGLES ESPRESSO
444 Pacific Hwy S., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 6
Score: 100

DOMINO'S PIZZA - DALLAS
772 Main St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 6
Score: 100

NEW MORNING BAKERY DALLAS
219 SW 2nd St., Dallas
Inspection Date: Aug. 6
Score: 100

BONANZA BAR & RESTAURANT
28405 Salmon River Hwy., Grand Ronde
Inspection Date: Aug. 6
Score: 100

BURGERVILLE USA
615 E Main St., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 6
Score: 100

LONCHERA LA ROSA
520 S Pacific Hwy., Rickreall
Inspection Date: Aug. 5
Score: 100

DAIRY QUEEN - MONMOUTH #17602
320 Pacific Ave S., Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

TACO BELL
450 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

JERSEY MIKES
555 Edgewater St. NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

STARBUCKS COFFEE STORE
1505 Monmouth-Independence Hwy, Monmouth
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

SUBWAY
560 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

CARL'S JR.
555 Edgewater St. NW Ste. 150, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

MCDONALD'S
570 Wallace Road NW, West Salem
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 100

MCDONALD'S
1315 Monmouth St., Independence
Inspection Date: Aug. 4
Score: 95 - The use of time as a public health control is not properly applied, specifically five sauce bottles are time marked for disposition over 7 hours prior. Diced onion container was not time marked when pulled from the fridge.

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Kathrine "Kay" Vogt
Dec. 28, 1942 - Oct. 3, 2026
Kay Vogt, 83, of Monmouth, passed away on October 3, 2026. Kay

will be remembered for her warmth and kindness. She enjoyed scrapbooking, knitting, cross stitch, travel, collecting all things Coca-Cola, and, most of all, spending time with her family and friends. Kay is survived by her husband, Larry; her children, Joanne (Steve) Divan, Lori (Tracy) Traeger, and Mike (Sunny) Vogt; eleven grandchildren Stephanie, Rebecca, Samantha, Sarah, Nicole, Andrew, Casey, Kimberly, Collin,

Ryley, and Braedy; thirteen great-grandchildren; her brother, Jerry (Sharon) Winegar; and her sisters, Lois Canfield, Jean (Ron) Comstock, Jane (Ken) Simons, and Donna (Jim) Ossenkop. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Evelyn Winegar. A memorial service and reception will be held Friday, October 30, at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1550 Monmouth Street, Independence, Oregon. Forever in our hearts.

We're still with you.
If you are one of the family members we have served, we'd like you to know you are still in our thoughts.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE-ELECT COMMISSIONER GORDON TO CONTINUE HIS WORK FOR POLK COUNTY

When evaluating candidates for County Commissioner in the upcoming election, it is important to focus on the specific responsibilities of county-level governance.

As a Polk County homeschool mother, I have made an intentional effort to participate in our local government. Having attended County Commissioner meetings with my children for the past four years, I have seen firsthand that Commissioner Gordon fulfills the scope of his role. He asks thorough questions, researches details, and actively seeks community input. While Commissioner Gordon and I do not always agree on state and federal issues, we are aligned on our vision for Polk County and its residents.

I encourage our community to focus on the essential duties of a County Commissioner when casting their votes. If you have questions, I encourage you to meet with Commissioner Gordon. I believe you will find him open to listening, addressing your concerns, and working to improve Polk County.

Lena Calef, Independence

APPROVE CITY FEE TO KEEP COMMUNITY ASSETS

Some of my favorite moments in Independence are wonderfully ordinary.

My kids racing toward a playground. Families filling Riverview Park for a concert or movie on a summer evening. Running into someone at the library or grocery store who wants to talk about our schools, City Hall, or something happening in the world. I think of these moments as incidental, small-d democracy. Sometimes we agree.

TEMP/RAINFALL

OCT. 12 - 65 35 0.00
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OCT. 14 - 72 44 0.00
OCT. 15 - 84 45 0.00
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OCT. 18 - 64 37 0.00
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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

With elections in November, which level of government are you most interested in placing a vote to make a change?

State - 875%
County - 6.3%
City - 6.3%

Sometimes we absolutely don't. But face-to-face, we can see a smile, hear the sarcasm, catch the joke, and remember that the person on the other side of an issue is also our neighbor. Parks, libraries, museums and community spaces give us places to keep bumping into one another. That matters.

These aren't frivolous extras. Our library costs are in line with libraries in Oregon communities our size. While supporting children, seniors, job seekers and families, it brings people downtown. And parks, libraries and other public amenities help make communities desirable places to live and invest. Something that matters to local businesses and property values alike.

I think most of us agree that we want these things. The disagreement is over how to pay for them. This proposal isn't perfect. I much preferred the funding option we were given previously, but many of my neighbors disagreed. That choice didn't make the problem of how to pay for these vital services disappear. Now we have another choice.

Are we a community worth fighting for? Yes. Independence is worth investing in. It's worth fighting for. Vote yes.

Kellie McWilliams Independence

DALLAS CANDIDATE FORUM WAS DISAPPOINTING

I recently took the opportunity to attend a candidate forum for Dallas City Council and Polk County Commission candidates, held at Dallas Civic Center. I was very disappointed in both some of the presentations and in the attendance by interested citizens.

Some of the candidates didn't even introduce themselves by name. Some rambled on without really answering the question. Attendance by community members was pathetic. For all the furor I see about the city council when I occasionally look at Facebook, I expected a crowd. I was completely wrong.

Interested citizens may have been outnumbered by candidates, council members and family. To me, this lack of participation does not bode well for the future of local governance.

Dale Derouin, Dallas

SUPPORT INDY'S CITY FEE MEASURE

I went to a hearing on closing the Independence library. I listened to the current city manager and city councilors answer many questions about the budget and the water/sewer fee. After listening to clear explanations, I am in full support. But Greg Ellis, previous City Manager, called for the fee to be put on the ballot.

The room was packed, beyond standing room

only. About 20 people spoke, only one of whom spoke against the fee – previous City Manager Ellis, now running for City Council. He implied the city was sitting on a pot of gold, clearly not true. After he spoke, he left. People spoke passionately about the value of a library. Some spoke about recently moving to Indy and starting a business because of the library and parks. Multiple parents spoke of the value to their families.

Past councils opted to borrow from the water/sewer funds to keep the library and parks open. The result is disrepair of our water infrastructure. Essentially, previous councils were robbing Peter to pay Paul rather than being transparent. Our current council voted to clean up the budget and be completely transparent about our operating costs by disallowing intrafund transfers. They instituted a temporary fee. However, Ellis' referendum stopped the process; the fee was halted, hence the closure of some parks.

The city has cut to the bone. There is no pot of gold; further reductions mean reducing services. Please vote for Measure 27-151, for the library, parks and a healthy future for Independence.

J.J. Sweeney, Independence

JEREMY GORDON GETS THINGS DONE

Jeremy Gordon leans in, works hard, and delivers. I know because I've worked alongside him for years and support his reelection as Polk County Commissioner.

Jeremy brings thoughtfulness and creativity to difficult problems. He understands that our communities' needs often exceed available resources, and he builds partnerships to make them go further.

In Monmouth, he helped establish the Polk Community Resource Center, bringing county services and community organizations together so neighbors can find

help in one place. When someone needs support, knowing where to start matters. That's a practical improvement in people's everyday lives.

His leadership in bringing communities together to prevent homelessness reflects that same approach: shared responsibility and practical solutions.

I'm grateful for Jeremy's partnership and dedication to communities throughout Polk County. He's earned my trust, and I want to see him continue this work.

Join me in voting for Jeremy Gordon. Remember to return your ballot to one of Polk County's official ballot drop boxes before 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Chris Lopez, Monmouth

JEREMY GORDON GOES BEYOND TALKING POINTS

I am heartened when I read in the Voters' Pamphlet, "By supporting recreation, conserving farmland, and sustaining a healthy timber industry, we boost our economy, preserve local tradition, and ensure future generations inherit the natural beauty we enjoy today."

These words are from Jeremy Gordon, candidate for Polk County Commissioner, Position 3. His opponent had nothing to say about our natural heritage in his Voters' Pamphlet entry.

For this and many other reasons I am voting for Jeremy Gordon, and urge you to do so as well. It will make Polk County a better place for our kids and grandkids.

Don Ellingson, Dallas

JEREMY GORDON'S WORK HAS MADE POLK COUNTY BETTER

For the first time in my life, I have a candidate's sign in my front yard. It's for Jeremy Gordon.

Between raising a young child and attending law school, I don't have time to spare. Like so many parents, I'm

working hard to create a better future for my family, and I care deeply about the kind of community my child will inherit.

Studying law has changed how I look at government. I've gained a greater appreciation for the people who understand how it works, respect their responsibilities, and know how to turn good intentions into results. That's what I see in Jeremy Gordon.

His work on housing stability, public safety, and access to essential services reflects an understanding of what families in Polk County need. It's clear that he doesn't view these discussions as theoretical. They're the things that determine whether people can put down roots, raise their children, and build a life here.

I want my child to grow up in a community where hard work creates opportunity, where families can find support when they need it, and where local leaders are thinking far beyond the next election.

I've never felt compelled to advertise my support for a candidate on my own lawn before. Jeremy Gordon changed that.

He has my vote. I hope he'll have yours too.

Cynthia Gallegos, Salem

REP. PAUL EVANS DESERVES OUR COMPASSION

I know Paul Evans as more than a name in a headline. I know him as a fellow veteran, a friend, and a person who has dedicated much of his adult life to serving others. I have witnessed his commitment to our community and the people who call it home.

As a veteran myself, I understand that military service can leave scars that are not always visible. Those struggles do not define a person, just as a single moment cannot tell the full story of a life.

When I look at Paul, I see the whole person: his years of military service, his dedication to public service, his advocacy for

veterans, and his commitment to our community. I see someone who has repeatedly stepped forward when others needed help.

Accountability matters. There are times when it is necessary to acknowledge what has happened and take responsibility. There are also times when compassion, understanding, and grace are equally important. These values can and should coexist.

Today, my friend is facing personal struggles, acknowledging the need for help, and taking steps toward healing. That is difficult work, and I believe it deserves understanding and humanity.

I am not asking anyone to ignore what has happened or dismiss the importance of accountability. I am simply asking that we remember the human being behind the headlines.

Paul has spent much of his life showing up for others. As he works through his own challenges, I hope we can offer him the same compassion.

Bill Boisvert, Independence

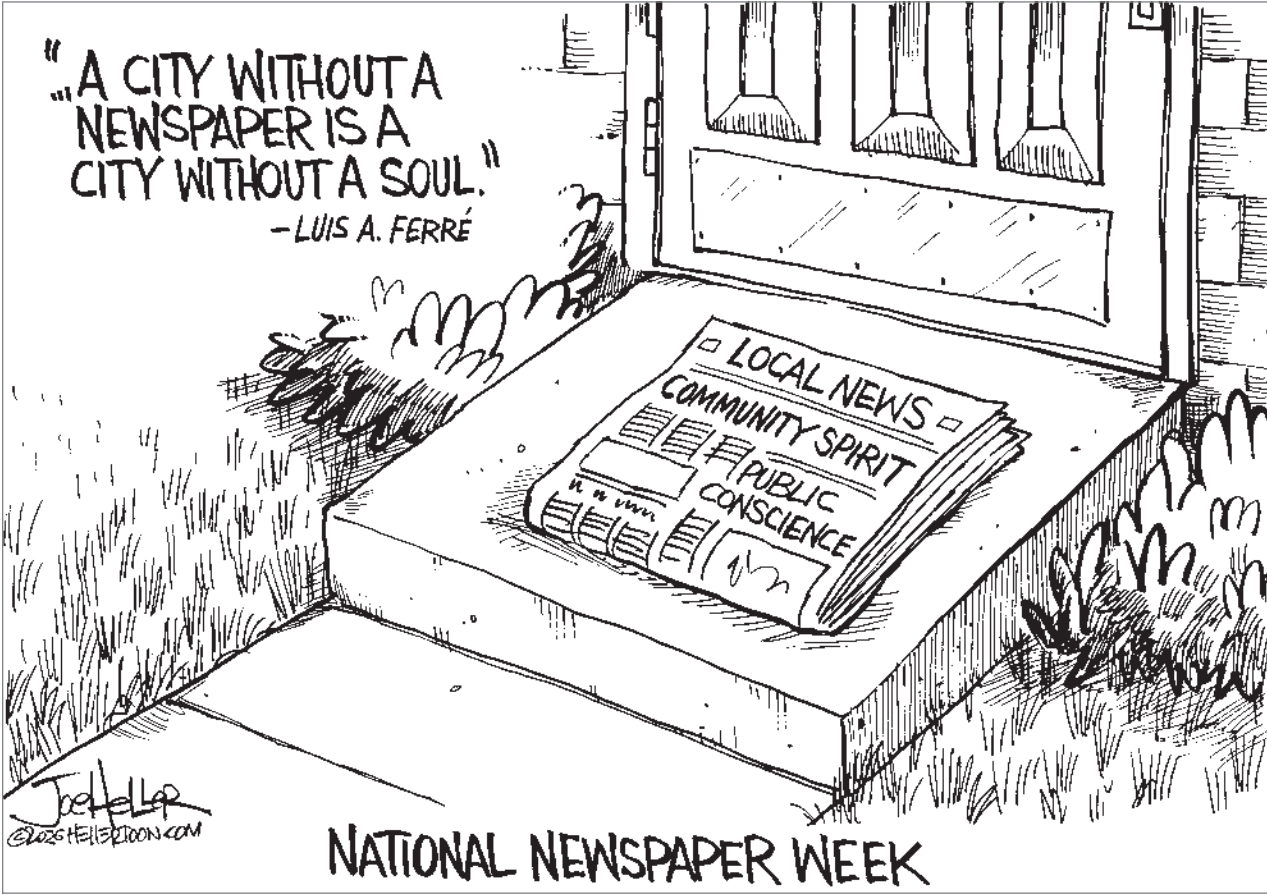
CITY FEE IS AFFORDABLE WAY TO KEEP VALUABLE RESOURCES

The Independence Community Services & Parks Fee is essential for the continued vitality and quality of life in our small town.

We moved here from out of state four years ago, and the beautiful parks and trails were a major attractive feature for us. Research shows exposure to nature has physical and mental health benefits, and our outdoor spaces are great examples. I walk through several of our parks multiple times each week, and there are always others there.

My concern for the parks led me to volunteer for the advisory Parks Board. Similarly, the library is a great equalizer as an important resource for many residents,

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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: Tangles of Silken Threads

Chainsaw

Goblin

Medium

Seance

Fangs

Haunted

Occult

Specter

Fearful

Levitation

Poltergeist

Zombie

Ghoulish

Macabre

Possessed

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cupcake is moved. 2. Money is shorter. 3. Sign is moved. 4. Man is taller. 5. Counter is wider. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

Americanisms

"I used to be Snow White, but I drifted."
— Mae West

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Super Crossword

TITLEHOLDERS

ACROSS

1 Pop's excuse

6 Bee-related

11 Lipids

15 In addition

19 "Cheers!" in Spain

20 Cousin of large

21 Concept

22 Geometry, e.g.

23 Photo-sharing app, casually

24 Be finished by

25 Shakespeare in Love

27 A Pocket Full of Rye

28 Novelist

30 Device connecting to a computer port

31 Alley—"I"

32 High mountain peaks, in Italy

33 "J to — L-O"

34 Put on

35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"

40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue

44 Purported psychic gift

45 Reebok rival

46 One-called swimmer

47 — 500 (auto race)

48 Ren or

50 "Peanuts" blanket toter

52 Cherry-hued

53 "Dr." of rap

55 Gazes at creepily

57 "Rebecca" novelist

63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund

65 Come — halt

66 Succotash ingredient

67 Kung — chicken

68 12-month period, in Rio

69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary

74 Sick-dog link

75 Levy

76 Conical-bore woodwind

77 Wed.-Fri. link

78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos

80 Best Actress winner for "Butterfield 8"

86 Large-eyed primate

87 — jiffy

88 Cattle call

89 Presley called "The King"

91 Morning TV's

92 Trotsky of Russia

95 Copier clogs

97 Free-for — (melees)

99 Eggy drink

100 "The Good Appliance" novelist

103 1986

106 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance

105 La Paz's country: Abbr.

106 Tee precursor

107 See 53-Down

109 Cut the lawn

110 Old Jewish asseetic

112 With

119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?

119 Sure!

112-Across

121 Mann of pop

122 Apple drink

123 Pernickious

124 British trolley

125 Atlantic, e.g.

127 Bears' lairs

128 1980s Dodge

129 Quickness

130 Catnaps, e.g.

DOWN

1 China's home

2 Singer k.d. —

3 "Casablanca" woman

4 Part of a blouse or a mouse

5 Boise native

6 A Baldwin brother

7 Phnom —, Cambodia

8 How RuPaul performs

9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)

10 "Move to in-box" email phrase

11 Pacific island nation

12 In unison, in music

13 TV coach

14 Voiced a quick greeting

15 "That's for sure!"

16 "Arie" actress Sue Ane —

17 City NW of Minneapolis

18 Classic chocolate candy bar

26 — about-face (flip-flop)

28 May precursor

29 Unrefined source of element #50

33 Pan Am rival

35 Explode, as a bomb

36 Having equal angles

37 Moon-landing mission

38 "Just jokin' with you"

39 Actress

41 Must-have

42 Carry off illegally

43 Arena level

46 Take — at (try)

49 Prefix with colonial

51 As many as

53 With

107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates

54 Small stream

56 Asia native

58 Three-nation pact of '94

59 Skier Tommy

60 Small tablet from Apple

61 De-intensify

62 Driver's fit of anger

64 "Yabba — doo!"

70 Fish eggs

71 Become rare

72 "That's for sure!"

73 — and void

79 — Lingus

81 California

82 wines, in brief

83 "Ooh, good comeback!"

84 Circle relative

85 Irritate

90 Replay mode, for short

92 Defamed in print

93 Causing to wear down

94 Raincoat fabric

95 Srs., last year

96 Ancient

98 Toy racer

101 Actress

102 In the habit of

103 Regions, weatherwise

104 For a bit

108 Camera

111 Mayrays, e.g.

112 IRS guy, e.g.

113 Halt, Prefix

114 Chair part

115 Hawaiian goose

116 — of March

117 Following

118 Mardi —

120 Chair part

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals F

BE EKGQWN NBAHCL YBQA
SCLC NMQLBAH VQAMKVM
FCANCN, SJKM EFWBY GBHJM
NJC WNC? VCFBAC NQFWMBQA.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

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.

WQLSJ LR SJH QIS XW
JXAKLEB XE SX SJLEBR ZXVI
IHQRXE JQR XEUH QUUHGSHK,
LE RGLSH XW ZXVI UJQEBLEB
NXXKR. — U.R. AHTLR

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

HELLO, I AM YOUR A.I. TUTORIAL FOR YOUR NEW COMPUTER. I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE MIDDLE-AGED SO I WILL TALK SLOWLY.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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Moments in time

- On Nov. 2, 1986, Norwegian distance runner Grete Waitz won her eighth New York City marathon, finishing the 26-mile, 385-yard course more than a mile ahead of the second- and third-place women in the race. In 1988, she won it for the ninth time, something no other marathon runner had accomplished.
- On Nov. 3, 1900, the first U.S. auto show opened at Madison Square Garden in New York, with automakers displaying 160 vehicles. Since early internal combustion engines were noisy, noxious and quite jarring, potential buyers of the period, not surprisingly, tended to favor steam- and battery-powered models.
- On Nov. 4, 1842, Abraham Lincoln, then a struggling lawyer, married Mary Todd at her sister's home in Springfield, Illinois, after a two-year courtship and previously broken engagement that some historians believe was linked to Lincoln's history of depression.
- On Nov. 5, 1968, Republican Richard Nixon defeated Vice President Hubert Humphrey in one of the closest presidential elections in American history, by less than 500,000 votes. Due to third-party candidate George Wallace's strong showing, neither Nixon nor Humphrey received more than 50% of the popular vote.
- On Nov. 6, 1988, Soviet scientist and human rights activist Andrei Sakharov embarked on a two-week visit to the United States, during which he petitioned the American government and citizens to support Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of glasnost (political openness) and perestroika (economic reforms).
- On Nov. 7, 1996, former NFL running back and Heisman trophy winner Mike Rozier narrowly survived being shot three times in his hometown of Camden, New Jersey, by Louis Pierce. Pierce was originally convicted and sentenced to life in prison, while maintaining his innocence and claiming he'd been incorrectly identified, but was released on \$50,000 bail after serving 20 years of his sentence.
- On Nov. 8, 2011, asteroid 2005 YU55, which was at least 1,300 feet wide according to radar measurements, passed about 201,700 miles from Earth, the closest known approach by an asteroid of its brightness since 1976.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- BUSINESS: Which company produced the Frisbee?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Ethiopia?
- LITERATURE: What was American poet Wallace Stevens' job aside from writing poetry?
- HISTORY: The first atomic submarine was built in which decade?
- MEDICINE: What is the medical name for low blood sugar?
- MOVIES: In what year was the terrorist-threat movie "Black Sunday" released?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president's image was featured on a dollar coin in 1971?
- INVENTIONS: When was the transistor invented?
- U.S. STATES: What is Wyoming's official nickname?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many hectares are in 1 square kilometer?

Answers

- Wham-O.
- Addis Ababa.
- Insurance executive.
- 1950s.
- Hypoglycemia.
- 1977.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- 1947, Bell Laboratories.
- The Equality State.
- 100.

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LETTERS
From Page A5

especially those who cannot afford to purchase books and lack their own computer or internet access.

I hear claims from other residents that the city is wasting or mis-managing money. That is objectively false. Mayor Schwarzler, the City Council and city staff are trying to be fiscally responsible in the face of tight revenue constraints. Budget cuts, including operating with minimal staffing, have occurred over the last few years.

By far, the largest budget item is the Police Department. Operating and maintaining a library, museum and parks is not cheap – salaries, equipment, utilities, rents, and maintenance costs are just as high (and rising) as they are for all of us. The revenue stream (mostly property taxes) to the city is simply too small to cover all 2026 expenses.

The history of the budgetary situation and the proposed solutions are explained in detail at www.ci.independence.or.us/community-services-parks-fee (if you don't have internet access, go to the library!).

Less than \$20 per month per utility customer is a small price to pay for these valuable city resources that make Independence a

desirable place to live. That's less than a package of chicken, or a few morning beverages, or one-third of a tank of gas for your car. Please vote yes for the referendum on community services and parks fee.

*Bill Henley
Independence*

YOUTH URGE
ADULTS TO VOTE
YES FOR PARKS

My name is Kevin. I am 7 and I live in Independence.

I want people in my town to vote YES for parks because parks are for kids. We play there, ride our bikes, go on the swings and play with our friends. Grown-ups get lots of places they can go. Kids don't. Kids only get school and parks. That's only two places!

My sister loves the swings but now they are gone. She is sad and I am mad because she is sad. We want to play at the park!

The big park is open again, but kids live all over Independence and we should be able to use the parks by our houses too.

My mom told me that people get to vote about whether we pay a little more money to keep our parks open. I think we should. I gave her \$5 so that I can help with the parks too.

Please vote Yes for Indy and then we can play at the park! If you vote no, you're not

allowed in the park. Hi! I'm Maren. I love going to the park. My favorite things are the slides and the swings. I like to swing really, really high. Kids like me need places where we can run and play and climb and be outside. But our parks are mostly closed right now. That makes me sad because parks are supposed to be for everybody. And kids need parks!

I hope the grown-ups in Independence will think about kids like me when they decide what happens to our parks. I want our parks to stay open so I can run and play and go on the swings.

*Kevin and Maren
(last names withheld),
Independence*

PUBLIC LIBRARY

We feel fortunate to have joined the Independence community in 2018 and have lived within walking distance of the Independence Public Library since then. Taking our dog on his daily walk, we always pass the library's electronic sign, and we are continually amazed by the broad array of programming that the library's staff offer to our community: free coding courses, crafting workshops, family story time, after school and summer programs for children and young adults, as well as

a wide range of programs for adults.

In addition to its collection of fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, DVD's, and children's books, it offers a meeting space open for use by local community groups, and many in our community depend on its availability of computers, printers, and wireless Internet.

Keeping the library open and its resources available to the community is critical for Independence to maintain its status as a thriving community. Educating the next generation of children to be enthusiastic and curious about learning is essential to maintaining a functioning democracy and an educated, knowledgeable, and creative population who will create the next iteration of our city and who will become responsible for solving the city's future challenges.

We invite you to join us and the majority of our community who support the library, museum, and parks during our upcoming election by voting Yes on ballot measure 27-151; Yes for Indy.

*Zach Elliott Kronser
and Melissa Cannon,
Independence*

REP. PAUL EVANS HAS
EARNED THE RIGHT
FOR RE-ELECTION

As board president of Courtney Place Veterans Housing, I have seen firsthand

how important it is to have elected leaders who understand the challenges facing veterans and are willing to fight for them. Representative Paul Evans has consistently been one of those leaders. In fact,

I would argue there is no stronger advocate for veterans in the Oregon House of Representatives. His commitment goes beyond words, he has continually worked to improve veterans' services, expand opportunities, and ensure those who served our country have a voice in the Capitol.

As a veteran himself, Paul understands both the sacrifices of military service and the responsibility we have to support veterans when they return home.

His experience, leadership, and commitment to Oregon's veteran community are invaluable.

I am proud to support Representative Paul Evans for re-election to the Oregon House and hope voters will return one of Oregon's strongest veterans' advocates to the Legislature.

*Alvin Klausen
Board President,
Courtney Place
Veterans Housing*

JEREMY GORDON
HAS WHAT IT TAKES
TO REMAIN A
COMMISSIONER

We would like to encourage the readers of your publication

to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commission seat No. 3.

When we moved to Polk County a year and a half ago, we were interested to learn about some of the issues that this area, and many areas across the country are facing. Homelessness, mental health support, and long-term access to good, clean water sources are all a concern to us, as well as maintaining a healthy economy in spite of losing federal funding on many levels.

Jeremy was easy to meet with and discuss our concerns during a casual visit at Checkpoint in West Salem. He is a good listener, and you get the feeling that the concerns of people living in Polk County are definitely his concerns. During these times of deep political division, it is refreshing to find folks in local government willing to work across the aisle to focus on solutions. It takes skill and dedication to work in a non-partisan way, and to get down to the issues that matter to most people.

We think that during his last five years on the County Commission, Jeremy has demonstrated that he has what it takes. We are going to vote for him as soon as we get our ballots, and we think you should, too.

*Theresa and Victor
Berthelsdorf,
West Salem*

FIRE
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Although the District has not made a final decision to withdraw its ASA assignment, district leaders are evaluating whether continued participation under the existing structure is financially responsible or sustainable.

The SW Polk Fire District tried to get its approximately 6,000 residents to approve operations levies, first in 2025 and again in 2026, both times failing. As a result, SW Polk eliminated six firefighter/paramedics

positions and removed paid firefighter positions from its Bridgeport station.

Hertel emphasized that the District is not seeking to eliminate ambulance services.

"We are not talking about getting rid of our ambulances or stopping patient transportation," Hertel said. "We are talking about whether it is financially responsible to remain the designated ambulance provider for an area that does not generate sufficient activity to support the cost of maintaining that obligation. We intend to continue

providing ambulance transportation when our resources are available, and we are authorized to respond. What we cannot continue doing is absorbing the financial burden of an unsustainable ASA assignment."

Officials added that the agreement can be preserved with further discussions with county leaders.

"We want to remain part of a coordinated ambulance system, but it must be one that is operationally effective, financially sustainable, and fair to the taxpayers supporting it," Hertel added.



FILE I-O PHOTO

SW Polk Fire District officials are considering leaving the county's Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Plan, which would result in scaled back operations.

HEALTH DIRECTORY

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SWAP

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Chris Portal, of Dallas, has long been a member of the Mid Valley ARES club, including chairman of the event for about 15 years. This was the first time in a long while he’s set up a table as a vendor. “A friend who passed away a number of years ago, his wife was

cleaning out the garage and said, ‘I’ve got this oscilloscope that I need to get rid of. Can you help me get rid of it?’ And so I got a table,” Portal said. With the call sign W7CLV, Portal has been a licensed operator since 1998. He, too, said amateur radio has something for every interest. “Whether it’s being on the air or tinkering with gear or whatever. There

are bands that I know that all they do is tinker on the radios and never get on the air. I’m kind of the other way around,” he said. He also has been involved in volunteer emergency communications and volunteering on communications for back woods, what he describes as racing out in the forest to close off logging roads. Portal said he’s

concerned about the vote in November on the operations levy to keep the fairgrounds and event center open. It would not just be a loss for a convenient, centralized home for Swaptoberfest. “It would be a bit embarrassing to be the only county of Oregon if it didn’t have a fairgrounds. And there’s no other facility like it in the county,” Portal said. He added the

fairgrounds are essential for emergency management functions, as well. “When we have wildfires out east, people start to, even locally, people will bring livestock here for boarding,” Portal said, who has also been involved with providing communications for Polk County Search and Rescue for about 20 years. “It’s the reunification center for the school districts in the

area. God forbid we ever have something like what happened in Bend over here. This would be the facility they would use to bring all the kids in and get them hooked up with parents and guardians. If you don’t have this facility, where do you go?” Both Kurth and Portal highly recommend anyone interested in getting involved in amateur radio to find more information online at www.arrl.org.

DALLAS

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community with neighbors that care deeply about their town, and I am passionate about maintaining the character and safety of Dallas while responsibly supporting its growth. If elected for the Dallas City Council, I want to ensure that our roads are maintained and kept safe while also sustainably bolstering our local economy with additional industries. I will thoughtfully consider the expansion of our residential population so people like me can continue to find homes, work and a sense of belonging in Dallas.

LARRY BRIGGS

What inspired you to run again for city council at this time?

I am running for City Council again because our community is at a critical point, and I believe my experience is exactly what we need to move forward effectively.



Over my previous time on the council, we made incredible strides to increase our watershed storage, strengthen our local economy, invest in emergency services, and improve our public parks. As our city continues to grow, navigating these complex challenges will require a deep understanding of how our local government works while maintaining financial stability in managing the budget. I want to ensure our city’s development is sustainable while protecting the unique character of our neighborhoods.

I love this city, and I have a proven track record. I am running to listen, to serve, and to ensure our community remains a wonderful place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

What will be your top three priorities this term?

My top three priorities are focused entirely on keeping Dallas safe, self-reliant and economically strong.

First, we must secure our water future by executing the crucial Aaron Mercer Dam and Reservoir expansion project, locking in a resilient water supply for years to come. A growing city cannot thrive without a guaranteed, resilient water supply. Second, we need to foster a highly competitive business climate and provide available land that attracts major retail partners like Fred Meyer. By keeping our shopping dollar right here in town, we will create local jobs and provide convenient new grocery options for our families.

Third, we must invest in our family-friendly community spaces by expanding our bike trails, parks, and local recreation

options. Enhancing natural spaces like the Rickreall Creek Trail and creating new local entertainment opportunities will keep Dallas a vibrant, active town where our kids can play safely and families love to live.

What is the best thing about Dallas that makes it worth fighting for as a city council member?

(Its) rare sense of civic pride and connection. As the region grows and pressures mount from outside agencies, it is easy for a town to lose its identity.

I grew up here at a time when the population of Dallas was 5,500 people. I remember our town when most everyone knew each other by name. I understand you can’t stop progress, but my decisions are always based on how to preserve our town. I am working to protect our safe, welcoming atmosphere while proactively planning for our future.

We deserve a council that shields our taxpayers, preserves our beautiful natural assets like the Japanese Garden and Rickreall Creek Trail, and ensures that our children can grow up in the same secure, thriving Dallas that I grew up with.

Anything else about your candidacy that voters should consider?

City council is a volunteer position that I see as a way of giving back to our community. My approach to local government is shaped by 28 years of private-sector management, combined with my professional career as a state Procurement and Contract Specialist.

I look at our municipal budget through a critical lens — always searching for ways to eliminate bureaucratic waste, streamline services, and ensure our city gets the absolute maximum value out of every single tax dollar.

Protecting this community is deeply personal to me. I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 3.

DOUG DAILEY

What inspired you to run for city council at this time?

I decided to run for Dallas City Council because



I’ve always known that I wanted to run for local office one day. I majored in political science in college and did some canvassing and other work with people running for office in my hometown of Reedsport, Oregon. I’ve lived in Dallas for a decade and feel I have a good grasp of what it has to offer. I appreciate the comradery and small-town charm; it’s one of the major reasons we have chosen to stay here. That, and my wife grew up here, her family has been in town since the 1960’s. When I look around Dallas, I see things I would like to improve,

features other small towns in the area have that we lack. I would like to be able to help Dallas modernize in a successful way that makes sense for the future.

What will be your top three priorities?

My first priority as a City Council candidate is to grow a diverse business portfolio. Citizens used to be able to buy almost anything they needed on Main Street. Now you have to leave town or buy online. I would like to see varied businesses that meet all the needs of our growing community. Second, I want to be sure Dallas is able to maintain or exceed the current level of public services. We should be able to continue to offer the Aquatic Center, extended library hours, and community events, while ensuring the city’s public safety needs are being met with fire, EMS, and police staffing and equipment. Along those lines, my third priority is to explore alternate revenue sources that raise revenue without adding utility bill increases or increasing property taxes. For example, marijuana dollars are an untapped resource that Dallas had made the choice to opt out of. There is a specific percentage of the marijuana tax that only goes to cities that have marijuana growers, processors, wholesalers, or dispensaries. This is a huge revenue source we could tap into if we choose to update Dallas Development Code 1.2.050.B.

What is the best thing about Dallas that makes it worth fighting for as a city council member?

The best thing about Dallas is the small town feel and sense of community. No matter how much the population grows or the city expands, Dallas is able to maintain its nostalgic hometown joy. There are countless community events for every season. I love seeing the community engagement during Dallas Days; so many people came out for the parade this year and it gave me so much pride. It’s great to see businesses come together and get creative with the scarecrow competition, and the enthusiasm for Christmas Town and the holiday parade. I hope Dallas can keep its charm for as long as I am lucky enough to live here and be a part of the community.

Anything else about your candidacy that voters should consider?

I want to be approachable to the people of Dallas and hear their opinions of what we can do to make our community better for everyone. Lately, I have had the opportunity to go around neighborhoods throughout Dallas, and hand out door-hangers, talk to people, shake hands, and hear their stories. I’ve really enjoyed the experience, it’s been one of the most rewarding parts of the campaign, and I want to continue that if I am lucky

enough to be elected. I think it’s very important that local lawmakers are accessible and involved in community events. Email me at Dailey4Dallas@gmail.com, find me on Facebook at Facebook.com/Dailey4Dallas. I would love to hear from you!

MICHAEL SCHILLING

What inspired you to run again for city council at this time?



I am running again to see through the priorities we started during my time on the City Council. We have made meaningful progress in community safety, establishing 24/7 fire service, finding a future home for our police department, stabilizing the General Fund, and beginning the process of securing raw water storage—all within our existing funding streams.

However, challenges remain. Measures 5 and 50 continue to put pressure on our General Fund, making it increasingly difficult to maintain the services our residents expect. We need to attract more commercial and industrial businesses to strengthen our tax base while keeping taxes low for residents. We also need to continue working with state agencies to secure water storage for future needs. I am running to finish what we started and help Dallas prepare responsibly for the future.

What will be your top three priorities?

Strengthen our local economy. Attract commercial and industrial businesses that generate revenue to sustain city services, keep residential taxes low, and create opportunities to invest more in our parks and outdoor spaces.

Secure our future water supply. Advance raw water storage rights, design the reservoir, pursue federal and state funding, and work toward construction. Planning ahead will ensure Dallas can meet future needs if commercial and industrial growth occurs.

Maintain and improve our infrastructure and recreation. Continue maintaining our roads, sidewalks, water, stormwater, and sewer systems while expanding our parks and completing the Rickreall Trail.

These priorities reflect a commitment to responsible budgeting, proactive planning, and preserving the quality of life that makes Dallas such a wonderful place to live.

What is the best thing about Dallas that makes it worth fighting for as a city council member?

Dallas’s small-town charm and strong sense of community are what make it worth fighting for. My wife and I have raised our three children here, surrounded by amazing

neighbors and friends who helped make Dallas a wonderful place to call home.

As a council member, I believe our responsibility is to preserve that character through thoughtful decisions and responsible policies. That means taking the time to understand our transportation plans, development codes, and long-term goals while ensuring growth supports our community rather than changing what makes it special.

One of the most rewarding things is seeing our parks and sports fields filled with children and families enjoying everything Dallas has to offer. Our town is more than a place to live; it is our home and our community. I want future generations to enjoy the same sense of belonging, opportunity, and small-town pride that my family has experienced.

Anything else about your candidacy that voters should consider?

I grew up on a small farm in north-central Oregon, where education was a priority, hard work was expected, and living within our means was simply how things were done. Those values continue to guide my service on the City Council.

I believe we must balance our budget, strengthen our local economy, create jobs, and ensure we have the resources and infrastructure needed to support responsible growth. At the same time, we must maintain our existing services and continue investing in our parks and recreational opportunities.

My approach is to plan ahead, live within our means, and make thoughtful decisions that benefit the entire community. I will continue working hard to preserve Dallas’s small-town character while building a strong financial foundation for the future. Seeing our families and young people thrive in this community is what makes public service worthwhile.

DAVID SHEIN

What inspired you to run again for city council at this time?

Wanting to give back to the best community I’ve been privileged to live in, as well as some unfinished business. There are initiatives underway that need to be carried through to completion. They bear directly on the liveability and health of the community and especially the world we will leave to the next generations. I want to move those efforts along and be there to see them become realities. See my comments about priorities.

What will be your top three priorities?

Critical water resources. Dallas is a city of 18,000 and our

water supply depends on a reservoir that was built in 1960 to serve a population of 5,000. We’ve benefited from good stewardship of that limited resource plus some lucky timing, but sooner or later that luck will run out and we need to be prepared ahead of time. Water isn’t glamorous nor exciting nor very interesting and it mostly stays under the radar — but it’s the prerequisite for everything else. No water means no town. There’s a serious push underway to get a new reservoir built, but there are still hurdles and obstacles to overcome. If nothing else were to get done during my tenure, I’d be thrilled just to accomplish that one.

Finding ways to get the city’s general fund on a solid footing for the future. The general fund supports the police department, the fire department, the aquatic center and a host of other things that make Dallas the great place it is. This isn’t just a Dallas matter; local governments statewide are being increasingly strangled by legal and structural barriers to stable funding. We need to do some out-of-the-box thinking about creative new solutions.

Revitalizing our downtown core with retail businesses that draw traffic and attract visitors. Downtown is the heart of our community and it needs to sparkle again. What is the best thing about Dallas that makes it worth fighting for as a city council member?

Dallas is a magnificent place to live and raise families. Even so, there is always opportunity for improvement, to bequeath the next generation a better future. If that’s not worth fighting for, I don’t know what is.

Anything else about your candidacy that voters should consider?

My overriding desire is to make a difference. We may agree or disagree about some particular program or policy, but I will always be here to listen and engage with anyone and everyone. Every vote I cast will be intended to leave our community better than I found it. That ought to be everyone’s goal; it is most certainly mine!

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Dragons' goal line stand, blocked field goal preserve win over Foxes

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas needed a stop, then a block. It got both, preserving a 17-14 win over top-ranked Silverton in a prep football classic Friday night. Jace Coleman delivered the stop, breaking up a third-down pass near the goal line with about 18 seconds left. Aidan Galusha then blocked the tying field goal attempt, capping a defensive effort that left coach Andy Jackson praising his team's composure. "I was just really pleased with how emotionally steady we were, how our defense was able to go out at the end of the game, get a stop, and then block a field goal," Jackson said. Quarterback Thomas Hess scored a late touchdown to put Dallas ahead 17-7. But Silverton's Ryan Vandeweghe returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown. The Dragons then punted, giving the defending Class 5A state champions one last chance. Dallas called a timeout to regroup. "I told them to focus

on one play at a time," Jackson said. "Just not be too high or too low at that moment." With no timeouts, Silverton spiked the ball on first-and-goal. Dallas stopped a run up the middle on second down, setting up Coleman's play. The sophomore, who returned after aggravating his wrist in the first half, was in man coverage as Dallas sent six defenders after the quarterback. Coleman jumped the route and nearly intercepted the pass before the receiver knocked it from his hands. "Jace made a huge play on that third down," Jackson said. Silverton lined up for a field goal. Dallas countered with a block scheme it had practiced all season under special teams coach Brodie Unger. "We've been prepping for a moment like this all year," Jackson said. "We just didn't know it would be this moment. But give our players credit – they executed." Several defenders broke free of their blockers. "We had a few dudes in their backfield,"



Dragon defenders (from left) Carson Langford, Asher Olliff, Evan Wagner and Peter Nicol nearly block a punt during Dallas's 17-14 win over Silverton on Friday. The Dragons' defense would go on to block a Fox's potential game-tying field at the end of the game.

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Jackson said. For defensive lineman Bertram Latta, the block reflected the players'	confidence in each other. "That blocked field goal reminded us that no matter what happens,	we're going to fight for each other," Latta said. The stand capped a night in which Dallas'	defense allowed just one touchdown.
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The Panther Kids Wrestling squad warm up before a tournament last season.

Panther Kids Wrestling hosts girls only try it night Oct. 22

Panther Kids Wrestling kicks off Oct. 22 with a girls only "try it night" from 6-7:30 p.m. Girls wrestling is still the fastest growing sport in the nation and has not stopped seeing growth. This free event

will give girls curious about wrestling a chance to see what it's all about including, learning moves, rules and meeting board members, coaches and some of their current outstanding girl wrestlers ages

K-eighth grade. The actual camp for all kids is Oct. 26-28, for first- or second-year girls and boys grades K-8. The coaches (some bilingual) will teach

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Pirates sweep Lions, set sights on carrying success into postseason



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Perrydale players cheer on their teammates during Thursday's sweep of Livingstone Adventist Academy.

By LANCE MASTERSON For The Itemizer-Observer	Academy on Thursday to clinch the regular-season league championship in volleyball. The Pirates (11-1 league, 16-5 overall)	now head to Saturday's district tournament at Amity High School as the number one seed.
Perrydale celebrated senior night by sweeping Livingstone Adventist		See PIRATES , page B8

OSAA adds girls flag football as sanctioned activity

The Delegate Assembly of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) voted in girls flag football as an OSAA-sanctioned activity at the assembly's Oct. 12 meeting, Monday. Oregon is the 25th state to sanction girls flag football as an activity. Oregon joins fellow western states Arizona, California, Nevada and Washington to sanction girls flag football. Girls flag football will begin its inaugural season as a sanctioned activity in Spring of 2027 following two

years as an emerging activity. It is the second sport the OSAA has added through its emerging activity process – boys volleyball was added in 2025-26. The OSAA has sanctioned two girls activities in the last four years after girls wrestling was added by the Delegate Assembly ahead of the 2023-24 association year. Girls flag football has seen a sharp rise in participation rates and will feature at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. The National Football League (NFL),

USA Football and Nike, among others, have been part of the effort to grow the activity across the country. Locally in Oregon, the Seattle Seahawks have aided in the growth of girls flag football through providing support to the culminating event the last three seasons, donating \$30,000 to expand opportunities across the state, and provided equipment to help schools launch their flag football programs. The Seahawks also invested in youth development across Oregon. "The Seahawks are

proud to support the growth of girls flag football across our region and help create more opportunities for young women to compete and experience the game," said Mario Bailey, Seattle Seahawks Vice President of Community Engagement and Legends. "We are thrilled to celebrate Oregon as the latest state to sanction the sport, an important milestone that will build a stronger future for girls flag football throughout the Pacific Northwest." Nike has also pledged to provide a set of home

and away jerseys for all Oregon varsity teams that compete in the inaugural season, as well as any school which adds girls flag football over the first three seasons as a sanctioned activity. Fifty-seven varsity teams competed last spring with a participation total above 1,400. Liberty High School hosted the activity's culminating event in which Tualatin defeated South Salem (32-26) to claim the culminating event title. David Douglas (third), Central Christian (fourth), Amity (fifth) and Gresham (sixth) also

trophied. Tualatin went on to win the 2026 Best of the PNW Tournament, hosted by the Seahawks, in June. A plan book and dates for the 2027 season will be released at a later date. The emerging activity process allows the growth of meaningful interscholastic participation opportunities for students in athletics and activities that have the potential to meet the required number of schools participating to be considered for official sanctioning by the OSAA.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 1986
Drug defendants visit courts soon

Following the Sept. 25 countywide drug arrests made by several law enforcement agencies, all but one of those arrested and arraigned have pleaded innocent to their charges.

The next steps in the court procedure will be the pre-trial hearings and then the trials.

On Sept. 25, the Independence, Monmouth and Dallas Police Departments and Oregon State Police combined efforts to crack down on drug trafficking. The Polk County Sheriff's Office was also part of that effort. Search warrants, obtained by secret indictments, were served and some 20 arrests were made and evidence was confiscated.

Tax notices mailed starting on Oct. 24

The Polk County assessor's office will collect \$26,476,533.98 in taxes for 1986-87, Dennis Day, county assessor, announced last week.

He said the average assessed value of the tax lots in Polk County would fall by about 5 percent, but that it is too early to predict rate increases or decreases on individual tax bills.

The Treasurer's Office will mail property tax statements on Oct. 24.

Day said "logic and history" have shown that

when property values fall, taxes go up.

"I have no reason to think it will be different this year," he said.

Pirate spiker squad goes out plundering

The Perrydale Pirate net squad went a-plundering last week and brought home lots of loot.

The Pirates robbed league-leader St. Paul on Tuesday, 13-15, 15-13, 15-9, caged the Westside Eagles on Wednesday, 15-3, 15-9, and nearly left Jewell destitute and homeless on Thursday, 15-1, 15-2.

Pirates coach Kirk Hutchinson was extremely pleased with his Pirate netters' performance throughout the week.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20, 1976

Judge Williams gives address

In what he termed his annual "state of the unions address," and in response to a recent speech given by Commissioner Walter Gjersvold, Judge Darrell Williams spoke to the Dallas Rotary Club on Oct. 12, informing them of the state of the circuit court system.

Reasons behind the hiring of a third circuit court judge and the remodeling of the courthouse were explained.

According to Williams, prior to 1965 there was one circuit court judge presiding over the Polk and Yamhill judicial district. A second was added

then. The state legislature added a third in 1975 to fill the rapidly growing needs of the two counties.

Polk has surplus in money amount

Polk County Commissioners have more money than they can spend and County Commissioner Alan Miller doesn't feel it's necessarily a healthy situation.

A windfall in Oregon and California Railroad funds and the passage of the Federal Revenue Sharing bill last week leaves the county with a projected \$1.7 million in unappropriated revenue, money that cannot be spent unless a supplemental budget is passed.

The county received \$638,000 in O and C funds, a "one shot" payment caused by a change between old and new fiscal years.

Dragons roll to

homecoming victory

Continuing their role as the mystery team of the Coast Valley League, the Dallas Dragons crushed visiting Newberg 35-6 to win their third game of the year and make the 1976 Homecoming a memorable one.

The mystery surrounding the team still lingers after the third win. Is this the same team which dropped a 3-0 decision to Sandy in September? The Dragons looked much more like the team that overwhelmed Silverton 48-7. But then some remember a 13-7 loss to Estacada. Others counter that with stories of the 44-14 thrashing the Dragons administered to St. Helens.

All told, the Dragons have outscored their opponents 149-71, but still only sport a 3-3 record.

to get back on the mat. We have been planning this for months now, and think we will have about 60 wrestlers. Many are returning for their second, third, fourth and even seventh season,"

said little kids coach Vidal Peña. "We expect great things this season. The high school program will be even more involved this year which will strengthen both our programs."

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1976: DALLAS CENTER DEDICATED - Joan Scherf, Chemeketa Community College Dallas Coordinator, serves a piece of "Sarah Morrison" cake to college outreach director John Briedwell, McMinnville, as Robert Barnes, Dallas, Chamberketa board member looks on. The cake, which was prepared by Chemeketa commercial food production students, is a replica of the former elementary school which is now home of Chemeketa's Dallas Center. (File I-O photo.)

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CryptoQuote
answer

Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods. — C.S. Lewis

CryptoQuip
answer

If famous singer Dion were storing contact lenses, what fluid might she use? Celine solution.

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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KIDS
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wrestlers basic moves, drills, strategies, and mental toughness. The

CALENDAR

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101, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
3:30 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Community Dance Class: Line Dance, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council work session, Civic Center, 555 S Main St.
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, OCT. 28

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Story Time, Dallas Public Library
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, for ages 2-6, Independence Public

Library
11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Winnie, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - WRAP Class, Monmouth Senior

Community Center
3 p.m. - Our Friends Firefighters, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m. - Kids' Coding, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5 p.m. - Monmouth-Independence Network (MINET) Board of Directors Meeting, attend i person at Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, Monmouth, or virtually, for agenda and virtual link details, go to <https://minetfiber.com/board-of-directors>
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Story Time, Dallas Public Library
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, for ages 2-6, Independence Public Library
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/ Winnie, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - WRAP Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
3 p.m. - Our Friends Firefighters, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m. - Kids’ Coding, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact

Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library
11 a.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Center Soup & Pie Sale, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle/Watch repair & knife sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Name That Tune Music Trivia with Sam, West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/

Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Teen Craft: Pet Ghosts in Jars, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., sign ups required
6 p.m. - Speak Easy: Community Story Telling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: The Archives (dance, rock & new wave), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

8:30 a.m. - Seniors trip to Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad Fall Splendor Excursion, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Master Gardener Class: Growing Culinary Herbs, Monmouth Public Library
168 Ecols St. S.
1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
5 p.m. - Live Music: Nobody’s Sweetheart (classic rock, pop, dance & country), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher, Dallas Civic Center, 945 Jefferson St.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church,

200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

1 p.m. - Live Music: Redside Trio (jazz), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - Live Music: The Dub Orchestra (funk, reggae, ska), Eola Hills Winery Barrell Room, 501 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, OCT. 26

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
9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to Depot Bay, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Alzheimer’s Support Group, Dallas Public Library
10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Grief Support Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
12:30 p.m. - Cornhole, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Bunko/Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

4 p.m. - Dallas Public Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Dallas Yarn Crafter’s Guild, Dallas Public Library
4 p.m. - Dallas Public Works Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Medicare 101 w/Q&A, 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. - Children’s Storytime, ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Scrabble - Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/ Winnie, Independence Public Library
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Darts, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Free Class: Medicare

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Community Briefs

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS MEET THE FIREFIGHTERS EVENT FOR KIDS OCT. 21

The Monmouth Public Library presents Our Friends: Firefighters at 3 p.m. Oct. 21 at 168 Ecols St. S. Meet firefighters from Polk County Fire Dist. No. 1. See a firetruck and make friends. For youth of all ages.

FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS MUSIC BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR SARS OCT. 24

Pass Brewing and Polk County Search and Rescue host Music Bingo, to fundraise “So That Others May Survive “, from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 24 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Get your groove on while you get your dob on and support a great, local organization. The \$10 buy-in gets three rounds of music bingo (100% of the buy-in proceeds will go directly to SARS). There will still be prizes for bingo winners in addition to a 50/50 raffle.

WEST VALLEY TAPHOUSE HOST PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST OCT. 24

West Valley Taphouse hosts a pumpkin carving contest at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at 957 Main St., in Dallas. Organizers will provide a pumpkin and some carving tools, plus some decorative inspiration.

PANTHER CLUB HOSTS FUNDRAISER DINNER, AUCTION OCT. 24

The Central Panther Club hosts the annual Panther Club Auction from 5-10 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Panther Pit, 1530

Monmouth St., in Independence. This is their annual auction that supports Central High School student athletes and athletic programs. Tickets start at \$44.52 and are available online at <https://bit.ly/4rLfdGP>.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR HOST BENEFIT DINNER, AUCTION OCT. 24

Polk County Friends of the Fair Present Apple Pies & Family Ties, a benefit dinner and auction Oct. 24 at the Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall. Appetizers, social hour and silent auction opens at 5 p.m. Dinner and dessert auction at 6 p.m. Live auction starts at 7 p.m. Featuring a no host bar provided by Salt Creek Cider House. Tickets, which include dinner and drink (water, tea or lemonade), are \$30 per person if purchased before the event and are \$40 the day of the event.

DDA HOSTS DOWNTOWN CLEANUP OCT. 24

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a downtown cleanup day from 8-11 a.m. Oct. 24. Join the DDA on the last cleanup of the year in downtown in preparation of Trick or Treat Main Street. Sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/dWJJCUF>.

DALLAS CHURCH HOSTS DESSERT FUNDRAISER OCT. 24

The Dallas Evangelical Church hosts a dessert fundraiser at 6 p.m. Oct. 24 at 1175 Howe St. Help the congregation meet critical maintenance needs at Whitworth Chapel, replacing

the roof, windows, floors and more. RSVP Joyce Padilla at (503) 576-0441.

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS FREE MEDICARE 101 CLASS OCT. 27

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) hosts a free Medicare 101 class from 2-4 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library, at 168 Ecols St. S. Learn about major changes to Medicare, enrolling and benefits options, financial assistance and fraud and abuse. To learn more, call (503) 838-19932.

GATHER FOOD PARK HOSTS DALLAS COMEDY NIGHT OCT. 29

Gather Food Park & PNW Comedy host Dallas Comedy Night, featuring comedian Marc Yaffee and several others, from 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 29 at 995 Main St., Dallas. Doors open and seating begins at 6 p.m. Early Bird GA Tickets are just \$15 and \$20 for general admission. Seating is limited. Buy tickets online at <https://bit.ly/3VSHPC6>.

NEW MORNING BAKERY HOSTS COSTUME CONTEST OCT. 30

The New Morning Bakery hosts their annual Halloween Costume Contest at 4 p.m. Oct. 30 at 788 Main St., Dallas. Win some prizes from the KW Cornerstone Team. There will be prizes for various age groups and costume categories.

COURTHOUSE HOSTS TRICK OR TREATING OCT. 30

The Polk County Sheriff’s

Office Oregon and Polk County Oregon Board of Commissioners host Candy at the Courthouse, from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 30. Come trick-or-treat a day early at county offices in the courthouse. All offices close at 5 p.m., so officials recommend kids enter the building by 4:30 p.m. to visit every office that has candy. The list of offices will be posted in the discussion area on Facebook events page.

DDA HOSTS TRICK N TREAT ON MAIN STREET OCT. 30

The Dallas Downtown Association presents Halloween Around Downtown: Trick N Treat on Main Street from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 30. Many businesses will be handing out candy and some have other activities planned. Maps soon available online at www.dallasdowntownassociation.org/halloween-around-downtown. In addition, Lora Michele Dance Studio and Events by kdub host a Trick or Treat Dance at 939 S. Main St.

POLK COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION HOSTS HOLIDAY FAIR NOV. 7

The Polk County 4-H Association’s Holiday Fair returns from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 6-7 at the Polk County Fairgrounds Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall.

WINDWARD EVENTS PRESENTS TWISTED WONDERLAND COSTUME BALL NOV. 7

Windward Events hosts A Twisted Wonderland Costume

Ball, paying homage to Alice in Wonderland, from 7-11 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Dallas Events Center, at 939 S Main St. Costumes in Wonderland should be literary, historical, or gothic themes preferred, and absolutely no streetwear. Dress code enforced. Appetizers and desserts are provided, as well as a mocktail bar where you can purchase drink tokens. Music for dancing will begin with dark instrumentals and flow into a more fantasy rave-esque, through the evening. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/4rtN9Yc>.

CROSS CREEK GOLF COURSE HOSTS ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT TOURNAMENT NOV. 15

Cross Creek Golf Course is now accepting applications for the 28th Annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament on Nov. 15. The format is a two-person scramble, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Applications are limited to the first 120 players to pay fees. All players will compete for net, gross and hole prizes. Entry fees are \$85 per player and one can of food. The entry includes green fees, snacks, prize money and the chance to win a turkey (power carts are not included). A portion of the proceeds will go to provide Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in Polk County through the Dallas Food Bank and a portion of the funds raised will go to St. Jude’s. The signup deadline is Nov. 6. For more information call the pro-shop at (503) 623-6666 or go to www.crosscreekgc.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO26-420 TS No. OR06000042-26-1 APN 137531 To No 260429885-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, RICHARD GRANT HILL AND PATRICHA HILL 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 SYNERGY ONE LENDING, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of August 29, 2025 and recorded on August 29, 2025 as Instrument No. 2025-006680 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 137531 LOT 3, LACREOLE HOMES ADDITION TO DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 4, PAGE 4) Commonly known as: 797 SW WASHINGTON ST, DALLAS, OR 97338 Both the Beneficiary, Village Capital & Investment LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 02/01/2026 to 09/01/2026 at \$27,479.60 Total Late Charge(s):\$1,258.18 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$406,129.79 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.50000% per annum from January 1, 2026 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 Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 3, 2027 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or 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. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/

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PUBLIC NOTICES

anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 9/17/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0494888 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 10/21/2026, 10/28/2026, 11/04/2026, 11/11/2026

PCIO26-421 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK MCGILL JOHNSON, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 26PB09239 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hollace D. Miles has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative, c/o Nicolai L. Strommer, Saalfeld Griggs PC, 250 Church St. SE, Suite 200, PO Box 470, Salem, OR 97308-0470, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Lawyers for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on October 21, 2026. s/ Nicolai Strommer Nicolai L. Strommer, OSB #234182 Attorney For Personal Representative Saalfeld Griggs PC PO Box 470, Salem, OR 97308-0470 Ph: (503) 399-1070 Fax: (503) 371-2927 Email: nstrommer@sglaw.com 10/21/26

PCIO26-422 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Dura Built Construction, LLC, as Grantor, to Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon, as Trustee," in favor of Keith A. Noble and Marilyn L. Noble Co-Trustees of the Noble Family Trust dated March 3, 2003, as Beneficiary, dated May 17, 2023, recorded May 22, 2023, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon, as Instrument number 2023-003766, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit: Lots 36, 37 and 39, SHADOW CREEK ESTATES NO. 2, in the City of Salem, County of Polk and State of Oregon. Commonly known as 2418, 2438, and 2448 Morrow Court, Salem, Oregon. *The successor Trustee is Nicholas J. Hennemann, Attorney at Law. Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute 86.752. The default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: the monthly payments in the sum of \$1,640.25 each for the months of February 2026 through July 2026. By reason of the default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: Principal in the sum of \$198,626.05, with interest thereon at the rate of 9 percent per annum beginning August 12, 2026; Past Due Interest from January 2, 2026 through August 11, 2026, in the amount of \$10,734.46; Accumulated Late Charges in the amount of \$480.00; Collection Close Fee in the amount of \$200.00; Payoff Quote Fee in the amount of \$30.00; together with any other penalties, title expenses, costs, Trustee's fees and attorney fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the Beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned Trustee will on December 29, 2026, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock, P.M. in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: The front steps of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 S. Main Street Dallas, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by Grantor of the trust deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or Grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the 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 reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with the statute addressed to the Trustee either by personal delivery to the Trustee's physical office set forth in this notice, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Trustee's post office box address set forth in this notice. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right under ORS 86.778 to have the proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying the entire amount then due (other than such portion as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with costs, Trustee's fees and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778, and by curing any other default complained of in the notice of default that is capable of being cured, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: August 14, 2026. /s/ Nicholas J. Hennemann, Trustee For further information, please contact: Nicholas J. Hennemann, Trustee Abrahams, Kaslow & Cassman LLP 8712 West Dodge Road, Suite 300, Omaha, NE 68114 (402) 392-1250 nhennemann@akclaw.com 10/21/26, 10/28/26, 11/04/26, 11/11/26

PCIO26-423 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF POLK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LYLE VON SANSOM, Deceased. Case No. 26PB05231 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Lyle Von Sansom. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at c/o Oregon Pacific Law Group; 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275; Salem, OR 97301 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.? All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may? obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyers for the Personal Representative, David Johnson, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275; Salem, OR 97301.? David T. Johnson DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 21, 2026. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: David T. Johnson, OSB No. 123553 Oregon Pacific Law Group Pioneer Trust Building 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275, Salem, OR 97301 Tel: 503-575-1332 Fax: 503-455-8868 djohnson@orpaclaw.com LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: David T. Johnson, OSB No. 123553 Oregon Pacific Law Group Pioneer Trust Building 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 275, Salem, OR 97301 Tel: 503-575-1332 Fax: 503-455-8868 djohnson@orpaclaw.com 10/21/26

PCIO26-424 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearing will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, November 12, 2026, on the following: Comp. Plan Amendment #CPA-26-01 Amend the Dallas Comprehensive Plan to adopt a new Transportation System Plan. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7. Conditional Use #CUP-26-04 Construct a new fueling station, retail store, and apartment building at 430 Main Street with variance to certain design standards. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.4 and DDC.5.1. Conditional

Use #CUP-26-06 Construct a drive-thru coffee shop and retail storefronts at 232 SW Washington Street. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.4 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/ meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov 10/21/26

PCIO26-425 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING; APPEAL OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR'S DECISION The Polk County Hearings Officer will hold a public hearing to consider an appeal of the Planning Director's decision to approve a conditional use permit for the following application: APPLICATION FOR: The subject property is currently approved for an existing winery under the criteria for "Commercial Activities that are in Conjunction with Farm Use" as authorized by planning files CU 18-14 and CU 19-23. The existing winery is currently permitted for the production of up to 23,780 gallons (10,000 cases) of wine using grapes grown on the subject property. The applicant is proposing to amend the existing winery authorization by offering a tasting room and four (4) annual wine-related events. This application is also being reviewed under the criteria for "Commercial Activities that are in Conjunction with Farm Use." The subject property contains approximately 14.3 acres and is located within the Farm Forest (FF) Zoning District. APPLICANT/ OWNER: X Novo LLC APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: Elaine Albrich, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP APPELLANT: John Keller FILE NUMBER: CU 26-03 LOCATION: 6655 and 6615 Spring Valley Road NW, Salem, OR 97304 (Assessor's Map T6S, R4W, Section 24, Tax Lot 307 and 304) APPLICABLE REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: 1) Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 117.060, 138.060(H), 138.100, and 119.070. 2) Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-033-0130(5) 3) Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 215.456 HEARING DATE & TIME: November 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM HEARING LOCATION: Polk County Courthouse, First Floor Hearing/Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 STAFF CONTACT: Eric Knudson Phone: (503) 623-9237; Email: knudson.eric@polkcountyor.gov The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237, in as far advance of the meeting as possible, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. In addition, a copy of the staff report and memorandum provided to the Hearings Officer will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing, and copies will be provided at a reasonable cost, at the Polk County Community Development Department, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Written comments may be directed to the Planning Division of the Polk County Community Development Department, 850 Main Street, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Written testimony may be submitted to the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing by hand-delivery to the Polk County Community Development Office. Mailed or emailed testimony is not guaranteed to be included in the record and the cost of copy fees may apply for printing electronic submissions. Please include File Number CU 26-03 in all correspondences related to this application. Written comments received by the Polk County Planning Division prior to the public hearing will be provided to the Hearings Officer. Oral and written testimony may be presented at the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in a manner which allows testimony in favor of the application, testimony in opposition to the application, general testimony, and rebuttal by the applicant. Failure of an issue to be raised in the hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the hearing body an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE, LIENHOLDER, VENDOR OR SELLER: ORS CHAPTER 215 REQUIRES THAT IF YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE, IT MUST PROMPTLY BE FORWARDED TO THE PURCHASER. 10/21/26

PCIO26-416 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 142160 OR Loan No.: ***0807** Reference is made to that certain trust deed

(the "Deed of Trust") executed by KEVIN F JACKSON, SINGLE MAN, as Grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE OF OREGON, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 5/2/2016, recorded 5/2/2016, as Instrument No. 2016-004597, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 1/27/2020 as Instrument 2020-001115, and later modified 12/27/2021 as Instrument 2021-020115, and later modified 11/20/2024 as Instrument 2024-008823 in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 5, PIERCE ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (RECORDED NOVEMBER 14, 2007 IN VOLUME 14, PAGE 25, BOOK OF TOWN PLATS FOR POLK COUNTY, OREGON.) APN: 572242 / 07308-DD-02100 Commonly known as: 1815 BROOKSIDE AVE NW SALEM, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 4/1/2025 - 9/1/2026 Total: \$32,324.93 Late Charges: \$294.66 Beneficiary Advances: \$494.93 Total Required to Reinststate: \$33,114.52 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$206,995.01 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$179,394.37 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.25 % per annum, from 3/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 2/11/2027, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 9/30/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 10/21/26, 10/28/26, 11/04/26, 11/11/26

PCIO26-414 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, Oregon 97338 on October 27th, 2026. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Kasey Eatherton A0125, Jennifer Buskrud H10025, Jayme Fuller H30358, Ashley Woods B0304. 10/14/26, 10/21/26



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.

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

At 3:48 a.m., an officer provided a juvenile with a ride home and warned them about the curfew.

At 4:30 a.m., a Dallas resident was arrested on Fir Villa Road and was lodged at Polk County Jail where they were charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, driving while suspended - misdemeanor and driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 6:57 a.m., an F150 truck was towed as a hazard from Southwest Church Street.

At 8:19 a.m., a motorist from Monmouth was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20 mph school zone on Miller Avenue.

At 10:44 a.m., a report of a stolen baptism trough from Kings Valley Highway.

At 11:43 a.m., a juvenile on River Drive was referred for runaway and returned to a responsible adult.

At 1:38 p.m., a report of construction vehicles blocking the roadway on Donald Street. An officer contacted the driver who stated he would move the vehicle to a safer place.

At 1:45 p.m., a report of a minor crash on Jefferson Street in which the parties involved were emotional and not communicating as they should have. An officer arrived on scene and advised them on how to exchange information. Both parties eventually exchanged info and parted ways.

At 9:10 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 25 mph zone.

At 9:10 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported a juvenile came to his residence and made comments about beating him and his son up.

At 9:39 p.m., a resident on Oak Street reported someone was using a grinder. It turned out to be workers at the church working on a project.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

At 11:09 a.m., a motorist on Fir Villa Road was cited for expired registration.

At 4:35 p.m., a report of a vehicle swerving over the center line on Ellendale Avenue. An officer was unable to locate the suspect vehicle upon driving through the area.

At 4:47 p.m., officers responded to a report of juveniles screaming for help on Brandvold Drive. An officer contacted others near the location. They advised they saw and heard the kids but did not believe they needed law enforcement assistance.

At 5:56 p.m., officers provided a law enforcement presence at the Dallas High School homecoming football game. Dallas won!

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

At 1:12 a.m., a report of a group of juveniles messing with Walmart carts. An officer located the

group but they ran off.

At 8:02 a.m., a resident on Denton Avenue called to report he had footage from a fire that Dallas Fire responded to this morning. The resident seemed to believe the fire might have been started intentionally.

At 1:49 p.m., a report of a vehicle swerving while driving and hitting curbs and crossing the center line on Ellendale Avenue. An officer contacted the motorist at her address. She did not show any signs of impairment and informed the officer she was okay.

At 7:05 p.m., an officer responded to a report of loud music on Dimick Street. An officer asked the resident to turn it down and he said he would.

At 9:01 p.m., a subject was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged on an outstanding warrant out of Multnomah.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

At 2:22 a.m., a resident on Mill Street heard a noise in her backyard and saw her shed was open with a light on. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate anyone or anything else suspicious.

At 4:42 a.m., a report of a loud explosion in the area of 13th Street. Officers arrived and learned a few houses had lost power. Pacific Power was advised.

At 9:15 a.m., a subject was arrested on Main Street and lodged at Polk County where they were charged with theft 2.

At 12:48 a.m., a report that a citizen from Salem attempted to produce a fraudulent dollar bill for a transaction on Kings Valley Highway. Officers seized the bill and learned the subject had received the bill from a garage sale transaction.

At 1:52 p.m., a report of animals loose in the area of Gala Park on Shelton Street. Complainants were advised to make social media posts and contact animal control.

At 3:57 p.m., an officer investigated a report of an open door at an empty residence for sale on Hayter Street. Finding the door closed, an officer attempted to contact the registered owners but was unable to speak with anyone.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

At 6:15 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited and released for failure to carry/present a license.

At 9:11 a.m., an additional call was received on Godsey Road about a male deer with a type of fabric in its antlers and covering its eyes. Past calls with this deer have resulted in contacting ODFW.

At 9:10 a.m., a resident reported finding a wedding ring in a parking lot at Whitworth Elementary. An officer attempted to contact the reporting citizen several times and was unable to make contact.

At 9:58 a.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported being scammed out of \$250 for a puppy he never received.

At 3:36 p.m., a resident on Court Street reported she had been defrauded out of approximately \$30,000 over a two year period.

At 6:56 p.m., officers responded to a report of loud bass and music coming from a nearby apartment on Orchard Avenue.

When officers arrived the complainant advised the music was quiet.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

At 9:56 a.m., officers assisted Monmouth Police with locating a vehicle involved in a hit and run. They contacted a driver and waited with her until Monmouth Police arrived to complete their investigation.

At 10:43 a.m., a Dallas motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using mobile electronic device - 1st offense.

At 3:22 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a minor crash on Ellendale Avenue but both parties had already exchanged information by the time the officer arrived.

At 6:40 p.m., a report of a possible small disturbance over homeless in the area of rosewood lane. The subject was there at the invitation of a resident.

At 6:57 p.m., an anonymous report of a resident on Dimick Street being noisy all day.

At 7:13 p.m., a 2024 Honda CRV was repossessed from a location on Fir Villa Road.

At 8:57 p.m., a subject was cited and released on Hankel Street on a Salem Muni Warrant and for failing to carry and present license.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

At 8:47 a.m., a report of a subject putting black tape over key holes on work vans on Walnut Avenue. The subject said he was only playing a joke.

At 9:08 a.m., a motorist was driving around with a mug of hot steaming coffee left on his roof. An officer stopped him on La Creole Drive and gave him his (mostly full) cup of coffee back to him.

At 9:33 a.m., a juvenile motorist from Dallas received a written warning for speeding and illegal window tint (windshield).

At 11:28 a.m., a resident on Dimick Street reported being a victim of food stamp fraud. The report was forwarded to the state of Oregon.

At 12 p.m., a report of a minor rear end crash in a parking lot on Uglow Avenue. Both parties exchanged information without issue.

At 3:08 p.m., a motorist reported his truck was crashed into by two different vehicles while parked at Walmart. The first driver left as they thought there was no damage. The motorist contacted and completed information exchange. The second driver exchanged information. Damage to the truck was minor.

At 3:18 p.m., a subject on Kings Valley Highway was arrested for and charged with criminal trespass 2.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Police responded to a report of an in-progress disturbance in the 400 block of South 2nd Street where a female subject was blocking in a parked vehicle and was trying to hit her ex-boyfriend with her car. At one point, the female subject, Destiny Cannaday, struck the victim with her car, hitting his leg. Cannaday was arrested and booked at jail where she was charged with physical harassment

and coercion.

Officers responding to a physical disturbance arrived at an apartment complex in the 800 block of North Main Street where multiple residents reported hearing screaming and that the suspect, Tyler Oldham, had left the scene. Shortly after, Oldham was located nearby. He was detained on an outstanding warrant out of Dallas Municipal Court and was also charged with disorderly conduct as he'd made unreasonable noise.

An officer recognized John Stephens in the 300 block of North Log Cabin Street and attempted to contact him. However, Stephens ignored commands and trespassed onto railroad tracks and proceeded onto a resident's property to hide. The officer located Stephens behind a wood pile and took him into custody. Stephens was charged with escape, trespass and a failure to appear on a theft charge out of Polk County Circuit Court.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

At 11:30 p.m., a report of a female subject on 17th Street experiencing a manic episode.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

A sergeant observed a driver turn wide off Highway 99 and enter the oncoming lane, then leave the lane of travel another time. Upon conducting a traffic stop, the sergeant noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the driver's breath. At the police department Cody Price blew a BAC of .11%. He was cited and released for driving under the influence of intoxicants - misdemeanor.

At 10:39 p.m., a fire alarm triggered at city hall. Officers found nothing wrong. Participants of a mary kay event were let back into the building.

An officer noticed a motorist who failed to signal 100 feet before turning, then saw him make another abrupt turn from G Street on to South 3rd Street. Upon initiating a traffic stop it was discovered that the driver, Robert Kinnaird, had a suspended license, did not have insurance and failed to register his vehicle. Due to the prior eight driving while suspended convictions, Kinnaird was arrested for failure to carry/present an operator's license along with his traffic citations.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

At 9:15 a.m., Robert Norton Jr. was arrested on Main Street and was transported to Polk County Jail where he was charged with theft 2.

Members of Susano Castro's family refused to give him his car keys as he was heavily intoxicated. Castro eventually was given the keys and left but upon returning to the 200 block of C Street became physically aggressive. He pulled hair, slapped and grabbed the throat of one victim. Castro punched another family member while they tried to aid the first victim. He was arrested and booked into jail where he was charged with physical harassment, strangulation at the felony level, punishment by contempt of court (due to a jail phone call) and assault at the misdemeanor level.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

A 911 call was placed

for an unknown woman who entered a house in the 600 block of Aeronco Street, preached gospel to the resident, then left. Aerika Keith was contacted by an officer after she was found walking nearby. Keith explained that she likes to enter other people's houses and look at their stuff. She was arrested and transported to jail where she was charged with trespass 1.

At 5:11 p.m., a juvenile on White Oak Circle was referred for assault 3. The juvenile hit their mother with a curtain rod. Officers were unable to lodge the juvenile due to beds being full. The juvenile was released to a dsp worker.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Trespassing: An employee at a business reported an individual digging through trash bins and making staff feel uncomfortable. Officers asked the individual to leave and he complied.

Domestic Disturbance: A physical and verbal argument occurred between two former partners over a failed relationship, involving mutual physical contact. A formal trespassing notice was issued, and transportation was provided.

Citizen Contact: An individual requested police supervision for a private financial transaction, which was declined. The individual later reported the lost item was found.

Found Property: A locked cellular phone with no identifying information was recovered at a park and logged into safekeeping.

Suspicious Activity: An individual reported suspected phone hacking and loss of social media access, though no evidence of a crime was found.

Domestic Disturbance: An anonymous report alleged a physical assault occurred in a park restroom. Attempts to contact the involved individual were unsuccessful, but family members were updated.

Animal / Information: Loose dogs were reported, located, and safely returned to their owner, with warnings issued regarding loose animals and fencing improvements noted.

Drug: Controlled substances found at a residence were turned in to be destroyed.

Suspicious Activity: Officers responded to a report of individuals loading items into a vehicle at a supposedly vacant property. They found the residence undergoing interior renovation.

Assistance of Other Agency: Officers assisted another agency with a reported domestic disturbance involving a physical altercation.

Assistance of Other Agency: Officers assisted another agency in locating and taking a belligerent individual into custody on an outstanding warrant.

Assistance of Other Agency: Officers responded to a verbal dispute between individuals living together after reviewing a phone, with no crimes reported.

Assistance of Other Agency / Crash: Officers handled a

vehicle-versus-pedestrian collision. A youth ran into an intersection and was struck, sustaining minor injuries and was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated a report of a slowly driving, suspicious vehicle, but the area was checked with negative results.

Assistance of Other Agency: Officers assisted another agency in establishing a perimeter to locate and arrest an individual fleeing from an active warrant.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

Check Welfare: A family member requested a welfare check on a relative who had not been heard from recently. The relative was contacted and confirmed to be fine.

Information: A request was made to increase patrols in a specific area due to reported speeding, with placement of a speed trailer discussed.

Domestic Disturbance: A family dispute escalated when an individual threw items and physically attacked a family member, resulting in an arrest and lodging at the correctional facility on assault charges.

Suspicious Person: Employees reported an individual camping and drinking behind a business. Officers checked the area with negative contact.

Fraud: A resident reported a potential financial scam targeting family members. An officer advised verifying directly with the financial institution.

Drug: Suspected controlled substances found by a customer in a business were recovered and submitted for destruction.

Arrest: An individual was arrested and lodged on an outstanding warrant.

Animal: A report was documented regarding a minor dog-on-dog and dog-on-human interaction with no injuries.

Noise: A noise complaint regarding a vehicle playing loud music was checked. The vehicle was unoccupied and turned off.

Animal: A stray dog bit a walking resident and another dog without breaking skin. The dog was secured in a kennel and later returned to its owner.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

Traffic / Crime: A motorist was stopped for vehicle registration and minor-in-possession violations after purchasing alcohol, resulting in a citation and disposal of the alcohol.

Suspicious Activity: A report was made regarding a threatening gesture and verbal altercation between individuals. Officers advised them to avoid each other.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers investigated a domestic dispute involving a party who denied any abuse or injuries.

Animal: A loose dog that had previously bitten someone was retrieved by its owner. The owner was cited for a public nuisance animal.

Citizen Contact: A report was taken regarding a missing large dog.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers conducted follow-up interviews and took updated injury photographs regarding a domestic dispute.

Emotionally Disturbed

Police

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Person: An individual reported to have taken pills to self-harm was evaluated by medical personnel and transported for medical and mental health evaluation.

Thefts: Officers investigated a report of merchandise theft from a store but no stolen items or probable cause were found.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers investigated a report of an individual kicking a door but residents did not answer and no immediate issues were found.

Disturbance: A physical disturbance between an intoxicated student and athletic staff occurred near buses, resulting in the student being cited for disorderly conduct and trespassed from future events.

Citizen Contact: A report of an open container in a vehicle was checked with cooperative occupants and no signs of impairment.

Suspicious Activity: Witnesses reported juveniles walking with a rifle-style object, which was believed to be an airsoft item with no threatening behavior observed.

Assistance of Other Agency: An individual was detained on another agency's probable cause for theft. The individual was released when the other agency was unable to lodge them at that time.

Noise: A noise complaint regarding a vehicle was checked with negative results.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Poison: Officers responded to a report of an individual taking cold medicine following emotional distress. The individual was evaluated by medical personnel, cleared without transport, and assisted back to a safe location.

Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated a report of individuals placing objects on a sidewalk. This led to a traffic stop where several individuals, including minors possessing alcohol, were identified and issued warnings.

Arrest: Officers located a wanted individual at a residence, placed him under arrest, and assisted in recovering stolen property.

Suspicious Activity: Contact was made with an individual living in a tent who explained they would be moving soon.

Suspicious Activity: A report regarding an individual moving items at a supposedly vacant property was checked and confirmed to be legitimate renovation work.

Suspicious Activity: A report of suspected drug use in a vehicle was checked with negative results.

Suspicious Activity: A parent reported concerns regarding a child's condition after a custody exchange. The incident was documented to be forwarded to child welfare services.

Assistance of Other Agency: Officers provided backup while another agency arrested

an individual following a domestic disturbance.

Follow-up: An investigation into furnishing alcohol to a minor was concluded with a violation citation issued to a store clerk.

Drug: Prescription pills found in a backpack in a dumpster were recovered and placed into evidence for destruction.

Theft: A report was received regarding a retail beer theft involving juveniles.

Suspicious Activity: A report of an individual sleeping near a vacant building was addressed by offering increased patrols and explaining enforcement requirements.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

Suspicious Activity: Officers contacted an individual collecting cans in a trash enclosure. They gave warnings for trespassing and property removal.

Suspicious Activity: An individual reported walking to a location while sleepwalking after taking medication, but later confirmed they made it home safely.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A resident reported receiving microwave energy weapons and surveillance. Officers advised the individual to seek medical attention if needed.

Arrest: An individual was arrested, cited, and released on an outstanding municipal warrant.

Citizen Contact: Officers investigated a report regarding a suspicious phone call claiming an arrest warrant. They found it to be a prank call using a temporary application number.

Vehicle / Pedestrian: Officers contacted an individual involved in a previous collision. The subject declined to share injury details or make a statement, and was provided an accident exchange form.

Ordinance Violation: A seven-day parking notice was initiated on a vehicle, and coordination was attempted with local resource centers to assist with repairs.

Suspicious Activity: Inquiries from separate individuals regarding a parked vehicle and camp setup were addressed by explaining ongoing assistance and towing processes.

Arrest: Following the theft of an electric bicycle, officers located the involved juveniles, issued criminal referrals for theft and criminal mischief, and returned the juveniles to their parents.

Found Property: A brand-new pocket bike found behind a shed at an apartment complex was taken into safekeeping.

Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated a report of juveniles potentially damaging a vacant residence. They found no damage but advised the juveniles to play elsewhere.

Animal: Loose dogs reported in traffic were too elusive to locate.

Animal: A resident reported an injured songbird in their yard. They were advised to contact local veterinary or wildlife rescue resources.

Animal: A stray dog that entered a residence through a doggie door was secured in a kennel and later reunited with its owner.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Domestic Disturbance: Officers contacted individuals arguing on the roadside. One individual had an active restraining order violation, resulting in an arrest and lodging at the correctional facility.

Arrest: An individual was arrested on an outstanding parole board warrant after a family member reported their presence.

Hit and Run: A low-speed parking lot backing collision resulted in minor scratches. The driver was honest and exchanged insurance information.

Trespass: An individual was formally issued a trespassing notice for a business establishment.

Animal: A missing small dog was confirmed with its owner and successfully returned.

Graffiti: Officers investigated a report of graffiti tagging on a utility transformer. They took photographs and obtained potential surveillance footage for review.

Harassment: An elected official reported harassing behavior on social media and phone calls related to political disagreements and homelessness work. Officers documented the report as a non-criminal matter.

Animal: A loose dog was tracked to a residence and secured by its owner who apologized for its escape.

Trespass: Juveniles identified as repeat offenders for vandalism and trespassing on a campus room were referred for criminal mischief and trespassing charges.

Follow Up: A parent was cited for failing to supervise a child following a prior theft incident.

Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated a report of a young child walking home alone while a parent was at work. They found older siblings were expected home and safety precautions were in place.

Arrest: An individual turned themselves in on an outstanding warrant stemming from a previous disturbance.

Theft / Arrest: Officers responded to a report of shoplifting at a store. They found a subject who had possession of unpaid merchandise and controlled substances. The subject was arrested, given new charges and a trespassing notice.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

Assistance of Other Agency: Officers contacted an individual reported missing by another agency. They confirmed the subject was safe and updated the other agency.

Arrest: Juveniles were referred for trespassing and criminal mischief charges, and their parents were cited for failing to supervise.

Animal: A dog owner was cited for a public nuisance animal with a fine and court date due to repeated barking

violations.

Trespass: Officers received a request to formally trespass an individual from a property. They could not locate the individual and planned a follow-up.

Follow Up: Officers received information from a witness regarding a runaway juvenile allegedly staying out of state with an acquaintance.

Arrest: An individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant and lodged at the correctional facility.

Follow Up: A parent appeared in person and was issued citations for failing to supervise a child.

Disturbance: A report of individuals yelling in an area led to contact with two parties who admitted to a minor physical push. After neither wished to pursue charges, transportation was provided.

Crime: During a compliance sweep, an individual reported ongoing unwanted communication and harassment, prompting coordination with the district attorney and another agency to locate a wanted individual. The attempt was compromised when lookouts spotted marked units.

Tow: A vehicle was repossessed and towed by a recovery service.

Harassment: Officers investigated a report of harassment on social media platforms concerning a personal tragedy. They gave guidance and information regarding jurisdiction.

Check Welfare: Officers investigated a report of banging noises and a crying female. They checked the apartment but got no answer and heard no suspicious noises.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

At 8:03 a.m., a deputy helped a youth motorist on Riddell Road change his flat tire as he did not know how to. He advised his dad was on the way to help him limp it to a tire shop.

At 11:19 a.m., a resident on Liberty Road reported a rifle missing from her closet and suspected some contractors doing work near the closet in July.

At 11:52 a.m., Angela White was arrested and charged with trespassing after yelling at the owner of KD Sand & Gravel on Salem Dallas Highway and refusing to leave.

At 3:05 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Wallace Roads on suspicion of DUII and expired tags. The driver was an Amazon driver who'd been on the clock since 4 a.m. He stated he had pulled over and poured water on his face to wake up. He was warned for careless driving and expired tags.

At 4:53 p.m., a motorist was cited for careless driving after an unsafe lane change almost forced a deputy into a head on collision.

At 10:39 p.m., a deputy attempted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle on Kings Valley Highway.

However, pursuit was terminated when speed exceeded 100 mph.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

At 1:21 a.m., a motorist was stopped for no taillights. The driver was cited for failure to notify of address change after moving to Oregon from New York 10 years ago.

At 2:58 a.m., officers responded to a report of a crash with possible injury and intoxicated driver on Brown Road. They found the involved driver Cayden Cokeley in the back seat of his friend's vehicle partially asleep. Cokeley showed signs of impairment and failed a field sobriety test. He was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving. At the police station he blew a BAC of .09%.

At 9:33 a.m., deputies investigated an alarm at a residence on 50th Avenue. The homeowners were away and the house was secure. They found no other signs of anything nefarious.

At 12:46 p.m., a deputy contacted two subjects on Neuman Road who were picking up brass. It looked like their car was broken down but they said it was running and that they said they planned to be gone within the next hour.

At 12:59 p.m., a Falls City resident posted on Facebook that he found a road work sign in the river. The sign belonged to a construction company working in Falls City. The sign was retrieved and returned to the owner.

At 7:53 p.m. deputies investigated a vehicle vs pedestrian crash on Monmouth Street. A juvenile had run away from his group home staff into the intersection and was struck by a vehicle. The juvenile was transported to Salem Hospital to be evaluated. The driver was not at fault for the crash and was provided the driver exchange form.

At 8:07 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a suspicious red compact car driving slowly through the area on Main Street in Monmouth but were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 10:06 p.m., deputies arrested male subject on Log Cabin Street on an outstanding failure to appear warrant. He was also charged with escape 3 and trespass 1 then lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:55 p.m., a deputy contacted Enrique Ramirez Resindez on Glen Creek Road during a routine area check. Resindez was cited and released on three outstanding failure to appear warrants out of Salem Municipal Court.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

At 1:36 a.m., a deputy investigated a vehicle parked on Highway 22.

The driver said she had been watching a meteor shower and the stars. She was warned for trespassing.

At 6:48 a.m., a resident on Dunn Forest Road reported a fire in one of her green houses. A deputy arrived and assisted in containing the fire to the center of the hoop houses. Polk Fire arrived and took over. The fire appeared to start with some lithium batteries stored on site.

At 2:42 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of an overnight burglary of a vacant home on Rickreall Road. Trash on the back porch appeared disturbed but nothing inside was taken. It appeared someone walked around inside, ate a meal and smoked a cigarette. No suspects at this time.

At 4:02 p.m., a male subject warned for littering the previous day on Finn Road was still there today with the same trash around his car. He was cited for littering and promised to pick up his trash.

At 7:19 p.m., a report of a vehicle versus deer accident on Highway 18 went to Oregon State Police to investigate as they were closer.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

At 3:50 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of an elk hit by a motorist along Corvallis Road. There was no vehicle description. The deputy found and dispatched the injured deer.

At 6:42 a.m., a motorist was stopped for driving at erratic speeds on Bethel Road. The driver was cited for no operator's license and for driving uninsured. The car was towed.

At 8:29 a.m., a deputy witnessed a male subject running across Ellendale Avenue, fall and start flopping around, having a seizure. Medics responded and they all were able to get him back to his son's place.

At 2:11 p.m., a report of a young couple from out of town who went exploring and went past the Blackrock gate, as someone left it open. They got locked behind it. A deputy let them out, warned them for trespass and explained how TMA works for the future.

At 3:10 p.m., the manager of Premier RV Resort on Salem Dallas Highway wanted a male subject trespassed who caused a scene in the office and stormed out after being told he could not leave his dog unattended in his vehicle. After speaking with the deputy, the subject understood and was willing to leave.

At 4:46 p.m., a deputy assisted two Monmouth Police Officers during investigating a physical disturbance on Church

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DRAGONS'
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"We came into this game knowing Silverton was going to play fast and aggressively. They were going to be just as tough as any team we've played, if not tougher," Latta said. "We knew we had to maintain that mindset of playing hard for all four quarters." "I think that's exactly what we gave Silverton tonight," Latta said. Dallas's offense helped by controlling the clock, keeping Silverton off the field for all but two minutes of the first quarter. "I thought our defense played absolutely lights out. They held the defending state champs and the number one team in 5A to 7 points," Jackson said. He added their focus was controlling the clock and getting first downs. "We did that," Jackson said.

The Dragons out-gained Silverton by roughly 100 yards. Galusha rushed for 101 yards and a touch-down on 24 carries, while Hess added 88 rushing yards and a score. "We prepared like champions, and we played our hearts out," Hess said. The yards didn't come easily. "Every yard was earned. Nothing was given to us," Hess added. "There were no easy plays." The performance followed a week in which players and coaches avoided saying "Silverton" in practice, focusing instead on their own preparation. That approach helped an experienced group stay steady when the game tightened. Many had been through tense finishes before, with mixed results. This time, they finished the job. Dallas (3-1 league, 6-1 overall) joined Silverton and West Albany atop



Dragon quarterback Thomas Hess (9) is tackled in the end zone after scoring the go-ahead touchdown behind the lead block Carson Langford (45), putting Dallas up 17-14 over visiting, top-ranked Silverton.

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the Mid-Willamette Conference standings. The Dragons have beaten every league opponent over the past two seasons. Even with the loss, the Foxes are ranked number one by OSAA, with the Dragons fourth and the Bulldogs sixth. Rankings are important when playoff seedings are

determined. Silverton beat West Albany earlier in the season. Dallas fell to the Bulldogs. "I think that the mental approach moving forward is we can beat anybody if we're worried about ourselves," Jackson said. Watching his players celebrate made the night

even better. "I was just really happy for them," Jackson said, "and I think they were really happy for themselves." Hess shared that feeling. "We've been preparing for this moment for a long time," he said. "We didn't really show who

we were against West Albany. But I believe we did our job tonight, and played the way we're capable of playing." The Dragons now turn to Corvallis. Friday's kickoff is at 7 p.m. Latta expects his team will demonstrate the same commitment against the Spartans. "I think it's just a matter of us playing up to our standards," he said.

DRAGON STATS:

Defense

Tackles: Jace Coleman, 8 tackles; Evan Wagner, 6; Peter Nicol, 7; Aidan Galusha, 7; Carson Langford, 5, 1 for loss; Bertram Latta, 5, one for loss; Nathan Cunningham, 4, one for loss.

Sacks: Wagner

Blocked kick: Galusha

OFFENSE

Rushing: Galusha, 24/101 yards, TD; Thomas Hess, 2/6, 88 yards, TD.

Passing: Hess, 2/6, 38 yards.

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Street between an intoxicated student, Mario Settersten, and two athletic faculty members. Settersten was reportedly mouthing off to the visiting football team at their buses and was asked to move away from them. After getting into a scuffle with staff trying to get him to leave, public safety intervened. Settersten was cited and released for disorderly conduct II. He stated he was going to file a lawsuit over it. At 6:15 p.m., deputies assisted with traffic control at Mill and Levens streets for the Glow Run until the last runners and picker uppers came through. At 6:18 p.m., a motorist on Clow Corner Road was cited for speeding 89 mph in a 55-mph zone. At 6:31 p.m., multiple witnesses reported two juvenile males walking around with one carrying an AK47 style rifle. They were last seen walking behind the resource center after having come from the Monmouth Street and 16th Street area. Monmouth and Independence police

officers were unable to locate the subjects. It's unknown if the rifle was real or airsoft style but one witness who talked to the juveniles said it was airsoft. No one reported any menacing or threatening behavior. At 7:44 p.m., a report of a single vehicle accident on Orrs Corner Road where the driver drove off the edge of the road. There were no indications of intoxication and the vehicle was towed.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

At 4:42 a.m., a report of a loud explosion in the area of 13th Street in Dallas. Officers arrived and learned a few houses had lost power. Pacific power was advised. At 8:53 a.m., a farmer on Buena Vista Road reported an ongoing trespassing issue. People were staying and leaving vehicles, tents and other debris on the field behind the property. Their property is damaging the farmers' crops. A deputy contacted a male who was sleeping in his vehicle and explained that the property on the farmers field needs to be moved or they could be charged criminally. He added he'd follow up on Friday to check their progress on cleaning up.

At 10:59 a.m., a resident from Stettler Street came into the PCSO to report a trespassing issue. She stated an unknown subject trespassed on her property and left \$67 on her bird cage outside. A deputy took the money as found property. At 12:56 p.m., a deputy pulled up on a partially blocking crash on Wallace Road. The deputy provided traffic control until Salem Police arrived. There were minor injuries with one driver transported. At 1:51 p.m., deputies responded to a crash in the 4500 block of Cooper Hollow Road involving a motorcycle and UTV. Two males were transported to Salem Hospital, one by Lifeflight. Apparently, the farm UTV, which was compliant for being on the road, was turning left, but had no turn signals. The motorcyclist went to pass the UTV and T-boned it while the UTV was turning. At 6:27 p.m., a report of a non-injury, two-vehicle crash involving a PCSO patrol vehicle. The deputy contacted the other driver and got their information / took photos. Oregon State Police came to the scene for the crash investigation. At 7:06 p.m., a deputy

responded to a report of a missing adult from Orchard Knob Road who was supposed to be gone for 15 minutes and had been gone for 7 hours with no contact and no information on where he might have gone. By the time the deputy arrived at his home to get the missing persons report signed, his wife determined he was at a friend's house in Canby and did not need any assistance. At 10:06 p.m., Salem Police had a disturbance on Marietta Street that turned into a menace with a firearm. A Salem Police unit located the suspect vehicle just as it was crossing over the bridge and requested deputies assist. The vehicle stopped at Circle K and they assisted with the high risk stop until the vehicle was cleared. At 11:36 p.m., a deputy contacted a female in a vehicle off Highway 22 who was taking a nap. She was a medic and was driving home to Silverton but needed a nap. The deputy told her technically vehicles aren't allowed in the park after hours but told her no worries with her staying for a bit to take a nap. At 11:41 p.m., a motorist was cited for passing in

a no passing zone and was educated on traffic control devices and passing zones. MONDAY, OCT. 12 At 1:10 a.m., a report of a single vehicle non-injury crash into a power pole. Oregon State Police handled the incident, which likely involved a DUI. At 11:58 a.m., deputies assisted in an area alert of two subjects who stole an e-bike on Main Street in Monmouth. The deputies stood by as officers located the suspects and took two juveniles into custody. At 1:05 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a blocking car fire at the listed. The deputy learned it was a crash and one of the motorists had left their foot on the gas paddle causing a lot of smoke. The deputy held the scene until Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation. At 1:10 p.m., deputies responded to a two vehicle T-bone crash at Highway 22/ Highway 223. One motorist was westbound on Highway 22 when the second motorist went across and hit the first. Both drivers saw medics but refused further treatment. At 9:24 p.m., David Betancourt was arrested

after breaking into his in-law's home on Meadow Lane and assaulting them. He also damaged their car. Betancourt was transported to Polk County Jail where he was charged with assault 4 - felony, assault 4 - misdemeanor, and criminal mischief. TUESDAY, OCT. 13 At 7:11 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway had a fuse blow. They were able to replace it and move the vehicle by the time the deputy left. At 7:18 p.m., Johnathan Nakagawa was cited and released on Ghelar Road for trespass 2. At 7:17 p.m., deputies investigated a report of people camping in the woods between Fire Hall Road and Buffalo Lane. The described property is WeyerHauser Property. The deputies walked a trail and located a camp with a tent, blankets hanging, and a dog kennel. No one was at the camp at that time. At 8:35 p.m., deputies covered YCSO on a reported physical domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Northeast 1st Street. At 11:30 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55-mph zone.

PIRATES
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Their match begins at 7 p.m., with another title and a chance to host their first state playoff match in at least 10 years among their goals. Senior Mackenzie Pelzer credits teamwork for the Pirates' success. "We all have our own talents and we're all very good separately," Pelzer said. "But together is how we have been winning our games." Fellow senior Addison Parr agreed. "A lot of hard work," Parr said. "But I think our bond as a team is really what carried us

through because if we weren't playing together, then we wouldn't make it as far as we have, so far." Parr saw potential early in the Pirates' mix of young and experienced players. There's little question the players developed cohesiveness as the Pirates lost just one league game to Willamette Valley Christian (10-2, 14-8). The Warriors figure to offer Perrydale its greatest challenge in Amity. Pirates Coach Lottie Breeden, in her sixth season, said court sense, dedication and teamwork keyed her team's impressive run. "They have a lot of volleyball IQ," Breeden

said. "A lot of love and dedication for the game, and they play well together." That support extends to the bench, where players enthusiastically encourage teammates. Breeden wants the Pirates to execute their roles and play with purpose at the district tournament. OSAA first-round action begins Oct. 28. The Pirates are 10th in the RPI, 12th in OSAA and 15th in Colley rankings. Hosting a playoff game would give the seniors another match before their home crowd. For Pelzer, a four-year varsity player, that's one reason why the postseason

carries added meaning for her. "After this, my volleyball career is done, so I'm very excited," Pelzer said. "This group of girls is very important to me." Parr is a three-year varsity starter. Brooklyn Barcroft and Samantha Blades round out the team's senior class.

CENTRAL STAYS NEAR TOP OF OWC In other volleyball action, Central High School solidified its hold on second place with a sweep of Cascade on Oct. 13. The Panthers (5-2, 14-2 overall) travel to Philomath Thursday and to Newport Tuesday to bring the Oregon West Conference's regular

season to a close. Third-ranked Stayton, having swept the season series, is the only team to beat the Panthers.

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