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Vocal Israel protesters interrupt Wyden, Salinas town Hall at WOU

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Western Oregon University hosted a town hall for Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden Aug. 14, the 1,129th since he went to Washington, D.C. in an effort to hear from his constituents in all 36 of the state's counties.

For this leg of his tour, he brought along Rep. Andrea Salinas, who represents Oregon's 6th District, which includes Dallas, Monmouth and Independence.

While the plan was to hear the top concerns from their constituents, the loudest attendees often interrupted, attacking Wyden and Salinas for their ongoing support of Israel.

The town hall started to go off the rails when someone brought up the "ongoing genocide in Palestine" and how both Wyden and Salinas were influenced by contributions from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) allegedly to the tune of \$1.2 million to Wyden and \$200,000 to Salinas.

"What are you going to do to stop the genocide that Israel is currently excising on the people of Palestine, and will you stop receiving funding from AIPAC who is very much not aligned with the views of America of liberty and justice for all people?" a protester asked, adding how they are suffering starvation and famine at the hands of Israel preventing aid to come into the country.

After a lengthy cheer from the crowd of about 300, Wyden tried to say that was a very important question that deserved a serious answer.



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(Top) A protester unfurled a large banner summarizing the anti-Israel sentiment at a town hall featuring Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden and Rep. Andrea Salinas at WOU Werner Center Aug. 14. (Bottom) Rep. Andrea Salinas presents former Independence Mayor John McArdle with a flag that flew over the U.S. Capital in honor of his nearly three decades of service to the community.

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Independence Settlement to build treatment plant reached

Landowner to receive \$400,000

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

After months of jumping through legal hoops, the city of Independence finally has the land it needs to build a new water treatment plant, although at a hefty price of \$400,000.

The administration reached a settlement with the landowner south of town for 12 acres next to Corvallis Road. The city had tried to acquire the land from the original landowner, Pat Henderson, in April of 2024, for \$180,000; Henderson's counteroffer was \$250,000.

City Manager Kenna West said many state required legal steps had to be followed to reach this end point, beginning years ago when Independence purchased water rights.

"Because these water rights have already been relocated once, they cannot be moved again. This means the new water treatment plant must be built close to the current water rights location to avoid additional costs or complications," Kenna explained via email.

She said the city-owned land at that location was not large enough to accommodate the city's needs for a new water treatment facility. Thus, the most practical and cost-effective solution they considered was the adjacent privately owned land. West said Oregon law strictly governs how public entities may acquire private property.

"The city was legally required to attempt to negotiate a purchase through a neutral third party before pursuing eminent domain, and all steps had to be documented and completed in accordance with state law," West said. "Despite these efforts, the city was unable to reach an agreement with the landowner, leaving eminent domain as the only lawful option to secure the property."

West explained that the process of acquiring land for a public project is inherently lengthy, and this case was no exception. Legal requirements mandated multiple steps before moving to condemnation, all of which take time to complete. After filing the initial documents with the court to notify all parties of the pending condemnation case, Henderson sold the land to a new buyer. West said this required adjustments to the legal proceedings and caused additional delays, with court hearings further extending the timeline.

To resolve the matter, the city and property owner retained an outside

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Dallas grad realizes dream of flying

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

When Katie Ragan was 16, a funny thing happened on her way to earn her driver's license. She developed a passion for flying.

Now 19, the 2024 graduate of Dallas High School has earned her solo pilot's license while attending Lane Community College's Aviation Academy.

After flying with an instructor and attending classes non-stop since graduation, the moment came suddenly. She'd been training on a Piper Warrior, a PA-28, a low winged, small aircraft. Then one day, the training was over and reality kicked in.

"It was crazy. We have one door on our airplane that we fly. And I'm like, I've never had to close that door before," Ragan described having to scoot over to make room for the instructor. "They're just going to let me go? Okay. That's kind of crazy."

She said she wasn't the youngest student to get a license. Nor the fastest. But she may have been the most enthusiastic, being one of the first in her class to solo.

Her first solo all went as planned. After flying with her instructor on three loops of the airfield, full stops and taxi backs, he turned the controls over to her to recreate.



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Katie Ragan, a 2024 Dallas High School graduate, stands next to her training aircraft, a Piper Warrior, a PA-28.

"Then I went out and did the exact same thing. I was fully confident. It was critical to build who I was," she said. "It's something I'm going to get familiar with and regular with. You just have to get comfortable with. It was really neat."

Ragan has been going non-stop in the program since graduation.

She said her passion for flying ignited after a year she spent at age 16 as a Rotary exchange student to Italy.

"I absolutely adored traveling. I noticed in airports there are a lot of emotions. They're going for something fun. Or they're going for something sad. I thought it would be

cool knowing to one day help people experience the world," Ragan said.

The more she researched the more her passion grew.

While she didn't get on the path to actually earning her pilot's license until she started attending LCC, for her senior project she reached out to Nutsch Aviation, a flight school at Independence Airport to be a job shadow or apprentice.

"They helped me get set up. They were the ones who helped me apply for a student pilot's license. You need an instructor to sign off for you. They went on a discovery flight with me. They kinda got my feet in the water," Ragan said.

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flying. Just a lot of places that need airplanes.”

Typically, they hire pilots with experience flying in Alaska. So, she has smaller gigs in mind to build up her hours, like flying for skydivers, something with low hours, but will get her in the sky.

While she wasn't overwhelmed by any of the regular

challenges of earning her license, she does acknowledge the biggest challenge ahead will be joining a traditionally male-dominated profession.

“I don't know if you've heard the joke, but how do you know you're in a room with a pilot? Because they'll tell you,” she deadpanned. “That mainly comes from male egos. They act like they're the best pilots. Even people at my school do it. It's hard for me, because I don't like to see that kind of ego,

especially being in that space all the time.”

The next phase for Ragan is earning her instrument reading, which qualifies her to fly in bad weather.

“Which is really challenging, but really rewarding,” Regan said. “You fly, there's absolutely nothing to see. You fly to 200 feet for approach. It's really rewarding.”

She's about two months from that accomplishment. Then, she plans to work on a commercial pilot's license.

Ragan has already attracted local attention for her feat of quickly earning a license. Dallas Superintendent Steve Spencer was stuck on an analogy without a central point, until he heard about Ragan.

“I had an education analogy about flight I had been working on to deliver to staff for over three years, complete with drawings on a whiteboard in my office I would stare at every day, but just couldn't get the message to align,” Spencer said. “When

I heard that Katie had earned her private pilot's license just a year after graduating from Dallas High School, I knew immediately she was the final piece to a message worth bringing back home to our district. My subsequent experience flying with her has been a rejuvenating experience to my career.”

He's contracted with her to be a guest speaker at the all-school district welcome back meeting on Aug. 26.

“He's done a great job building what we have so far. I've contributed what I can, because I only have airplane knowledge, I don't have teacher knowledge,” she said. “I remember when he interviewed me for scholarships my senior year. I saw it on his whiteboard then.”

She looks forward to the presentation to staff, thinking it will be cool. But not quite as cool as being on a career path to the skies.

WYDEN

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“I think it is clear that what we see coming over our phones at night is starvation. The suffering in Gaza has to end,” Wyden said.

He was then interrupted several times throughout the rest of the town hall by other activists yelling for the U.S. to stop selling Israel bombs.

In between outbursts, Wyden tried to explain he was holding Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accountable and was considering sanctions on other Israeli officials who worsen the situation in Gaza.

Wyden also tried to argue that Israel also has the right to defend itself from Iran and its proxies, a sentiment that did not go over well with the vocal protesters who held up anti Israel signs.

“The gentleman in the front, who has the right to his opinion, said Israel doesn't have the right to defend itself.

Respectfully, I believe it does. I believe in a two state solution. If we start a tough program that provides real penalties, and sanctions for what's going on with the abuses in Gaza, we can change the direction of what's going on the ground,” Wyden said.

Not all of the town hall revolved around Israel and interventionism.

The town hall actually kicked off with a local tribute, when Salinas presented former mayor John McArdle with a flag that flew over the U.S. Capital in recognition for his nearly three decades leading the city of Independence.

“Your leadership, vision and dedication have revitalized downtown Independence, strengthened public works, helped build lasting partnerships Monmouth and Independence, for strengthening both communities for decades to come. You have built a legacy for what it really means to be a true public servant,” Salinas said.

As always, McArdle was quick to credit those who helped him along the way.

“I didn't do it alone. We did it with a team, a team of people in city councils, and staff, volunteers and citizens with relationships and everybody working together,” McArdle said. “Isn't it amazing what you can do when you're all working together?”

Health care was the main topic of discussion the two elected officials are discussing on this stop of Wyden's town hall tour of the state.

They warned big changes are coming thanks to the Republican's “Big Beautiful Bill” passed that was supported by President Donald Trump but received virtually no bi-partisan support. The changes won't just affect the poor, Wyden said.

“We're a country of 330 million people and millions more are going to feel like they were hit by a wrecking ball,” Wyden said. “Around about October or so, you're going to get your notices from your insurance companies. And those insurance companies are not going to offer the same rates they have in the past.”

Wyden said he worries a lot of hospitals in rural county areas are going to be closing their doors as a result if no changes are made to the bill.

Next, he hit on the unintended consequences to U.S. citizens by the tariffs Trump

has imposed on foreign economies.

“The tariffs, even though the Trump people won't use the word, are taxes,” he said. “The reality is the number one issue in the 2024 election was costs. Healthcare costs. Energy costs. Small business costs. With these tariffs, you're just adding to the costs.”

The attendees of the town hall were then given a chance to ask questions of Wyden and Salinas by the luck of a draw of tickets.

The first question was about concerns over Trump's attack on the judicial system, by ignoring federal judges, evading court orders and even suing judges, creating a constitutional crisis.

“So, I want to know what you guys can do about this to help us?” The questioner asked.

Salinas jumped in first, saying she was equally worried about the situation, agreeing it was a constitutional crisis. She said as the minority party, there are four things a member of congress in broad strokes can do.

“We can legislate, that's the obvious one. We can litigate. I have signed on amicus briefs that our own attorney general Dan Rayfield has led on some of these lawsuits. We can communicate, whether it's the state level, immigration or ICE, people know their rights, making sure the

press know what the facts are, and making sure our constituents are hearing from us. And the last thing... we need to agitate. We need to make sure we are trying to hold these agencies accountable.”

Wyden, who has said he is a proud first-generation Jew, pointed to the latest actions the Trump administration is taking in Washington D.C. to cut back on crime as “ominous.” Wyden said his father was one of the famous Ritchie Boys, German kids who talked their way into the army to drop propaganda on Hitler.

“We learned in the Wyden household, you've got to push back every single day,” Wyden said, adding too many people who can't take it any more and are moving away to other countries. “We can't have people going away who are good people who are going to fight against these practices, that take our neighbors off the street and just ship them somewhere without any rights or evidence.”

Another questioner expressed his concerns with Trump meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska, ostensibly to discuss a cease fire in Russia's war with Ukraine.

There's been talk about him giving our mineral rights away to Russia to help them, and it's got me really concerned... So, what can we

do about that to stop them?” Wyden was asked.

Wyden said as the Oregon representative and longest serving member on the Select Committee on Intelligence, he knows the basic parameters of these meetings.

“When Trump goes to these meetings, he knows that Putin is going to push him very hard. And you've got to be worried about the basis of his past record. Putin pushes him in a direction not good for the American people,” Wyden said. “My hope is he's going to hold the line, let Putin say his piece... If Zalinski was there and there were parameters that would protect American interests being discussed, I would feel differently.”

The remaining questions posed to Wyden and Salinas were overlapping concerns that boiled down to what the attendees could do to make a difference. Salinas summed it up by saying get involved, be it volunteering, writing a letter to the editor, or write an opinion piece for a national newsletter.

“It may feel like you're preaching to the choir, you might be, but I still want to hear from you. You can use your voice to be heard across this country. You're not alone when you're writing to that other newspaper where Republicans are finally going to start waking up,” Salinas said.

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Independence to join focused seat belt enforcement

Beginning Aug. 18, Independence police joined agencies across the state for focused enforcement of proper seat belt use. Through Aug. 31, Independence police will use federally funded overtime to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws, including a law passed

in 2017 requiring children to ride in a rear-facing safety seat until they are at least two years old. On average, every 50 minutes, a passenger vehicle occupant not wearing a seat belt dies in a traffic crash. In 2023, 10,484 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic

crashes were not wearing seat belts. This enforcement is made possible thanks to federal funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact.

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mediator with extensive experience in Oregon land use and condemnation law. Due to legal requirements, the details of the agreement they reached could not be disclosed until a judge signed the Stipulated General Judgment on Aug. 7, with notice received by the city on Aug. 14. West explained this confidentiality ensured the integrity of the mediation process and protected sensitive information shared during negotiations.

Key terms of the settlement include:

- The city made all reasonable efforts to acquire the property through negotiation and purchase prior to initiating legal action but was unable to reach an agreement.
- The city will pay the property owner a total of \$400,000 for the land.
- The city is not responsible for any other costs incurred by the property owner including attorney

fees, expert expenses, interest or other costs.

• Payment to the property owner will be made within three business days following approval of the settlement by the City Council.

The process to acquire the land began when the city updated its water master plan, which looks at the community's current water resources, expected growth, and future water demand over at least the next 20 years.

West said engineers' analysis showed that Independence would face a water deficit by 2030 if no additional measures were taken.

"As the population grows, the existing wells will not be able to meet the increased demand. Recognizing this possibility years ago, the city purchased water rights from the Willamette River, which were transferred to city-owned land south of Independence," West explained. "Moving forward with the water treatment plant project allows the city to request a one-time extension to secure these water rights before they expire."

The new water treatment plant was designed based on calculations from the Water Master Plan, which identified the community's long-term water needs, West said. The plant will have an initial capacity of 1.5 million gallons per day, with the ability to expand in the future if demand increases beyond projections. The plant will treat water to meet surface water standards, ensuring high-quality drinking water for residents and businesses. The project budget is approximately \$40 million but may change as the design process moves forward, West added.

Wallace Marine Park robbery suspect apprehended

Frank Donovan Eckel, of Salem, was arrested Aug. 12 by Salem Police detectives for his alleged involvement in a violent robbery that occurred last week outside Wallace Marine Park.

According to the Salem Police Department, a victim reported being approached by a man who then assaulted and threatened

them with a knife in the early morning hours of Aug. 3. The suspect, identified as Eckel, 28, then fled the scene with the victim's backpack containing personal property.

The victim was transported to Salem Health Emergency Department with various physical injuries.

On Aug. 12, Salem's Violent Crimes Unit detectives served a search warrant at a residence in the 1500 block of Brush College Road Northwest, apprehending him without incident.

Eckel was charged with robbery 1, assault 2 and unlawful use of a weapon and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

"Once the city takes possession of the property, clearing and testing work will begin immediately. Preliminary design work for

the water treatment plant is scheduled to start this summer," West said. "The goal is to maintain momentum on the project so that the new

facility can meet the city's future water needs in a timely and efficient manner."

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Norma Geraldine (Patton) Madison
Dec. 4, 1933 - July 29, 2025

Norma passed away of natural causes at her home in Salem, Oregon. Norma was born in Hotchkiss, Colorado, to John Wilbur and Retta (Durfee) Patton. She grew up in Colorado and California. Norma was an avid gardener and loved to fish. She lived in several states during her life, including

Virginia, Montana, California and Oregon. A homemaker most of her life, she was the mother of seven children.

Survivors include her sister, Shirley Heisinger, two daughters, three sons, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Norma was preceded in death by her husbands Everett Stidham, Kenneth Meyer and Raymond Madison, two daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

At Norma's request, the family will arrange for a family gathering at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Polk County Hospice in her name.

Cheryl Anne Priest
March 15, 1949 - July 4, 2025

Cheryl was born March 15, 1949, at the Bartell Hospital in Dallas, Oregon. She lived in Dallas for her entire 1-12 grades, graduating in 1967 from Dallas High School.



On July 4, 2025, she passed into the presence of her Lord, Jesus Christ at her home just five houses from where she was born. She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin, mother Martha, and her younger brother John. Cheryl has two children, Nathan Esch and Audra Esch Amos, son-in-law Randy and husband, Winslow Priest. Final resting place is at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Salem, Oregon.

Cheryl attended Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, majoring in elementary education for two years, transferring to Christian Ministries in her second year of college. She moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where she lived and married Phillip Esch. Cheryl lived in Phoenix for 25 years before returning to Dallas to care for her parents following her divorce.

Cheryl was especially talented at vocal music. She was a member of two choral groups at college and traveled each summer on behalf of the college. As a mezzo-soprano, she was an important part of the vocal groups. While attending Dallas High School, she was the lead role of her junior year drama called "Double Trouble". Her featured solo was the copy of the Tarzan yell that Carol Burnett made popular while Cheryl was standing on the George Washington desk.

Cheryl was raised in the Mennonite faith and learned many of the customs of hand work including crocheting, tatting, quilting and

sewing. She made and gave away over 280 afghan blankets and hundreds of tatted crosses of which she prayed over them before giving them away. Her favorite gift at Christmas time was tatted stars. Cheryl was involved with Christian music as a regular part of her life. Her voice was admired by many.

Cheryl's memorial Celebration of Life is Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. at Salem Nazarene Church, 1550 Market St. NE, Salem, Oregon. Contributions of flowers or gifts to the Choir at the church would be appreciated.

Death Notice

Edward (Ted) Osgood
Nov. 4, 1934 - May 24, 2025

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at Polk Fire Station #70/Pedee Women's Club, 12485 Kings Valley Highway, Monmouth, Oregon.

Takeoffs, landings tested at STOL WARS

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Independence State Airport buzzed with excitement this weekend as the annual Wings Over Willamette Fly-in returned.

Pilots, aviation enthusiasts, and community members were all on hand for two days of airborne activity and excitement.

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 292, which is based at the airport, sponsored the event.

Saturday featured a general fly-in with aircraft arriving from across the region. On Sunday, the spotlight shifted to STOL WARS, the short takeoff and landing competition that has become the weekend's signature event.

Now in its seventh year, STOL WARS drew 23 pilots from near and far. They

competed in categories that included factory-built light and heavy planes, touring aircraft, experimental models and bush planes.

Prizes went to the pilots who recorded the shortest combined takeoff and landing distances, though this competition was geared more toward having a good time.

"This one is more for fun than for points," said Maurice Gunderson, Chapter 292 treasurer. He added that while some pilots chase national standings, the Independence contest is about fostering camaraderie.

Announcer Juan Browne echoed similar sentiment.

"We're not competing with each other," Browne said over the loudspeaker. "The main goal is to make good pilots better. Precision flying is what it's all about."

Each pilot had three chances to post their best combined takeoff and landing score. The field was marked every 25 feet, and judges tracked results in real time. Any pilot landing short of the starting line saw their attempt disqualified.

"You've got to land on or beyond the line," Browne explained. "If you land short, you crash, and in real back-country flying, that could mean hitting a ledge or ending up in the water."

The wildcard in all this was a fickle Mother Nature. On Sunday, a gusty and changing wind added to the challenge, at times.

"In any flight competition, a little breeze can mean a big difference," Browne said.

This year's event was sponsored by Van's Aircraft, Rosen Sunvisor Systems, and



PHOTOS BY LANCE MASTERSON

Pilots from throughout the region came together at the Independence State Airport this weekend for Wings Over Willamette. Photos are from STOL WARS, the popular event now in its seventh year.

Pure Flight, all of whom were on-site this weekend.

All proceeds from the event support EAA Chapter 292 and its youth aviation initiatives,

including Young Eagles flights and scholarship program, a press release stated.

New child care center opens in Monmouth

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

What began as a modest child-care operation in the living room of Sara Wilson's home has since grown into a network of learning centers, one of which opened its doors this summer in Monmouth.

Wilson is the owner and director of three childcare and preschool centers, known collectively as Bluebells Academy. The Monmouth site is housed within Christ's Church, 412 Clay St.

"It all started in 2019," Wilson said of her first center, in Salem. "I opened Bluebells in my living room. It was right before COVID. For about six months it worked, but then my neighbors said I was disrupting the tranquility of the neighborhood."

The early setback didn't slow her down, however. Wilson moved to a rental home and converted it into a preschool. Later, she added two more

rental properties to serve as childcare centers. All of which were supported by a strong and reliable staff.

"The secret to growth?" she asked with a laugh. "It's the relationships we built with families. Some of the kids we started with are now in first and second grade and still part of our school-age program."

Dana Taylor enrolled her son at Bluebells as an infant.

"I was a single mom going back to work in 2023 and I needed safe, reliable, and affordable care," Taylor said. "Bluebells was everything I was looking for. They are some of the few people I trust with my son."

Taylor praised the center's communication and attention to detail, noting staff provides healthy meals, structured rest, and engaging learning opportunities.

"Bluebells helped him learn his numbers, colors, and he



Pictured, left to right, are director/lead teacher Mercedes Roadwald and owner Sara Wilson.

can already spell his name at three years old. I feel incredibly confident leaving my son there every day knowing he is safe and cared for," she added.

The decision to open a Monmouth facility came after a series of emails, forwarded to Wilson by others in the childcare

field. The emails encouraged her to check out Christ's Church. She dismissed the idea at first. But when the opportunity didn't go away, she decided to look into it. The church, she added, selected her over other applicants.

Wilson has since opened a new center in West Salem,

replacing the three original home-based sites with larger, more permanent locations. Today, Bluebells operates out of two churches and a former school building. As for the Monmouth site, it includes classrooms for infants/toddlers, two-year-olds, and preschool. It accepts children aged six weeks to six years old.

The center follows the Reggio Emilia philosophy, an educational approach that emphasizes creativity, exploration and child-led learning.

"It's about natural products, creative play and observing children's interests," Wilson explained. "We don't have traditional toys. We use manipulatives, such as blocks, rocks, pinecones, paints, that are selected with a purpose."

A typical day includes a flexible but structured routine: breakfast for early arrivals, activity choices, math and sorting games disguised as play, snack time, circle time, outside play, music,

lunch, story time, rest, and more play in the afternoon. A 4:30 p.m. circle time helps wind things down before pickup.

Wilson remains committed to maintaining the warm, connected feeling of an in-home daycare.

"I didn't want the cold feel of a center," Wilson said. "We brought the intimacy of a home daycare into a bigger setting."

Wilson's path to early education wasn't a straight one. She pursued a career in dental hygiene before narrowly missing the GPA requirements to enter the program. That setback became a turning point.

"After three attempts I realized it wasn't going to happen," she said of a career in dentistry. "So I decided to stay home with my kids."

She also decided to transfer her credits to Chemeketa Community College and earn her associate degree in early childhood education. Later, she completed her bachelor's degree through Eastern Oregon University.

"I just wanted to be with my kids," Wilson said. "But now I get to be with everyone's kids, and I love it."

Bluebells Academy Monmouth is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It follows state staffing ratios - one adult for every four infants, five toddlers, or 10 preschoolers. Plans are to have eight staff members on site at full capacity.

Parental involvement is encouraged, though formal volunteering isn't required.

Wilson invites interested families to schedule a tour by calling (916) 290-2242. More information can be found on the Bluebells Academy Facebook page.

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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: AN ESKIMO'S CANOE!

Kendrick	Kinfolk	Knack	Kook
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Kerplunk	Kiosk	Knock	Kursk
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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: F equals C

UJFGSRZD VGOZH TWFRJIK
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 IW VRI JZJV WIVJD WH IVJ
 VJZC: QWU FGSIGDJ.

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Moments in time

- On Sept. 1, 1878, Emma Nutt of Boston became the first female telephone operator. Until then, most telephone operators were teenage boys, whom customers weren't overly happy with due to their gruffness and penchant for jokes and cursing.
- On Sept. 2, 1995, pop star Michael Jackson's recording of "You Are Not Alone," penned by R. Kelly after Kelly lost people close to him, made it to the top of Billboard's Hot 100, becoming Jackson's 12th No. 1 hit. It also earned American Music Award and Grammy nominations for Best Pop Vocal Performance.
- On Sept. 3, 1939, in response to Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain and France declared war on Germany.
- On Sept. 4, 2016, Pope Francis declared Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa, who had dedicated her life to caring for India's poor and marginalized, Saint Teresa of Calcutta before an approving crowd of thousands in Vatican City's St. Peter's Square. Her numerous awards included the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.
- On Sept. 5, 2024, Oksana Masters, who was born with disabilities linked to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, including webbed fingers and six toes on each foot, and abandoned as a baby but adopted at age 7 by an American professor, won her 9th Paralympic gold medal, scoring 19th overall across rowing, cycling and skiing.
- On Sept. 6, 1781, British Brigadier General Benedict Arnold, a former Patriot officer who had already become infamous for betraying the United States by attempting to sell the Patriot fort at West Point, New York, to the British the previous year for 20,000 pounds, added to the stains on his reputation by ordering his British command to burn every building in New London, Connecticut, after they'd looted the town, to the equivalent of more than \$500,000 worth of damage.
- On Sept. 7, 1911, radical French poet Guillaume Apollinaire was arrested and jailed on suspicion of stealing Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre Museum in Paris. Due to a lack of evidence, he was released after five days.

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Super Crossword

FETE-FUL FOLLOWERS

ACROSS
 1 Little jump
 4 Brains
 10 Tacky bits
 15 Female horse
 19 Friend in Paris
 20 Social outcast
 21 Ice cream utensil
 22 Female gamete
 23 Gap production place
 25 firm
 26 "I saw," to Caesar
 27 Newspaper stories
 28 Vehicle attachment to transport watercraft
 30 "Get it?"
 31 "Ender's Game" star
 32 Actress Long or Vardalos
 34 Closes in on
 35 City while wearing a costume
 41 Some boxing punches
 43 On top of in verse
 44 Divine figure
 45 Feel poorly

DOWN
 2 Vizquel of baseball
 3 Brad of "Fight Club"
 4 Sissy of the screen
 5 Gavin of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
 6 Jester Johnson
 7 Ocho — (resort in Jamaica)
 8 Pothole filler
 9 Sheepish
 10 Colon's meaning in an analogy
 11 Whale locale
 12 Burnto base
 13 Large arteries
 14 Trade jobs
 15 Apt place to make a scene
 16 Birthplace of St. Teresa
 17 Less courteous
 18 Kuwaiti chiefs
 24 Finance-related; Abbr.
 26 Lamb's cry
 29 Growth on an elk's head
 31 Inro studio class
 32 Jane of "Love and Let Die"
 35 Horn blasts

78 Sports center
 79 Removal of gov't. controls
 80 Pueblo brick
 82 E. Sicilian volcano
 84 "Time — the essence!"
 85 Forearm part
 87 "How sad"
 88 Cure by exposing to burning wood
 89 E. addresses
 90 Gmail rival
 95 A Great Lake
 98 "Lator"
 100 Rock — jukebox
 101 Alternative to a ballpoint
 102 Golden State sch.
 103 Fencing need
 104 Ex-NFLer
 105 Lisa of "Melrose Place"
 107 Marsh bird
 111 Fish snares
 112 Scottish loch
 113 Forest buck
 114 Contents of Rx bottles
 115 "— le Déesse"
 116 Go nowhere
 117 Really promote
 120 "How — you?"
 121 Haze

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GO FIGURE!

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

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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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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which best original song from "Aladdin" won an Oscar?
- TELEVISION: In what year did the animated TV comedy "South Park" debut?
- HISTORY: Where did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Brazil?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to be impeached?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the U.S. Naval Academy?
- MATH: What is the smallest prime number?
- LITERATURE: What is the original name of the farm in George Orwell's "Animal Farm"?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet is known for its large red spot, which astronomers believe is an ongoing storm?

Answers

- "A Whole New World."
- 1997.
- England.
- Brasilia.
- Andrew Johnson.
- Mount Olympus.
- Maryland.
- 2.
- Manor Farm.
- Jupiter.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

YOUR PARROT POOPED IN MY LEG AGAIN...

THE MOMENT A PIRATE RECONSIDERS HIS CAREER CHOICE

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. ALL THIS TIME YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT "THE VOTES WERE RIGGED" AND "YOU WANT A RECOUNT," YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT "AMERICAN IDOL"??

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

SPORTS

8-17

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Americanisms

"Acting in 'Star Wars' I felt like a raisin in a giant fruit salad, and I didn't even know who the cantaloupes were."
 — Mark Hamill

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OWEN, I'M HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY ON SATURDAY AND I HOPE YOU CAN COME.

MY MOM SAYS I CAN INVITE JUST MY BEST FRIENDS.

HEY RONALD, WANNA COME TO MY PARTY?

SURE!

SINCE HIS MOM STARTED MANAGING TOY BARN WE'VE BECOME VERY CLOSE.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

INVESTIGATING THE BIBLE: Misusing the Bible

By **DAVID CARLSON PASTOR**

There was a woman who was very devout in her faith. She wanted to follow God's will every day and she asked God to lead her. To receive his answer, she'd close her eyes, open her Bible, flip through the pages and place her finger on a random page. Then, opening her eyes, she would read the verse where her finger landed, taking the words as God's daily guidance. We can only hope her finger never pointed here: "And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he [Judas] departed, and he went out and hanged himself." (Matthew 27:5, English Standard Version used unless noted). Finding God's

guidance in the Bible requires much more.

One verse of scripture has been misused shamefully in American history: "And that servant who knew his lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." (Luke 12:47, King James Version).

Before Fredrick Douglass escaped to freedom, he had a slave owner who used that verse to justify vicious whippings of a young, disabled woman when her work was less than he desired. Douglass's opinion is sobering for any person who claims to be a Christian: "For of all slaveholders with whom I have ever met, religious slaveholders are the worst. I have

ever found them the meanest and basest, the most cruel and cowardly of all others."

The scripture about punishing a slave was at the end of a parable told by Jesus. The purpose of the story was never meant to be a guide for treating slaves. In the parable, a wealthy man left home to attend a wedding. The men caring for his home in his absence were warned to be prepared for his return, so that even if he returned in dark, early morning hours, all would be in order.

Jesus explained the message of his parable: "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast. Blessed are those

servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." (Luke 12:35-37).

Jesus ended with a caution for those in the church: "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the most." (Luke 12:48).

The apostle Paul wrote, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14).

John Newton was born in 1725. His mother was a godly woman who taught him the

Bible, but she died when he was only seven. He was sent to a boarding school and later took employment as a sailor, eventually becoming a captain. He drank heavily and swore so vilely that he shocked even hardened sailors. His ship joined the slave trade, transporting captive Africans to the West Indies.

In 1748, his ship encountered a huge storm for days and he prayed to God for rescue, promising to serve Him if he survived. He did and considered that date his conversion, though he continued his work supporting slavery. When he retired from the seas, he fulfilled his earlier commitment to God and studied for the ministry, becoming an ordained clergyman in the

Church of England in 1764. As Newton's understanding of scripture grew, he regretted his past work in the slave trade. He wrote many hymns to help his congregation, including the popular hymn Amazing Grace: (Verse 1) "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."

Newton helped found a society that abolished the British slavery trade in 1806, nine months before he died.

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



Worship Directory



DALLAS

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FALLS CITY

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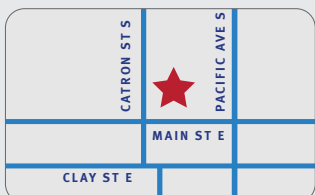
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43rd annual Community Fiesta returns to Riverview Park Aug. 22-24

I-O STAFF REPORT

In 1982, a small group of organizers started a community festival that would become the Mexican Fiesta. Forty-three years later, Vidal Pena is continuing that tradition started by his mom, which continues this weekend Aug. 22-24 at the Riverview Park in Independence.

Pena, who helps organize the three-day event, said the small gathering that started through the St. Patrick's Church soon became too big. "My mom thought it didn't sound inclusive, so about 10 or so years ago, she changed it to The Community Fiesta," Pena said.

The Community Fiesta is now run by the non-profit group IM Community/Soy Comunidad.

"It promotes social services and community activism, as well as provides some small emergency grants to low income folks," Pena explained.

He added that Community Fiesta has grown from a couple hundred in a church parking lot, to a few hundred in the market place parking lot, gained a few more hundred in the old Roth's parking lot, then attendance exploded by a thousand at the Riverview park, even before the amphitheater was built.

"It now will see a few thousand over the weekend as

has been the case for the past 10-15 years," Pena boasted.

The fiesta royal court of two princesses and one queen will be crowned Friday and win \$250 and \$500, respectively.

As for the fiesta itself, expect three days of music, food and crafts.

Pena said a big change for the fiesta this year is the amount of sponsors and partnerships making it possible.

"The city of Independence has always been a great painter. Our grand amigos sponsorship has been the IBEW 280 for years and now we've added Monmouth Independence Community Foundation and The Latino Partnership program through the Oregon Community Foundation, and a few others," Pena said. "It's great to see companies investing in an event that promotes Community unity."

The concert lineup is:

Friday

4 p.m. - Los Inspirados (Latin musical show)

6 p.m. - Conjunto Alegre (Salsa/merengue band)

8:30 p.m. - La Super Sonora Dinamita (cumbia music)

Saturday

12 p.m. - Miguel el Cachorro (Tecladista)

1:30 p.m. - Pachanga (cumbia, salsa, Baile)

3:30 p.m. - Mario Alberto (Tex/Mex)



PHOTOS BY TONI HUMPHREY

The 43rd annual Community Fiesta Aug 22-24 features big bands and entertaining dancing demonstrations.

5 p.m. - Tlansese Baile Folklorico (traditional Mexican dance)
6:30 p.m. - Grupo Sporpresa (surprise headliner)
8 p.m. - Fantasmas Del Ritmo (cumbia, banda, Baile) Sunday

12:30 p.m. - Danza Azteca Ameyalmaztl
1:30 p.m. - Guelaguetza (folklorico/Latin)
3:15 p.m. - Los Volcanes de Eddie Rodriguez (Tex/Mex)
4:30 p.m. - Los Tenix (cumbia, banda, Latin dance)

"There will be plenty for families to do during the day besides watching amazing folklorico and Aztec dancing," Pena said. "The YMCA will have a family activities tent from 12-5 p.m Saturday and Sunday and Corazon Ulilitary Handcrafters will

have hands-on crafts to build at their booth too starting at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Also, there will be so many food booths to choose from." Entry is \$5 each day.

Revitalized Main Street comes to Monmouth

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Monmouth's Main Street is undergoing a resurgence, with new businesses choosing the small college town for its charm, community support and revitalization efforts.

Malia Hampson is one business owner new to the downtown scene. After exploring other options for her business Spectrum Artworx, she settled for a street-level space in Monmouth Commons.

"We looked at a lot of places, but this one stood out," Hampson said. "It's close to Western Oregon, has high foot traffic, and the landlords are responsive."

The space was empty when the lease was signed. It required a full build-out, including offices, a kitchen and a second restroom. Suzanne Dufner, Monmouth Economic Development Director, and other city staff offered their guidance and expertise throughout the process.

"(Dufner) was very excited to have us here. We were actually the first tenants in this building," Hampson said.

Spectrum Artworx opened Oct. 1, and is preparing for its first full academic year.

"Last year, we weren't open when school started, so we're looking forward to connecting with students and their parents from day one," she said earlier this month.



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The Cultural Harvest Farmers Market, which debuted earlier this year, provides people with another reason to visit downtown Monmouth. The market is held Sundays at Main Street Park.

These connections have already paid off, with back-to-school shoppers finding their way to her store via steady word-of-mouth referrals, thus boosting her business.

The Main Street area is a blended community. University Barber Shop, Yang's Teriyaki and Sing Fay Restaurant and Lounge have anchored the downtown for decades, while the new kids on the block include Cafe Iula's, Luna's Cafe and Hazel's on Main.

The city's 2022 Downtown Plan served as the blueprint for Monmouth's transformation. The plan prioritizes projects that encourage community interaction and support local commerce.

An example of this is the colorful alleyway next to city hall. Now home to murals, greenery, outdoor seating and a free library ... not to mention the main entrance to Maui Melts.

"People love this space," said Emily McNulty, who co-owns MaMere's

Guest House and acts as the Main Street services consultant.

"You'll see families, students, and even folks from the senior center stopping to enjoy the space," she said.

To help businesses succeed, Monmouth offers urban renewal grants of up to \$15,000 for signage, storefront renovations, and interior upgrades. The city also provides resources like the bilingual Business Toolkit in English and Spanish. The kit was

developed after interviewing long-time business owners about challenges and best practices.

"We're not just providing financial support," Dufner added. "We connect owners with resources like banks, consultants, and the Small Business Development Center to set them up for success."

More projects are poised to build on Monmouth's momentum. The historic Ross Theatre is being transformed into the Monmouth Cultural

Center, with a wine bar, performance venue, and arts hub - supported by a \$200,000 Main Street Revitalization Grant.

Plans are for a Polynesian dance studio to open soon, and Monmouth Commons - itself a relatively new addition to the city's skyline - has lease space available.

The city is exploring other ways, such as upper-story housing, to keep downtown active after business hours, Dufner added.

For many, Monmouth's size is one of its greatest strengths.

"It's big enough to have opportunity, but small enough to help you feel like you're connected," Hampson said.

McNulty agrees, pointing to the way local businesses work together.

"Even though we have four coffee shops downtown, they help each other out, whether it's sending customers to one another or sharing supplies," she said. "It's about seeing the whole community succeed."

As Monmouth's downtown grows, its leaders and business owners are committed to balancing progress with the small-town charm that makes it unique.

"Monmouth is a place where people feel welcome," McNulty said. "It's safe, it's friendly, and it's growing. But we're still holding onto what makes this community."

PAGES OF THE PAST

FLASHBACK

50 years ago

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Bids Awarded for plant removal

The Dallas City Council accepted a low bid of \$3,520 for removal of an old sewage plant on Rickreall Creek at Miller Avenue at Monday's city council meeting.

The bid was awarded to Garrett & Thomas, a Dallas firm. The council had targeted \$7,000 for the removal, but the bid came in lower than expected.

In other action, the Polk Elderly Transportation Committee will receive \$500 from the city for the purchase of a new van for supporting senior citizens. The committee has received \$2,000 from the state, \$2,000 in donations and \$1,000 from the Polk County Commissioners.

Commissioners to make home inspection

The Polk County Commissioners are planning a site trip this week to the property of John McBee on Oakdale Road. The reason for the property inspection is McBee's request for a variance to add an additional dwelling to his property that is zoned AR5. McBee wishes to add a mobile home site to be used by his son.

Blasbaugh is 'Athlete of Year'

Jeanette Marie Balsbaugh has been selected as a Prep Track and Field "Athlete of the Year" for 1975, as announced by the editors of Coach and Athlete Magazine and Dallas High Girls Track Coach Pam Casteel. Jeanette graduated from DHS this past June.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Spirits high as fair ends

"We had a lot of compliments on how the fair looked and all the entertainment this year," Polk County Fair Board member Joann Harland said after the first fair in recent memory without a manager overseeing events.

After resignation of fair manager Eleanor Boese earlier this spring, board members agreed to take over her duties as a cost saving measure. The county budget committee had declined to provide \$40,000 in funds for the 1985 fair.

Levy defeat ends regular Falls City patrol

First it was a lack of funds that stopped Falls City from keeping regular police protection. Last week it was a lack of votes.

Following a special election levy defeat here last week, city officials still had funds for police protection but not enough to keep a resident deputy from the Polk County Sheriff's Office on the road. The levy had requested voters here to approve an additional \$14,000 to pay for a full-time resident deputy.

Blue Dolphins earn 5 blue ribbons at Lake Oswego

The Blue Dolphin Swim Team traveled to Lake

Oswego for its final meet of the summer swim season on Aug. 3. Five of the Dolphins returned with first place ribbons.

Jalynn Earhart placed first in the senior girls 100-yard butterfly. Matt Centenni took first in the senior boys 100 butterfly. Sean Condon placed first in the senior boys 200 freestyle. Gwen Fairchild won first in the 50 freestyle. And Kevin Dobbs placed first in eight and under 25 breaststroke.



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1985: THEY WERE BOTH CHAMPIONS - Salena Veach, 11, Dallas, and Blacky, her hen, at the Polk County Fair. Salena also took a grand champion title for skill level 11. (I-O file photo)

Oregon sees 2,700 job losses in July

Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 2,700 jobs in July, following a revised loss of 8,600 jobs in June, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

The monthly unemployment reports are a key economic indicator of the state.

Job Losses

July's losses were largest in financial activities (-2,700 jobs); professional and business services (-1,400); and health care and social assistance (-1,100). Gains were largest in construction (+2,900 jobs) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+800).

Construction employed 112,700 in July, rebounding from its relatively weak prior two months, but landing well below its average level of 117,500 jobs during the prior two years.

Professional and business services has been on a declining trend since early 2023. Accounting for 254,100 jobs in July, it is down 14,800 jobs, or 5.5%, since its peak employment in March 2023.



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

The monthly unemployment reports are a key economic indicator of the state.

Each of its three component industries dropped by a similar percentage during that period.

Newly revised numbers for this year show lower employment levels than previously estimated for most industries.

Closer Look

Since July 2024, Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment dropped 24,600 jobs, or -1.2%. Manufacturing lost

9,400 jobs, or 5.0%. Each of these industries cut between 3% and 4%: information, private education, wholesale trade, financial activities, and construction.

In that time, only two major industries expanded: health care and social assistance (+9,800 jobs, or 3.2%) and leisure and hospitality (+2,000 jobs, or 1.0%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.0% in July and 4.9% in June, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.2% in July 2024. Oregon's 5.0% unemployment rate was 1.4 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in June and 4.2% in July.

CryptoQuip

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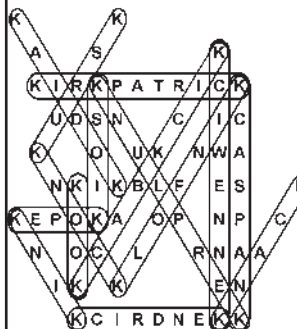
Peculiar human society whose members always tend to hit each other on the head: bop culture.

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Community Calendar Aug. 20-27

Wednesday, Aug. 20

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Make a Mug Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11:30 a.m. - Cake in the Park to Celebrate Summer Reading, with games and special guest, Dallas City Park
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 2 p.m. - Paint Your Own Suncatcher, for ages 6-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5 p.m. - MINET Board of Directors meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, Monmouth, or virtually; for agenda and virtual link details, go to <https://minetfiber.com/board-of-directors>.
 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

6:30 p.m. - Music in the Park: Remedy, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
 6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Thursday, Aug. 21

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Trip to Lincoln City, meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Let's Visit Tiny Town, kids 5 and under bring your own toy car or truck to drive around the Monmouth Public Library's Tiny Town, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11 a.m. - Grief 101 Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing/Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting
 3 p.m. - Free Kids Movie: "Minecraft The Movie", Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7:30 p.m. - Climate Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Aug. 22

7:30 a.m. - Hiking Club trip to Miller Woods, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
 10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Rock Painting Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 4 p.m. - Live Music: Community Fiesta - Lost Inspirados Show, Riverview Park, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Community Fiesta - Conjata Alegria, Riverview Park, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Steve Hale, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

8 p.m. - Live Music: Community Fiesta - Sonora Dinamita Cumbia, Riverview Park, Independence

Saturday, Aug. 23

9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot
 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Midnight Express Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Sunday, Aug. 24

8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
 10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Can't Never Could, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Monday, Aug. 25

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/ Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Movie Matinee: "State Fair," Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Lunch & Listen Mural Chat, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 4 p.m. - Dallas Public Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 4 p.m. - Dallas Public Works Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Tuesday, Aug. 26

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Meet volunteers from Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum at the Arboretum Center to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m., Dallas City Park
 9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Grand Activity Days/Kitchen Science Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St.
 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
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 6:30 p.m. - Music in the Park: Coming Up 3's (Celtic music), Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth

Community Briefs

Climate Cafe returns Aug. 21

The Monmouth-Independence Climate Action Group hosts Climate Cafe, from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 Warren St. S. This is an opportunity for the community members, students and citizens of all ages to engage in dialogue about the environmental challenges faced and explore ways of making a difference locally.

Toddlers come drive through Tiny Town Aug. 21

The Monmouth Public Library presents Let's Visit Tiny Town, ideal for ages five and under, at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at 168 S. Ecols St. Bring a toy car or truck and drive the streets of our tiny town! Get your license at the DMV, travel through the construction zone, visit the zoo, and more. Don't have a favorite toy car? You can use one of the library's.

Join Wildfire Worship Night Aug. 22

Megan Youngs presents Wildfire Worship Night from 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 22 in Monmouth City Park, 120 Main St. E., in Monmouth. Come together as a community. If you would like to sit, please bring your own chair and or blanket. For more information email mrytjy@gmail.com.

MICC hosts Golden Gala Aug. 22

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center presents The Golden Gala at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Historic Gentle House, 855 Monmouth Ave. N, Monmouth. Enjoy dinner, dancing and prizes. The MICC is raffling off 100 exclusive GOLDEN TICKETS at \$100 each and the winner will receive \$1,000 worth of lottery scratch-offs. Golden Gala Tickets are \$40 per pair or \$25 per individual and are available online at <https://bit.ly/4ePJfml> or at the Chamber office, 355 Pacific Ave N Ste B, Monmouth.

Polk County Democrats at State Fair Aug. 22

The Polk County Democrats will be sponsoring a booth at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on "Polk County Day" on Aug. 22. Visit between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. and find pins, posters, bumper stickers and yard signs for sale. Voter information and lively conversation are free.

WRCS hosts Wander the Stars rabbit and cavy show Aug. 22-23

The Wanderlust Rabbit & Cavy Shows present "Wander the Stars" Nigh Show and Day After Show. The Double Open & Youth Rabbit Shows are at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 and the Triple Open & Youth Rabbit Shows

are at 5 p.m. Aug. 23, at the National Guard Polk County Readiness Center, 12830 Westview Dr., Dallas. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/wanderlustshows.

Back to School Bash returns Aug. 24

The Back to School Bash returns at 5 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Gate Youth Association, 1505 Monmouth St., in Independence. There will be food, backpacks, school supplies, games, bouncy house,

live music, dunk tank, hair cuts, fire truck. The event is sponsored by MCC, Life Center, Resonate, Cornerstone, the Gate and a generous donation from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. Learn more at www.polkb2sb.com.

MICC, Visitors Center hosts AI themed Lunch & Learn Aug. 27

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

presents Lunch & Learn: AI and Your Business, at 12 p.m. Aug. 27 at Indy Commons, 154 S. Main St., Independence. Learn how AI can help you, write better marketing content like emails, social posts, and website copy; respond to customers faster and stay top of mind; and save time and money and get better results on everyday tasks, even if you're not tech-savvy. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/4l6leJb>.

Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Member of the Week: Azucena's Cleaning

This week, we're celebrating someone who brings heart, hustle, and a whole lot of sparkle to everything she does — Azucena of Azucena's Cleaning!

If you've had the pleasure of meeting Azucena, you already know: her story is powerful, her presence is magnetic, and her work ethic is unmatched. She is everything we love to represent here at the Chamber — hardworking, community-driven, and full of charm and resilience.

Azucena's Cleaning specializes in residential and home cleaning, and let us tell you — we are lucky enough to be spoiled by her and her amazing team, who keep our Chamber office spotless and shining!

If you don't know Azucena yet, now's the time. Follow her on social media, connect with her story, and if you're in need of quality, reliable cleaning services from someone who truly cares, book with her. You will not regret it.





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PCIO25-1325 NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE SW Polk Fire District Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday November 4th, 2025, an election will be held within the boundaries of the SW Polk Fire District. The election will be conducted by mail. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof: Caption RENEW LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES Question Should SW Polk Fire District issue a five-year local option levy renewal for fire and emergency medical services, beginning FY2026-27? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. Summary SW Polk Fire District (SWP) is seeking a levy to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services. The local option levy would be at a rate not to exceed \$1.37 cents per \$1,000 of District taxable assessed value for five years, beginning FY2026-27. For a property assessed at \$200,000, the levy cost would be approximately \$274 per year, or about \$22.83 per month. SWP currently has twelve (12) career staff and 10 volunteer members with a trend of increasing call volume (doubled in the past four years) and decreasing volunteer response. If the levy does not pass, funding that supports current staff will be short thus, staffing will be decreased by six career staff. SWP firefighters and paramedics respond to emergency incidents like fires, heart attacks, car crashes, rescue operations and ambulance transport. If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain current Firefighter-EMT/Paramedic staffing levels with the goal of maintaining adequate response times, continued advanced life support services and manage our increasing calls for service. An estimate of the total amount to be raised for each year of the proposed levy is: FY 2026-27: \$1,185,248 FY 2027-28, \$1,220,805 FY 2028-29: \$1,257,430 FY 2029-30: \$1,295,152 FY 2030-31: \$1,334,007 Notice is hereby given that the ballot title for a measure referred by the SW Polk Fire District has been filed with the County Clerk of Polk County on August 14th, 2025. The ballot title caption is Renew Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Polk County Circuit Court no later than 5 :00 p.m. Tuesday, August 25th, 2025. Kimberly Williams Polk County Clerk

PCIO25-1324 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon For the County of Polk Probate Department Case. No. 25PB07141 NOTICE TO INTERSTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of ERIKA MARGIT SMITH, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mt. Tabor Fiduciary Services, LLC was appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at P.O. Box 86012, Portland, Oregon 97286. Within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published on August 20, 2025. Mt. Tabor Fiduciary Services, LLC. Personal Representative Beate Weiss-Krull, OSB # 050972 Attorney for Personal Representative P.O. Box 86012 Portland, Oregon 97286 Phone: 503.234.0355 Email: bea@weisskrull-law.com

PCIO25-1323 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN R BULKOW has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF ROGER BULKOW, Deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County under Case No. 25PB06622. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the said Personal Representative at Stayton Law, 582 E Washington St, PO Box 248, Stayton, OR 97383, 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 attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published August 20, 2025. Personal Representative: John R. Bulkow 8605 Sahalee Dr Anchorage, AK 99507 Attorney for Personal Representative: Jennifer L. Tiger, OSB#990890 Stayton Law 582 E Washington St PO Box 248 Stayton, Oregon 97383

PCIO25-1321 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE

OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: SUZANNE KATHLEEN QUINTALL, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB06840 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Lorena Kathryn Lambert as Personal Representative of the Estate of Suzanne Kathleen Quintall, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published August 20, 2025. Lorena Kathryn Lambert, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1320 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: JIMMIE CHESLEY PETERSON, Deceased. Case No.: NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Jason Paul Peterson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jimmie Chesley Peterson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published August 20, 2025. Jason Paul Peterson, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1319 Public Notice The West Valley Housing Authority (WVHA) is hereby inviting the public to review and/or provide comments on our Public Housing Agency Annual Plan and Capital Fund Plan. Copies of the proposed plans are available for review as of August 15, 2025, and can be obtained from our website at www.wvpha.org or any of the WVHA's offices (main office address listed below). Written comments on the plan(s) may be mailed to the attention of Executive Director, West Valley Housing Authority, 204 SW Walnut Ave., Dallas, OR 97338 or emailed to wvpha@wvpha.org. Comments will be received through the 45-day public comment period that will close as of the completion of the public meeting to take place on September 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the WVHA's Main Office, located at 204 SW Walnut Ave., Dallas, OR 97338. The meeting location is wheel-chair accessible. Call (503) 623-8387 during business hours if other accommodations are required or you would prefer to attend the public hearing via conference call.

PCIO25-1317 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CHANGES TO MOBILE VENDING AND FOOD TRUCK STANDARDS The Independence Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025 (7:00 pm) to consider potential changes to the way that mobile vending units and food trucks are regulated in the City of Independence. The proposed changes would make the existing mobile vending/food truck approval process two separate steps: an Application for a Mobile Vending or Food Truck Location; and an Application for a Mobile Vending Device or Food Truck. For further information, please visit: www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects. Contact: If you have questions, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, OR 97351, (503) 837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us. Process: If the Planning Commission votes to forward the changes to the City Council following the Public Hearing, the Independence City Council will consider the proposal during a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. The City Council hearing will start shortly after 6:30 pm. Hearing Locations: Both Public Hearings will be held at the Independence Civic Center at 555 S. Main Street,

Independence, OR 97351. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: Information about the proposed changes is available online. Paper copies of the materials are available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the proposal will be available at least seven days prior to the hearings (per Independence Development Code Section 11.025(A)(7)). Physical copies of the documents may be obtained from the City for a minimal cost. Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit the testimony prior to and at the public hearings. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearings. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns related to the changes, by the close of the public hearings. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal (before the Land Use Board of Appeals).

PCIO25-1302 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 138254-OR Loan No.: *****0491 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by DAVID M COLLMAN, as Grantor, to OLD REPUBLIC TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/18/2021, recorded 10/19/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-016516, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 1, BLOCK 3, SCOTT'S SOUTHGATE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF MONMOUTH, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 5, PAGE 15) APN: 192114/08430-CA-00334 Commonly known as: 711 BENTLEY ST E MONMOUTH, OR 97361 The current beneficiary is: loanDepot.com, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 3/1/2025 - 7/1/2025 Total: \$8,776.90 Late Charges: \$1,302.72 Beneficiary Advances: \$890.00 Total Required to Reinstate: \$10,969.62 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$310,733.15 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$304,240.68 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.875 % per annum, from 2/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 12/4/2025, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale.

Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/24/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1312 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: GEORGIA D. RHAY, Deceased. Case No. 25PB06583 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AARON D. WRAY has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers, to the Personal Representative c/o Steven D. Gerttula, 416 Bond Street, Astoria, OR 97103 within four (4) months after the date of the publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative Steven D. Gerttula, 416 Bond Street, Astoria, OR 97103. Dated and published August 20, 2025. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Steven D. Gerttula, OSB #77184 416 Bond Street Astoria, OR 97103 (503) 325-5434

PCIO25-1298 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73831 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by EDWARD LARA as Grantor to AMERITITLE, LLC, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 6/16/2022, recorded 6/17/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-007327, Rerecorded on 7/25/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-008694, modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated 9/8/2024, signed on 1/07/2024 in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 171, WOODHAVEN ESTATES PHASE 4, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. SAVE AND EXCEPT THEREFROM THE NORTHWESTERLY 5 FEET THEREOF. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 171, WOODHAVEN ESTATES PHASE 4, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. SAVE AND EXCEPT THEREFROM THE NORTHWESTERLY 5 FEET THEREOF. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 2814 HOOVERAVE NW SALEM, OREGON 97304-3779 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 564743 / 07320-CV-12901 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 1/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan

documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$29,265.05 Late Charges: \$373.59 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,959.50 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$842.00 Total necessary to cure: \$33,440.14 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$501,864.62 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 11/18/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Main Street Plaza of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503)946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 7/8/2025 ZBS Law, LLP Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#04593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4848172 08/13/2025, 08/20/2025, 08/27/2025, 09/03/2025

PCIO25-1310 TS No. OR08000192-24-1 APN 07533-CB-04000/147875 TO No 240706322-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, DAVID L. BROWN as Grantor to TICOR TITLE as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of October 23, 2006 and recorded on October 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-017912 and the beneficial interest was assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2018-RPL2 and recorded November 26, 2018 as Instrument Number 2018-013610 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 07533-CB-04000/147875 SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 15, IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S ADDITION TO DALLAS, ACCORDING TO THE DULY RECORDED MAPS AND PLATS THEREOF IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE RUNNING EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 5 AND 6, 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF LOT 5 AFORESAID 60 FEET; THENCE WEST AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 5 AND 6, 100 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH ON SAID WEST LINE, 60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 1162 SE LYLE STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338 Both the Beneficiary, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL2, 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 08/01/2024 to 06/01/2025 at \$10,077.46 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$533.80 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 \$135,326.31 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from July 1, 2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on November 14, 2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, 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. Dated: 07/02/2025 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 NPP0476502 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 08/13/2025, 08/20/2025, 08/27/2025, 09/03/2025

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, Aug. 7

At 9:42 a.m., Dedreanna Buckelew was cited and released for theft 3 on La Creole Drive.

At 9:40 a.m., officers investigated several late reports of theft from Walmart in May.

At 11:28 a.m., a report of a credit card stolen on Academy Street.

At 1:44 p.m., Desiree Oday was cited and released and Nathan Mendenhall was arrested and charged for criminal trespass 1 on Orchard Avenue.

At 2:43 p.m., a landlord on Alexander Drive wanted to report a resident for damaging the doors and walls of the residence. An officer advised she could take the resident to small claims after the eviction process.

At 4:09 p.m., a report of a theft of multiple items on Levens Street.

At 5:16 p.m., an unknown person caused damage to a handrail at Dallas Evangelical Church.

At 6:13 p.m., a subject on Court Street reported he thought his stolen bike was at a residence in Dallas. It turns out the tracker he thought was on his bike was not and was instead the tracker he gave to his sister.

At 6:14 p.m., a report of a suspicious ford pickup with California plates legally parked on 11th avenue.

At 7:45 p.m., Mike Desirey II, was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and received a written warning for speeding.

At 8:01 p.m., officers found a male subject who fell asleep in the grass by the skate park. He was okay and continued on his way.

At 8:27, a motorist on Fir Villa Road was cited for failure to carry and present, no operator's license and driving uninsured and received a written warning for failure to renew registration.

At 9:13 p.m., officers investigated a report of fireworks in the park on Allgood Street. One subject denied hearing any fireworks. Another subject said there was a large boom from west of the Brandvold side of the park.

At 11:04 p.m., a report of a male and female arguing in the street on Barberry Avenue. An officer contacted two individuals who were splitting up and were arguing over custody issues.

At 11:14 p.m., an officer came upon an open garage door on Tawney Street, but was unable to get anyone to answer the door to shut it.

Friday, Aug. 8

At 1:15 a.m., officers helped Monmouth police search for a felony wanted subject who was running on foot.

At 11:08 a.m., a report of a non-injury, blocking rear end crash on Ellendale Avenue.

At 12:41 p.m., a juvenile on Ellendale Avenue was placed into DHS custody to be returned to his family after a domestic disturbance.

At 12:32 p.m., a report of a solicitor going door to door on Miller Avenue with no permit. There was a delay in response due to a priority call.

At 2:26 p.m., Gregory Hankins was arrested on Godsey Road and lodged on a parole board warrant.

At 8:05 p.m., a report of a small bark dust fire on Polk Station Road.

At 8:56 p.m., a report of a juvenile throwing juice on an adult all over someone taunting the juvenile's mom.

At 11:27 p.m., an officer located two cars in the park on Brandvold Drive. The officer advised vehicle one with two male subjects to leave; the other was vacant and the officer was unable to locate any individuals.

At 11:36 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 11:42 p.m., an officer advised a homeowner on Cascade Mountain Drive of an open garage door.

Saturday, Aug. 9

At 12:05 a.m., an officer responded to an audible alarm from a store on Ellendale Avenue and contacted an employee who doesn't usually close. The employee contacted other employees and silenced the alarm.

At 1:58 a.m., an officer responded to a report of loud music on Hayter Street. The officer parked and heard the music from the east side of Maple / Hayter streets. The music was turned down moments after arriving. The resident was advised for the second time of the noise ordinance.

At 2:50 a.m., a motorist's battery in his truck died on Kings Valley Highway. He was evaluated by medics then an officer assisted in jumping his battery.

At 9:08 a.m., an officer noted children were all wearing helmets and were riding safely, except when darting into the street in between cars. The officer talked with the children (with parent permission) about general bicycle safety - especially looking both ways before entering the street.

At 4:03 p.m., a report of a possible theft of a speaker on La Creole Drive. Further investigation was required.

At 9:39 p.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for failure to renew registration, driving uninsured, and driving while suspended - violation.

Sunday, Aug. 10

At 12:29 a.m., Garrett Coyle was arrested on Walnut Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving.

At 1:25 a.m., officers investigated a report of a flashlight in a backyard on Church Street that the complainant didn't think was property owner. The officers spoke with two residents who did live there who thought they saw a racoon.

At 7:29 a.m., two subjects were trespassed from a location on Jefferson Street by the owner.

At 2:27 p.m., a report of a dog left in a vehicle on Mill Street. An officer found and told the owner it is too hot to be leaving dogs in vehicles. The owner stated she was only away for less than 10 minutes.

At 3:06 p.m., William Falkosky was arrested on Irick Court and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving.

At 3:09 p.m., an officer investigated a report of four cats left in a vehicle on La Creole Drive. The officer found the cats did not seem distressed and awoke from sleeping after arriving. The animals had food, water and a litter box inside of the vehicle that was parked in the shade.

Monday, Aug. 11

At 12:31 a.m., a male subject was trespassed from a property on Levens Street.

At 6:27 a.m., an officer removed a large, dead racoon

from the road on Miller Avenue.

At 8:19 a.m., a report of a sick and injured cat on Juniper Avenue. An officer found the cat, which could hardly move and it did not appear to be a pet. It was taken to the lime pits and dispatched.

At 9:38 a.m., Phillip Allison was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Dallas Municipal Court.

At 1:38 p.m., a female subject turned herself in on an outstanding warrant. She was given a citation with a new court date.

At 1:47 p.m., a report of a vehicle vandalized on Levens Street that most likely occurred on Aug. 7.

At 2:51 p.m., Christopher Smith was cited and released on Ellendale Avenue for criminal trespass 2.

At 7:06 p.m., an officer investigated an alarm at Jiffy Lube on Ellendale Avenue. Both bay doors were opened and the building was unlocked when the officer arrived. No one was located inside or around the business.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

At 6:03 a.m., a motorist on Uglow Avenue was cited for failure to renew registration (nearly three years). He had been warned last year for the same.

At 7:25 a.m., Benito Salinas Jr. was arrested on Jefferson Street and charged with contempt of court (restraining order violation).

At 9:41 a.m., a report of an unknown male who ran over the Housing Authority's drop box overnight and fled the scene.

At 10:12 p.m., an officer checked that the park bathrooms were locked on Allgood Street and warned two subjects for park hours.

At 10:24 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Cutoff was cited for failure to renew registration. The officer advised the driver their license is pending suspension in October due to failure to appear on a previous citation.

At 11:12 p.m., Jeffrey Butcher was cited and released on Walnut Avenue for driving while suspended - misdemeanor, was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for failure to renew registration and following to close.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

At 1:26 a.m., a report of a large water main break on Levens Street. Officers assisted residents and the First Presbyterian Church with flooding mitigation and sand bags.

At 8:29 a.m., a subject on Court Street was given a criminal citation for menacing.

At 9:53 a.m., a wallet found on Allgood Street was turned in to the police. They contacted the owner who came in later that day to retrieve it.

At 4:38 p.m., a report of a large tree limb that fell from the property of Courtwood Manor on La Creole Drive onto a resident's vehicle. The tenant attempted to call the management but the voice-mail was full.

At 8:06 p.m., Devrick Thomas was cited and released on Levens Street on an outstanding Dallas Municipal warrant.

At 10:14 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for failure to carry proof of financial responsibility and was warned for no taillights.

Independence Police Department

Wednesday, Aug. 6

At 2:08 a.m., a male subject on Gun Club Road was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

At 10:51 a.m., police investigated an alarm triggered on Second Street. It was a false alarm. The manager is trying to figure it out.

At 1:43 p.m., a resident on Maple Court reported being the victim of a TikTok scam and lost over \$1,000.

Thursday, Aug. 7

At 12:08 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on 7th Street.

At 12:37 p.m., an officer assisted an elderly female at the boat launch back to her brother's house after she left and got confused.

Friday, Aug. 8

At 1:33 a.m., a juvenile on Monmouth Street was apprehended on a failure to appear warrant for attempted robbery 2 and was lodged at Yamhill Juvenile Detention Center.

At 1:50 a.m., Monmouth Police requested cover as they had a subject run from them. An officer covered Monmouth Police at an apartment the subject was known to live at. The subject never showed up.

At 8:59 p.m., a report of a suspicious male subject yelling at people on Monmouth Street then left the scene.

Saturday, Aug. 9

At 4:28 a.m., an officer assisted Independence Police with an arrest on Falcon Loop.

At 12:45 p.m., a report of a bike stolen on 17th Street.

At 2:51 p.m., a motorist on Hoffman Road was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

At 9:19 p.m., police investigated a report of a physical domestic disturbance on White Oak Road. Police found no physical injuries and no arrests were made.

Sunday, Aug. 10

At 7:48 a.m., a motorist was stopped for driving while suspended - misdemeanor. The driver was arrested and was also charged with contempt of court for violating a release agreement regarding a pending DUII case.

At 9:38 a.m., an officer responded to a report of a driving complaint from out of town on Independence Highway.

During a routine park check at 50 C St., around midnight, an officer observed a group of people preparing to launch kayaks. One of the boaters, Gary Simmons, was discovered to have a failure to appear warrant out of Salem. Simmons was cited and released.

An officer monitoring traffic on Polk Street stopped Steven Velazquez for driving while suspended. Velazquez had signed a release agreement stating he would not drive without a valid license June 30. He was arrested for driving while suspended - misdemeanor and transported to the Polk County Jail.

Monday, Aug. 11

At 2:59 p.m., suspects were trespassed from a property on Second Street after refusing to leave when asked by the manager.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Shaylynn Watkins was arrested and charged with animal abandonment after leaving her dog at the Independence Dog Park. The dog was discovered in the fenced enclosure by park users in the early morning. The dog's picture was posted on the police department's Facebook page and Watkins was identified as the owner. She admitted to dropping off the dog before heading to work that day. Watkins was cited and released.

At 6:18 a.m., an officer picked up an abandoned dog on Grand Street and brought

it back to the temporary kennels.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

At 2:17 a.m., an officer found two juveniles walking around past curfew on 7th Street. Their parents did not know they were out. So they were taken home and referred for curfew.

At 8 p.m., a report of a bike stolen on Monmouth Street.

At 8:03 p.m., a report of two juveniles arguing with each other on Monmouth Street. Officers were unable to locate them.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, Aug. 7

Crash: A work van's mirror was broken when it was struck by a pickup. The pickup was later located, and information was exchanged between the parties.

Driving: A report of a dark green vehicle driving with a door open. The vehicle was not located.

Follow up: A missing person was located by another department.

Driving: A report of a possible impaired driver. Another county was notified as the vehicle continued northbound.

Animal: A dog barking issue was reported. An officer waited in the area but did not hear any dogs.

Suspicious activity: A person called to request a check on their house, but did not provide details. The house appeared dark and no one seemed to be home. Attempts to contact the person's spouse were unsuccessful.

Fraud: A person reported being scammed after sending nude photos online. The scammer demanded gift cards, but the bank blocked the transaction. The person was advised to block the scammer.

Friday, Aug. 8

Traffic: A person on a bike, who had a warrant, fled from an officer and was not located after a chase and perimeter search.

Juvenile: A juvenile was found out past curfew and taken into protective custody. The juvenile was released to their parents and referred for the curfew violation.

Citizen contact: A bartender reported that two males who were kicked out of the bar continued to cause issues, including taking pictures of her truck and license plate. They also bothered another bartender who lives in the same apartment complex.

Assist other agency: Assistance was provided to another agency in taking a person into custody.

Theft: A bicycle was reported stolen. Videos of the theft were provided, and a suspect was identified.

Welfare check: An anonymous complaint was made about a couple constantly arguing, mocking their children, possibly using substances, and potentially leaving their children home alone. The caller was aware of the situation and advised to call if anything was in progress.

Arrest: A person was cited and released for a warrant.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Disturbance: Bar staff flagged down an officer regarding a customer who had left but continued to yell near the business. The male was intoxicated and uncooperative but eventually left after being warned about trespassing.

Noise: An anonymous caller reported loud music and teenagers drinking alcohol. No issues were observed in the area.

Disturbance: Yelling was heard at a park. A person was yelling at another about stealing from a backpack.

The yelling person appeared paranoid and declined medical transport.

Assist other agency: A person was arrested and charged with harassment and lodged after medical clearance.

Citizen contact: A person called with concerns about evicted residents returning to the property. The residents were on the street outside the house, and occasional patrols were requested.

Citizen Contact: A person called about a house appearing to have more people moving in, becoming trashed, and a recreational vehicle being parked there for an extended period. The caller felt nothing was being done regarding the tenants. The information will be passed along for an update.

Driving: A report of a red vehicle speeding down a street. Due to delayed response, the vehicle was not located.

Suspicious person: An anonymous caller reported seeing a young male who appeared intoxicated. An officer checked the area and found a person riding a bike with their face covered.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Emotional distress person: Staff at an apartment complex called regarding an individual who damaged property and refused to leave, mentioning suicidal ideations upon leaving. His whereabouts were unknown to his spouse.

Emotional Distress Person: A person called about an altercation they had with another individual and expressed suicidal feelings. They were trying to find a place for their dog to address a warrant.

Trespass: A person was found loitering at a laundromat and was asked to leave if not doing laundry. The subject left without issue.

Suspicious vehicle: A report of a black vehicle parked overnight at a church, where suspicious people had been seen late at night. The owner explained a flat tire and was waiting for a spare. Extra patrols were requested for the church at night.

Citizen contact: The owner of a laundromat requested a permanent trespass for an individual who had been kicked out that morning and was seen shooting fireworks in the parking lot on camera footage.

Crime: A person reported that their ex, recently released from jail, had violated a restraining order by interacting with their social media posts.

Ordinance violation: A complaint about 12-foot tall sunflowers blocking the view of a stop sign and intersection.

Domestic disturbance/welfare check: A person called for a welfare check on after being rushed by an intoxicated brother who uses illicit substances and has a firearm. The brother declined medical assistance and was calm during the interaction with an officer. The caller later reported the brother was angry and texting repeatedly.

Crash: A two-vehicle crash occurred where one vehicle hit a parked car. Information was exchanged between the parties involved.

Ordinance violation: Residents reported burning wood in a pit and were informed about the open burn ordinance, agreeing to put out the fire.

Monday, Aug. 11

Suspicious person: A report of a shirtless male yelling and flailing his arms at a park. A person matching the description was later contacted and found to be intoxicated. An

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officer talked to him about his erratic behavior.

Citizen contact: A person called a non-emergency line using a fake name, requesting an officer call back without

providing details on a recorded line. Multiple attempts to reach the person were unsuccessful.

Arrest: A welfare check was requested for a person by a friend due to a history of domestic violence with a boyfriend, who was texting the friend through the person's phone. The friend had an outstanding warrant and was cited

and released. The person in question stated being safe.

Missing person: A parent reported an adult child missing. The child, last contacted by phone in a different city weeks prior, suffers from substance addiction and mental health issues, including hallucinations. The subject may be attempting to travel to another city without a phone, identification or car.

Citizen contact: A report of someone using a firework, causing smoke and concern about a potential fire near bushes. No concerning issues were observed upon checking the area.

Animal: A report of a dog left in a hot recreational vehicle. The caller stated the owners left shortly after the call.

Noise: A complaint about loud teenagers at a park. The individuals were advised of park hours and left without issue.

Animal: A person reported that a family member's dog bit their child's face, requiring a hospital visit. The complainant believed the dog was aggressive and requested an investigation. Information was passed along for follow-up regarding a potentially dangerous dog process.

Crime: A person reported an ex had followed them on social media platforms, violating an active restraining order. Attempts to contact the ex and their known associates were unsuccessful.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Arrest: A person was cited and released on an outstanding warrant.

Stolen vehicle: A stolen vehicle was reported and later located unoccupied. The keys were not found, and the vehicle remained at the location.

Suspicious activity: A broken window was reported, but no signs of forced entry or missing items were found.

Suspicious activity: Two vehicles with covered

windows were reported, but no contact was made due to a delayed response.

Domestic dispute: A report of an argument between individuals where one person shoved another. The involved parties resolved the situation by one person leaving.

Assist other agency: An attempt was made to serve a subpoena, but the person was not home.

Emotionally disturbed person: A person reported someone banging on windows, but no one was found. The person seemed to be experiencing an emotional distress episode.

Disturbance: A report of a fight between four people. Two individuals were asked to leave due to intoxication and attempting to fight. Two other individuals in the bar went out to de-escalate and also began fighting. All parties left the location, and no further action was desired by the reporter.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Arrest: A person was reported to be around an apartment complex, then located at another complex. After an interview, the person was transported to a hospital due to health complaints. The person admitted to stealing a vehicle and was taken into custody, where illegal substances were found. The person was lodged and charged with various offenses including unauthorized use of a vehicle, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, possession of illegal substances, supplying contraband, and a felony parole violation.

Arrest: An individual was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Suspicious person: A person reported someone attempting to break into their apartment, but no one was found and there was no damage to the door.

Suspicious person: The same person reported a similar incident again, with no evidence found.

Emotionally disturbed person: For a third time, the person reported an unknown suspect entering their apartment. Law enforcement searched the apartment but found nothing, and the front door was still

locked and barricaded. The person admitted to having a medical condition and their family was en route.

Citizen contact: A report of a neighbor yelling and screaming, which was described as abnormal behavior. Law enforcement was asked to keep an eye out for the neighbor.

Check welfare: A report of a male laying in a bike lane. He stated he was okay but dehydrated and waiting for transportation. Contact was broken due to previous history.

Check welfare: A report of a loud female scream coming from fields. Law enforcement investigated but did not locate anything.

Suspicious activity: A person reported being a victim of a vehicle versus pedestrian hit and run, with a foot run over. There were no obvious injuries or swelling, and due to a lack of corroborating information, it was documented as suspicious activity.

Citizen contact: A person called non-emergency for life advice after a breakup, with no thoughts of self-harm.

Harassment: A person reported three males surrounding their car and telling them to leave. Law enforcement attempted to locate the males but was unsuccessful.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, Aug. 6

At 8:26 a.m., a resident on Elkins Road reported items were stolen from his farm stand 10 times from the same subject. The resident showed video footage of the subject, whom a deputy recognized. The resident just wanted the subject trespassing. A deputy caught up with the subject on Parry Road. The subject said he always paid for the items he took. He had no questions about being trespassing from the farm stand location.

At 10:51 a.m., a deputy came across two vehicles and a trailer parked on Church Street in Falls City. The owner, who was having car trouble, said she had been in contact with the city about being stuck there and that she would be moving as soon as she could.

At 2:26 p.m., a juvenile on 10th Street in Dallas was referred for identity theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

At 2:48 p.m., Superior Recovery repossessed a Jeep Renegade on Westview Lane.

At 5:42 p.m., a family on Salem Dallas Highway reported Jorge Ramirez was acting erratically and had cut himself. A deputy found Ramirez on the floor covered in blood and combative. Because of the way he was thrashing around and not responding, Ramirez was handcuffed. Ramirez spit in the deputy's face, getting saliva and/or blood getting into his eye. He continued being combative with medics until they sedated him. He was transported to Salem Hospital Emergency Department and once released, was charged with aggravated harassment and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 7:03 p.m., a report of a car versus deer accident on Monmouth Highway.

At 9:19 p.m., Benton County Sheriff's Office requested backup from the PCSO while they arrested a male subject on Ellis Street in Falls City.

Thursday, Aug. 7

At 6:30 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a male subject slumped over in a vehicle on Salem Dallas Highway. The subject, Daniel McDaniel, had a felony warrant out of Linn County Circuit Court. He was arrested on his warrant and transported to Polk County Jail. Salem Police also wanted McDaniel for several potential crimes.

At 7:34 a.m., a resident on Fernwood Court reported a visiting family member was having a seizure. Salem Fire / EMS arrived quickly and began speaking to the subject, who said he could not breath and then coded. Salem Fire worked on him for 30 minutes before declaring him deceased at 8:20 a.m. The medical examiner believes it was a possible embolism.

At 8:53 a.m., a resident on Bursell Road reported a truck parked on his property next to no trespassing signs. A deputy contacted two occupants of the Dodge pickup and issued them warnings for trespass to listed property.

At 4:43 p.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported his sister and her friends were damaging animal traps on the property. The complainant stated a deputy had placed the traps out there to capture cats near the property.

At 7:13 p.m., a deputy passed a bike in the ditch on Orrs Corner Road. He then saw a person standing in the ditch. The person said he was just picking the blackberries in the ditch and was ok.

At 11:02 p.m., a deputy came across a vehicle parked along Oak Grove Road. The driver was Door Dasher parked along the road taking a break from dashing.

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