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Trump protesters bring People’s March to Polk County Court House

Staff REPORT

A local contingent of about 20 participated in Saturday’s National People’s March by protesting in front of the Polk County Courthouse hoping to keep their concerns alive about the election of President Donald Trump.

Debbie McCleery, born and raised in Dallas, helped organize the gathering, where participants held up signs, including “Hate Don’t Make America Great” and “Feminists vs Fascists” while waving to passing motorists.

“Mostly we just want change, for women. We want equal rights, we want everyone to be loved, you can love anyone you want,” McCleery said.

Her co-organizer, Emily Herbert, just recently moved to the Dallas Retirement Village. She expanded the concerns the protesters had for the incoming president a day before his inauguration.

“Equity for everybody so people are not starving. Economic equity, equal rights. We’re concerned about immigrant rights. Concerned about everyone having a say and not being dominated,” Herbert said. “He said he’s going to take away women’s rights to abortion. They’ve already



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

About 20 President Trump protesters gathered Saturday in front of the Polk County Courthouse as part of the national People’s March.

indicated they’re going to start turning in their neighbors as undocumented. That’s divisive. Hitler took over similarly in 53 days. We think that’s the intention of the new administration. I think that’s very terrifying.”

While not much traffic traverses through Dallas on a Saturday

morning, McCleery was inspired by the turnout to give voice to their message, especially when related to local events.

“We’re thrilled by the turnout. People support each other. We’re pleased by the support the Center Market got,” McCleery said, referencing the Jan. 4 incident where

John Marlas was arrested after driving his truck into the Center Market on Fairview Avenue. “We want to make sure hate crimes are not allowed here. Of any sort.

“For me, I’m concerned that our president isn’t protecting those things as our newly elected president,” McCleery added.

County leaders move fair levy, waste transfer station to next phase

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

On Jan. 8, the Polk County Commissioners voted to move two projects to their next phase. First, they voted to move forward on designating a hearings officer to receive the administrator’s recommendation to approve a solid waste transfer franchise, hear testimony, review evidence and make a decision.

Next, after hosting a morning and evening public hearing to allow any testimony, they approved staff to write up an Operations Levy for the Polk County Fairgrounds.

They only received two pieces of testimony during the public hearings, both in favor of the board moving forward.

Fair Board Chair Tim Ray told the commissioners the fairgrounds does an amazing job for the county.

“It truly is a resource for our county. And we see this as an investment into that resource, to help with the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of that facility for all citizens of all Polk County,” Ray said.

He added the fair board has a master plan detailing where the facility can grow over the next few decades, which include expanding the rodeo grounds and replacing old buildings.

“A small infusion of dollars from an operating levy like this would be a huge boost for us to get farther down that road and really improve that facility and make it a facility all of Polk County could cherish,” Ray said.

Recently, the fair board developed a project list for the next five years which totals \$4 million. The required improvements include electrical, asphalt replacement and HVAC upgrades along with other improvements such as to the main building, relocation of the maintenance shed and main office. Also needed was the the development of an amphitheater/stage area in the northwest corner of the Fairgrounds property.

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Luckiamute Valley Charter School teacher receives presidential award

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

One of the final acts President Joe Biden performed two weeks before leaving office was to recognize more than 300 top science and mathematics teachers across the country. Luckiamute Valley Charter School eighth-grade teacher Stacey Zaback was one of those honorees to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The honor also came with a personal check in the amount of \$10,000, made out to Zaback.

“I’ll probably give some to the kids, take care of bills,” she said.

It was an award two years in the making when LVCS Executive Director Christy Wilkins first nominated Zaback.

“Stacy is one of the most brilliant and innovated teachers I’ve ever had the pleasure to hire and support,”

Wilkins said. “She is incredibly dedicated to bringing exemplary instruction into her classroom every day. She engages students in creative hands-on learning and generates so much excitement for her students. She absolutely loves teaching science at Pedee.”

For Zaback, Jan. 13 began like any other day at the Pedee campus where she teaches science, along with an art elective and a home room period, for the 75 students enrolled in the charter school.

“I was out in the school getting ready for gardening class when I got an email,” Zaback recalled. “It was an ‘Oh wow’ moment, for certain.”

Wilkins added the entire staff and student body were thrilled by the news.

“We gathered the students and staff, presented her some flowers,

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Stacey Zaback, an eighth-grade science teacher at Luckiamute Valley Charter School’s Pedee campus received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching on Jan. 13.

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Growing Maui Melts celebrates move to bigger location

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

When Jamie Mata first started selling the caramel confections, she and her husband Robert created, she hand delivered orders within a 200-mile radius of Monmouth.

Now, four years later, their creations have become so popular, they outgrew the demand of regional visitors seeking their business on Main Street. On Jan. 17, the community braved stiff, freezing winds from the invading polar vortex to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the opening of a bigger Maui Melts.

The new location at 159 Main St. has also become a main attraction in Monmouth Alley next to City Hall.

“We played a key role helping the city develop the planning for that open space and its theme,” Mata said. “They asked for input. I saw an island oasis and tropical trees everywhere. So, they ran with that and set it up nice.”

She added they’re excited for spring to further utilize the space, which currently features murals and picnic benches, befitting an impromptu gathering place.

“We might be having some luaus and Polynesian dancers in the mix,” Mata teased.

Maui Melts, despite its growing popularity, is still

operated by the sister team of Mata and Gina Pelletier (Katelyn McGowgh has since joined the staff). They have come a long way since inventing their unique brand of caramel.

“There’s no other caramel out there like it,” Mata bragged. “We don’t make a traditional recipe, so the sweetness stands out. You can taste the difference. It melts in your mouth and doesn’t stick to your teeth. So, people with braces and dentures don’t have to worry.”

Mata added she feels they helped put caramels back on the map.

“Because people are eating it who haven’t eaten it in 20 to 30 years. It’s pretty cool,” she said. “We ship to every state and six different countries.”

And to think, the pandemic almost disrupted the whole enterprise. The Matas launched their new home candy business four days before the Pandemic shut everything down. However, rather than shutter their burgeoning confectionary, it took off.

“We had no idea what was coming. When this became an ‘in your kitchen hobby’ and you go to drop your \$5 bags of caramel around, I joked with husband, ‘Hey, I don’t

have to make this caramel anymore and don’t have to go drive around no more.’ Boy, was I wrong. COVID built this business,” Mata emphasized.

She said as soon as she dropped off orders of bags onto customers’ porches, they would instantly put it in their mouth and order again, only more to send to their moms, dads, brothers and sisters.

“It became a kind of a pay it forward kind of program. Through that, I built so many amazing friendships and customer relationships and networking. It forced us to grow and be somebody,” Mata said.

The first year and a half, she personally drove deliveries to within a 200-mile radius.

“We had two babies, both under two. I’d throw them in their car seats in the back of our little Accord. I’d pack a cooler full and hit the road. Sometimes, I had to double back to refill the cooler,” Mata said.

As the business grew, they expanded to certified kitchens, but that route became too expensive.

“Rather than take a step back to their own kitchen, took a leap of faith. Dove in headfirst not having a clue if we’re going to make it or not,” she said.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Jamie Mata (center left) and Gina Pelletier cut the ribbon during a ceremony Jan. 17 welcoming their business Maui Melts to its new location in Monmouth Alley, next to city hall.

What helped set them apart was the salt sprinkled atop each caramel confection. Mata collected salt from all their vacation locations and the batch from Hawaii proved to be the perfect combination for their caramel. They have since expanded their creations, adding a lot of baked items, including their crumble cookies (one of their top sellers), cashew and macadamia nut turtles, special orders on pies, peanut bars, lemon bars, macaroons and eye-popping candy apple creations. A constantly rotating menu.

Not content with just a sweet menu, they have since begun offering savory meals.

“We serve our Hawaiian style chicken plates on Fridays and Saturdays that comes with pineapple coleslaw and mac salad,” Mata said. “We’re going to start doing breakfast in February on Saturdays and Sundays, when we’ll become a breakfast house.”

During the grand opening celebration, they also served up more than 200 smash burgers, fresh off the grill. And judging by that success, they, too, might be added to the menu.

“The turnout was amazing. We didn’t know to expect 20 burgers or 200. We come from a small town, so, you don’t really know,” Mata said.

She added the cool thing about Maui Melts is it has truly become a regional tourist attraction, with probably at least eight out of 10 customers being out of towners.

“So, expect a lot of events outside of the business. When we tell all our customers about our food and bakery, they’re excited to run here when they can,” Mata added.

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Technology disruption closes CSD classes for three days

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

All schools in the Central School District canceled classes for three days last week after a malfunction caused a disruption in the district’s phone and internet service.

The school district first reported a disruption on Jan. 10 that was impacting their phones and emails. Unable to fix the problem over the weekend, all classes were canceled the following Monday and would last through Wednesday.

“The issue seems to be equipment failure, which caused our internet to fail,” district spokesperson Emily Mentzer told the I-O. “Our technology department worked to isolate and resolve the issue with help from vendors and other tech professionals, including the Willamette Educational Service District.”

The school district explained on its Facebook page the problem originated from outdated technology switches and servers.

“Servers are the storage devices that store data, while switches are the devices that transfer data between them. The district’s switches and servers are antiquated and failing,” the post read.

It went on to explain that the state does not provide funding to make major repairs or improvements to school infrastructure, including needed technology.

“We budget technology in the general fund, which includes things such as telephone, communication, computer software, computer hardware, and data processing services,” the administration explained. “We are working to fix the issue. Also, we have been in the process of applying for a grant from the nonprofit E-Rate, part of the FCC, to make major upgrades to our system, but this incident happened before that process could be completed.”

Needed upgrades include switches, servers and WiFi capacity.

While staff worked to fix the issue, the district still offered grab and go lunches for all students. Mentzer said CSD’s nutrition staff fed about 200 students each day during the closures.

“We are grateful for our families and staff’s ability to adapt and pivot when the unexpected happens,” she said.

However, the building closures left some wondering on social media why classes could not continue without phones or internet.

Metnzer said the internet is important to the safety and security of the students.

“Without internet, our phone system doesn’t work. We need to ensure we can call families or emergency services in the case of an emergency,” she said.

While students were at home, Mentzer said staff continued to work during the closure on such things as grades and getting ready for the new semester, as well as trainings.

The administration will not require any makeup days at the end of the year. Mentzer said that is because the district exceeds the instructional minutes required by the state.

This is the second time in a year the Central School District has had to shut down to a disruption to its technology. Last February, the district was the victim of a cyberattack. a ransomware attack by the international group LockBit struck in the early morning hours of Feb. 7, knocking out all networks, access to printers and the community communication tool PowerSchool.

Mentzer said the most recent technological disruption was not related to any lingering effects of last year’s cyberattack.

West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Board Meeting on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at www.wvpha.org. The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting or wish to attend via zoom.

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News Briefs

Dallas man dies in Perrydale Road car accident

A Dallas man was killed Jan. 16 as a result of a head-on collision on Perrydale Road.

According to the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, at approximately 7 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a four-vehicle crash in the 3300 hundred block of Perrydale Road, which is north of Highway 22. The initial report indicated at least one vehicle had rolled and was upside down in the middle of the roadway and the driver of that vehicle appeared to be unconscious.

After arriving on scene, deputies confirmed the driver of a 1998 Toyota Tacoma, Noah Torres, of Dallas, was deceased as a result of injuries sustained during the crash. The driver of a 2015 GMC Sierra, Timothy Janesofsky, was transported to Salem Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. All other involved persons were evaluated on scene and did not receive further medical attention at that time.

During the investigation, deputies determined Torres was traveling north on Perrydale Road following behind a minivan when he attempted to pass the slower moving vehicle. Janesofsky was traveling south in the opposite direction on Perrydale Road. The two nearly collided head-on during the attempted passing maneuver. Due to the speed of the impact, the vehicles collided with the minivan, which received collateral damage. A fourth vehicle was also damaged as it passed through the debris field that was left behind on the roadway after the initial crash.

The Polk County Sheriff’s Office noted that at the time of the crash, it was dark, the temperature was below freezing, and there was limited visibility due to dense fog. It is believed that fog was a major contributing factor to this incident.

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NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTION, REDEMPTION, OR PAYMENTS

Notice of Unclaimed Distribution, Redemption, or Payments Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes Section 62.425

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Polk County Farmers’ Co-op, an Oregon cooperative d/b/a Ag West Supply, authorized a distribution of its non-qualified patronage on June 1, 2022. Ag West Supply mailed notice to the last-known address of its non-qualified patrons on August 6, 2022, pursuant to ORS 62.425(1). Ag West Supply has not received a response from certain non-qualified patrons and received return to sender or undeliverable notices in return for other non-qualified patrons. Thus, Ag West Supply is publishing this notice pursuant to ORS 62.425(1).

The first date of publication is January 22, 2025. The last date of publication will be April 16, 2025. If any non-qualified patrons that have not yet claimed their share of the non-qualified distribution fail to claim such distribution by May 31, 2026, any such non-qualified patrons’ share of such distribution shall be forfeited and will revert to Ag West Supply.

Local teachers receive MAPS grants for innovative classroom

Maps Community Foundation is proud to announce this year’s Teacher Grant Program recipients, with a record 54 local K-12 public and private school teachers awarded grants for the 2024-25 school year. In total, \$50,000 was distributed to fund innovative classroom, school-wide, and after-school projects in the Mid-Willamette Valley region.

Local teachers receiving a grant were:

- Makenna Hanson-Johnson of Perrydale School will purchase an indoor grow system on wheels to teach students about how food is grown and produce food for the school meal program.
- Ryan Saparto of Central High School will purchase

equipment and uniforms for a new Unified PE program that will foster inclusivity and promote physical well-being among all students.

- Josh Wagner of Falls City High School will use funds to bring back a theatre program and produce a play at the school for the first time in 10 years.
- Karin Moneke of Dallas Community School will use funds to “change the world through writing” by purchasing a curriculum to support students with their writing growth.
- Bill Masei of Dallas High School will purchase a curriculum so that 100% of graduating seniors receive financial education and

explore career pathways related to sales, finance and banking.

Teachers will also use these funds for a variety of projects designed to enhance student learning and engagement, including purchasing kitchen supplies for a Life Skills classroom, bone and organ models for an Anatomy & Physiology program, a 3D printer, kid-friendly pickleball equipment for a K-4 PE program, and curriculum for financial education. Each project reflects the creativity and dedication of local educators working



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Makenna Hanson-Johnson of Perrydale School accepts her MAPS award.

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lots of flowers, and hugs,” Wilkins said. “We’re delighted for her. The students are the recipients of her gifts as teacher.”

Zaback actually began her career working with adults with disabilities for 20 years.

“I loved it. Then I had kids. I volunteered a lot in their schools. When they got

old enough, I concluded my education degree and started working in schools,” Zaback said.

She was working down the road teaching in Kings Valley when LVCS had an opening for a science position in 2019.

“It’s a unique environment here, surrounded by organic dairy farming. It’s really nicer to be in a rural charter school,” Zaback said. “I was super excited to get to do my work in charter schools.”

Since joining the staff, Zaback said she’s had a little more freedom to explore creating projects for her students. She’s partnered with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as neighbors to do restoration work. She and her gardening coordinator wrote a grant to have a greenhouse built on campus.

“So, we have a lot of ability to work in different programs,” she said.

Her eighth graders are currently working on Northwest Earth and Sciences Pathway Program, sponsored by NASA. They’ll be going out to Central Washington in May to present their challenges.

She also jumped at opportunities to continue to work

with adults. Zaback taught a Ukrainian teacher delegation on how to use online tools more effectively through a “train the trainers” workshop at Oregon State University.

“I still have friends that had come over during that,” Zaback said. “I had the opportunity to present at the

Oregon Science Teachers Association. I really like working with teachers. In the future, I hope to work in university teaching classes, and with more projects for students. I’m always looking for new things to do.”

COUNTY

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To pay for items on this list, the board proposed a five-year levy at a rate of 15 cents per \$1,000 valuation. They estimated it would generate about \$1.2 million in its first year and grow by 3%-4% annually thereafter for the next four years.

The levy would help the county upgrade and maintain current facilities before further development could happen.

The only other input to the public hearing was a letter from Lena Calef. She wrote in addition to a long list of events she and her children have enjoyed at the Polk County Fair growing up, the fairground upgrades itself are needed especially in the case of emergencies and evacuations.

“No one wants emergencies and evacuations, but in 2020 we saw the need and the Polk County Fairgrounds and community worked together to meet the needs,” Calef wrote, as read into the record by chair Craig Pope. “Populations are growing whether we like them or not. We need to make sure we have the services in place for Polk County to best serve the community.”

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst said he thought the fairgrounds has shown its value during fires up the canyon.

“Having that facility centrally located in the county was invaluable, and it showed at that time. So, this levy would allow us to keep that and update that for all years of abuse or expansion it has absorbed. If we can get this levy passed ... it will save the county thousands of dollars moving forward,” Mordhorst said.

Commissioner Jeremy Gordon said the levy will help the county make necessary repairs in the short term and set them up to utilize that area to its maximum potential.

“I would also love for this levy to inspire conversation throughout the community, particularly from folks who might not visit the fair or events there as often,” Gordon said. “The potential is not able to be realized unless we invest as a community to really see that through for our generation and future generations.”

He added in a time where the economy is tight for all

citizens, the amount of the levy proposed is modest and appropriate for what the needs are.

Craig said he’s been in and around this events center almost my entire life, adding past efforts in those 60 years to raise money to meet immediate needs were never quite enough.

“I’ve promised myself and family before I left this office to find some sustainable way to fund some dollars into the direction of repairs, maintenance, and get changes to buildings and facilities that meet the needs of today’s current population,” Craig said. “This is a long ways from that, but it’s baby steps. It’s getting us there little by little.”

They voted to move forward to get the levy on the May ballot. County administrator Greg Hansen next steps include developing ballot measure title and description to the County Clerk by the February deadline.

Waste transfer station moves forward

Hansen earlier in the day read from a staff report to the commissioners that he and Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, developed. He recommended the commissioners approved moving forward.

ReHub Polk, a subsidiary of Apple Tree Holdings, LLC, applied to transform the shuttered Rickreall Dairy Farm into a waste transfer station. Hansen said the county’s own documents have recognized this need since the 1970s.

“We don’t have any waste disposal options within the boundaries of Polk County. All of our waste goes to Coffin Butte, which is outside the county,” Hansen said.

They also looked at the qualifications of the applicant, ReHub Polk, which he said would keep the business private and not seek a public/private partnership. Staff found ReHub Polk met all the qualification criteria.

Opening a regional waste transfer station would come with a cost to county residents.

The staff report indicated ReHub’s rate impact analysis assumes that all of the mixed solid waste generated in Polk County’ would go through the transfer facility. Their rate analysis also assumed all mixed solid waste would be transported by truck to Eastern Oregon for disposal. Their rate analysis estimate came to total monthly impact

on residential customers in Dallas to \$3.66, \$4.91 in Independence, \$4.88 in Monmouth, \$3.77 in West Salem and unincorporated Polk County would incur an additional \$3.66.

County staff utilized Bell & Associates to provide a more comprehensive independent rate analysis which included service to Falls City. Their numbers came back lower than ReHub’s for each of the cities.

Looking at the impact to the rate payers, Hansen recommended to the board to move the process on to a hearings officer, Leslie Howell, which he expected to be scheduled within a month.

The board approved the move unanimously.



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OBITUARIES



Timothy Gunther
March 22, 1958 - Dec. 22, 2024

Timothy Gunther, a resident of Independence, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, at his home with his family.

Timothy was born on March 22, 1958, in Portland, Oregon, the son of Charles and Muriel Gunther. Timothy was the youngest of four children, including Sharon, Jeffrey and Cynthia.

Timothy will be missed by his sons Jonathan (Michelle), Andrew and Kristopher (Ally), as well as by his grandsons Charles and Asher.

Timothy attended Rex Putnam High School in Milwaukie, Oregon, with his siblings. While at Rex Putnam, Timothy had a passion for wrestling and the ladies. As a

wrestler, he was a top tier competitor, who competed at the state tournament level. Special recognition goes to Yvonne, who needed a page and a half of the yearbook to express herself.

Timothy attended college at Vennard College, a non-denomination Christian college located in University Park, Iowa. While attending college, Timothy completed a mission trip to Kenya. During his mission trip Timothy traded away some of his jeans for wood carvings of various animals native to Kenya. These carvings have gone on to become a part of many memorable moments for his sons and grandsons.

From Iowa, Timothy moved to Nebraska with his brother Jeffrey. After a few years in Nebraska, Timothy brought his sons Jonathan (1984) and Andrew (1986) back to Oregon, purchasing a house down the street from his childhood home in Milwaukie. In 1997, Timothy welcomed his youngest son, Kristopher.

Timothy worked in the Forest Products industry for nearly his entire professional career, beginning at Ace Lumber in 1990 and finally at Rugby Architectural Building Products in 2024. Timothy had a passion for woodworking from elaborate forts to picnic tables.

Fishing was another passion of Timothy's that he spent time with his sons and grandsons bonding over. From sturgeon fishing on the Columbia River to salmon fishing in Alaska, fishing was a go-to activity at any time for him.

As a grandfather, Timothy excelled at spoiling his grandsons with his time. He took every opportunity to spend time with them, stomping in the river or finding them a sweet Lego set.

A Celebration of Life with a reception to follow will be held at 1 p.m., Jan. 25, 2025, at Bollman's Tribute Center, 287 SW Washington St., in Dallas, Oregon 97338. All those who know Timothy are invited by his sons to attend the reception. Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family. If you are unable to attend and wish to share a memory you can do so at www.BollmansTributeCenter.com.

Donations in Timothy's name can be made to The Asher House LLC.

Marc Allan McGowan
Dec. 4, 1940 - Dec. 26, 2024

Marc McGowan was what you would call "one of a kind." He was a passionate, creative, charismatic and courageous man. Born in Pendleton, Oregon, to Vern and Martha McGowan, he moved to the



Willamette Valley at a young age. He moved to Pilot Rock, Oregon, before high school where he played football, was a track and field star, and most notably, a 1959 state champion basketball player

After attending the University of Oregon, where he received a bachelor's degree in education, Marc served in the U.S. Army from 1963-69. Following his time in the military, he married, opened his own sign shop in Independence, Oregon, and purchased a small cherry farm in Buena Vista, Oregon. Always

willing to take risks to provide a good life for his family, he found himself in many roles along the way. He was a truck driver, farmer, teacher, car salesman, insurance agent and general contractor.

Marc is probably best known for his banjo playing and wood toys. He was an active member of the Northwest Banjo Band which played every third Thursday at Padingtons Pizza in Salem through most of the 1980's and 90's. When his children were young, Marc began making wood toys for them, igniting a passion that continued for decades until just a few months before his passing. He often sold his toys at the Salem Saturday Market, Newberg Wednesday Market and even sometimes on the side of the road.

Marc loved Jesus and had his Bible by his side until his last day. No matter how sad or bleak a situation was he always said "God has been good to me and taken care of me." He didn't leave this world with many possessions, but he left a mark through all the lives he touched. His kind words to a stranger, his music, wood toys he shared generously, and always standing up for the underdog, will not soon be forgotten.

Marc is survived by his brother Ladd McGowan son and daughter-in-law Ben and Audra McGowan, grandson Jacen McGowan and granddaughter Kloey McGowan.

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OPINION

A Word Please

By JUNE CASAGRANDE

Are you a dashaholic? It's a thing, apparently. I'm more of a colon abuser myself: as if everything I write is so important it requires the colon's drum-roll effect. I've known more than a few comma junkies, too.

No matter your punctuation poison, there's an easy antidote. The period. Let's look at the role of each of these marks and how not to abuse them.

Dashes are widely misunderstood. A lot of people call hyphens dashes. Heck, even I call hyphens dashes when I'm reading my insurance policy number over the phone: "Two, nine, three, dash, one, one, eight." But in text, dashes are something quite different. Unlike hyphens that connect a word with another word, prefix or suffix, as in "best-dressed," dashes work at the sentence level — like this.

Dashes have two main jobs. A dash can signify an abrupt change in sentence structure — a shift like this that doesn't fit with the grammar of the first part of the sentence. Or a dash can work like parentheses — setting off lists, parenthetical information, etc. — when you feel parentheses won't cut it. Rules for dashes do not say you can use them to join complete clauses — this clause is an example. This is one of the most common abuses of the dash I see — people use them to string together

two things that could stand alone as sentences. I suppose a loose interpretation of that "abrupt change in sentence structure" rule makes this OK. But when I'm editing, I make each clause into its own sentence, separating them with a period.

By the way, we're talking about em dashes, not en dashes, which are shorter, less widely used and have more in common with a hyphen than with a dash. En dashes are often seen in compounds like "post-World War II," connecting longer names and proper names with prefixes and other words. Dating back to days when newswires couldn't transmit certain marks, news media have traditionally avoided the en dash and today just use a hyphen instead.

Colons are similar to dashes, just with a little more oomph: They set off an idea from a main sentence, but they suggest a greater emphasis. This can be a single word, as in this Associated Press Stylebook example: "He had only one hobby: eating." Or one or more complete sentences can follow the colon. If the words that follow the colon don't make up a complete sentence, don't capitalize the first letter. But if one or more sentences is introduced by a colon, capitalize the first letter. Never double-space after a colon.

Colons can also introduce examples and lists, as in this sentence from the Chicago Manual of Style.

athletics, maintaining good physical condition, and earning money, on average \$80 for each game officiated.

"Oregon has an urgent need for officials in all sports," OAOA executive director Jack Folliard said. "Officials provide valuable service to high schools and students, make a positive impact in



"The watch came with a choice of three bands: stainless steel, plastic or leather. But never use a colon after the word "including" to set up a list. "The watch came with a choice of four bands including stainless steel, plastic and leather."

Commas that scream "listen to what I'm about to say" too loudly should probably be replaced by a period. I'll try to take my own advice on this.

Commas have a lot of jobs, but they can't connect two independent clauses without an "and," "or" or "but." This sentence is an example of a comma splice, you shouldn't use commas this way.

Technically, a semicolon can link independent clauses. But they shouldn't

because — well, yuck. Semicolons to link clauses make sentences longer and less readable with nothing to gain except a chance for the writer to show off her knowledge of semicolons. Rude.

Dashes, colons and commas have a proper role to play between clauses. But if you're using them to cram

multiple ideas into a single sentence, ask yourself whether a period would make the passage more palatable to your reader.

— June Casagrande is the author of "The Best Punctuation Book, Period." She can be reached at JuneTCN@aol.com.



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Urgent need for high school baseball and softball umpires

The Oregon Athletic Officials Association (OAOA) and the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) are recruiting officials for the high school spring sports seasons. Registration for new officials opened Jan. 13 and there is an immediate need for umpires in baseball and softball.

Becoming a high school official has several benefits including staying involved in

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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: DIRTY — IN THE SINK

- Bills

Books

Closets

Debt
- Honeydew list

Laundry

Leaves

Magazines
- Newspapers

Projects

Recycling

Snow
- To-do list

Toys

Trash

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Super Crossword

EXPANSION TEAM

ACROSS

1 Horse house

7 Talked about

16 Phone buys

20 Medieval weapon

21 Stimulus

22 Garbanzo, for one

23 Kids' writer who was a frequent flier?

26 North Carolina university

27 C++ or C#

28 Make up (for)

29 Architect who loved Internet chatting?

38 "Oh yeah?" — who?!

39 That man

40 In a chair

41 Rural tract

42 Helper

43 Not round-trip

47 Three, in Italy

48 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles

50 Mystery writer who was a constable?

57 Gave the right

58 Actor Annaz

59 Old Japanese governors

60 Classic toothpaste brand

63 Org. supporting sober motorists

65 Env. alterer

66 Novelist who had a law degree?

73 Pear center

74 Liliant

75 Extensive, informally

76 Vehicle often traded in

80 Actress

82 Chess plays

87 Showman who rehabilitated injured people?

91 Song that Kim sings to Hugo in "Bye Bye Birdie"

92 Long span

93 Third-century pope

94 Alpine goat

97 Test facility

98 Grinding tool

101 "—'er npi"

102 Anonymous guy

103 Comedian who did plumbing work?

108 Soda giant

110 Obama health law, for short

111 Camp shelter

112 Actor who was always providing precedents?

122 Casino cubes

123 Has as a goal

124 Really must

125 Suffix with novel

126 Sticks firmly to a decision

127 Prized violins, for short

DOWN

1 Health club

2 Actor Cruise

3 Part of IPA

4 Visorless cap

5 Boxer Ali

6 Former inmate

7 Awful racket

8 — jilly (PDO)

9 — li

10 Bright red

11 Remove the cargo from

12 Bee attack

13 Moral lapse

14 Actress Best

15 French article

16 Slightly

17 Nancy in the House

19 Gave a lousy review of

19 "Gesundheit" elicitor

24 Kitchen pests

25 — tai

29 "God willing"

30 Curtain fabric

31 Fuse, as ore

32 Dole (out)

33 Sheriff Wyatt

34 Ending for bed or home

35 Vogue rival

36 Hammerhead ends

37 Sun orbiter

42 Jokingly

44 Nintendo game system

45 Second part of a play

46 Barks of pain

48 In the thick of

49 Eye, in Spain

51 Extinct

52 Deep regret

53 Old autocrat

54 Tone down

55 —acle

56 ID for the IRS

61 Rejections

62 Keenness

64 "Lah-di —!"

66 Joke around

67 Harold of the Manhattan Project

68 Boston team

69 Keyboardist John

70 Dull and heavy

71 Ex-Yankee Hideki —

72 Shortstop

73 Half-pint

77 The Bengals, on score-boards

78 Fast Amtrak train

79 Morocco's capital

81 "Am not!" rejoinder

83 "I'll return very shortly," in texts

84 As a whole

85 Fixed the patch of

117 — low ebb

88 Actor Jimmy

88 Bram section

89 — and crafts

90 Part of IPA

94 Hamper

95 Withdrawal of the U.K. from the E.U.

96 Await

98 Printed circuit board, as for a laptop

99 Brings joy to John

100 Comics' Kett

103 Reddi — (dessert topping brand)

104 — to go (fired up)

105 Plants with fronds

106 Map extra

107 Old-time anesthetic

109 Captain Hook henchman

113 "Deck the Halls" syllables

114 Suffix with novel

115 Transcript fig.

116 AOL or MSN

117 — low ebb

118 Pitthy remark

119 Toothpaste box initials

120 "Inc." relative

121 — Alamos

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Americanisms

"I like rice. Rice is great if you're hungry and want 2000 of something."
— Mitch Hedberg

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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: H equals S

UWMB RL WI WVWMG FVRFP
UMRSOFTIQ BZY HROISH RL
LRVPH HZRRBTIQ BZY EMYKY:
BZY HFZGRRKY EOBRI.

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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Amber Waves

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Moments in time

On Feb. 3, 1953, French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau published a memoir co-written with Frederic Dumas, "The Silent World," about his time exploring the oceans. It was made into an Oscar-winning documentary directed by Louis Malle three years later, the success of which allowed Cousteau to retire from the navy and devote himself full time to oceanography.

On Feb. 4, 1913, Rosa Louise McCauley, better known to us today by her married name of Rosa Parks, was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. The lifelong civil rights activist's refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus to a white man in 1955 remains a defining moment of America's civil rights movement.

On Feb. 5, 2012, 36-year-old Josh Powell, who had been labeled a person of interest in the 2009 disappearance of his 28-year-old wife, Susan, locked out a social worker before killing himself and his two young sons, Braden and Charlie, by setting fire to his Graham, Washington, home. Susan Powell's remains have still not been found.

On Feb. 6, 1928, a woman calling herself Anastasia Tchaikovsky (later Anna Anderson) and claiming to be the youngest daughter of murdered Russian czar Nicholas II arrived in New York City. Though she fought for recognition of that identity for more than 50 years, it was never verified.

On Feb. 7, 1974, viewers at a screening of the Mel Brooks Western spoof "Blazing Saddles" at the Pickwick Drive-In Theater in Burbank, California, enjoyed the film not from the expected comfort of their cars, but on horseback, in one of Hollywood's most creative P.R. stunts.

On Feb. 8, 1986, Spud Webb, one of the shortest players in professional basketball history at 5-foot-7, scored a win over his Atlanta Hawks teammate, the 6-foot-8 Dominique Wilkins, in the NBA slam dunk contest.

On Feb. 9, 1864, Union General George Armstrong Custer married Elizabeth "Libbie" Bacon in Monroe, Michigan, while he was on leave. A passionate defender of her husband's reputation after his death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876, her efforts helped establish Custer as an American hero.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Who created the retro TV series "Stranger Things"?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Yellowstone National Park?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate on its side?
4. MOVIES: What is the given name of the large bird in the animated movie "Up"?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three zodiac signs are considered earth signs?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Hagrid's half-brother in the "Harry Potter" book series?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Australia?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What type of nut is used in the chocolate spread Nutella?
9. SPORTS: What kind of sports match is divided into 7-minute periods called chukkas?
10. ADVERTISEMENTS: What type of horses often are used in Budweiser beer ads?

Answers

1. The Duffer Brothers.
2. Wyoming.
3. Uranus.
4. Kevin.
5. Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.
6. Grawp.
7. Canberra.
8. Hazelnut.
9. Polo.
10. Clydesdale.

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Kotek announces her legislative priorities

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Oregon Governor Tina Kotek’s priorities for the 2025 legislative session focus on staying the course on addressing homelessness and housing supply, mental health and addiction care, and improving outcomes for Oregon K-12 students, according to a release from Kotek’s office.

Kotek said she supports investments aligned with her recommended budget and looks forward to continued engagement with legislators on additional topics such as a comprehensive transportation package, stable funding for the Oregon Health Plan, child welfare outcomes, addressing the public defense crisis, and wildfire suppression and community resilience funding.

“This legislative session carries a clear charge for all of us: to tackle problems with purpose and embrace opportunities for change together,” Kotek said. “As we talk today about big ideas, we can’t forget why we’re here: Oregonians who don’t know where they’ll sleep tonight. The person in our lives who wants mental

health care and can’t get it. Children who are brimming with promise and who rely on us to get their education right. Hard working Oregonians who are wondering how they’re going to make ends meet. We’re here because we have the opportunity to make their lives better, now and in the future.”

Building on Progress to Address Homelessness and Housing Supply

Kotek said her housing and homelessness agenda this session will build on her successful track record of getting people off the streets and increasing housing production.

The Governor’s priorities include legislation that supports increased production of “middle housing” housing options, stronger pathways to home ownership, and the establishment of a Tribal housing grant program. She said she will also support setting up statewide shelter program standards and establishing a program that funds water, wastewater, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure needed for new housing production.



Gov. Kotek said her legislative priorities are addressing homelessness and housing supply, mental health and addiction care, and improving outcomes for Oregon K-12 students,

Strengthening Mental Health and Addiction Care

Kotek said her vision is to make mental health and addiction care accessible no matter where you live and what you can afford, adding that her behavioral health agenda will close gaps in the current system and expand access to the types of care that Oregonians need.

“To meet the growing need, Oregon needs a vibrant workforce,” Kotek states in the release. “Organizations are not operating at full

capacity because they do not have an adequate workforce to meet current demand, particularly for individuals with the highest level of acuity.”

Kotek said she is prioritizing investments in Oregon’s workforce and increasing capacity, concurrently, and has directed her team to develop a new model of permanent supportive housing that can more effectively serve people with serious mental health needs who can live independently

with enhanced on-site services.

Improving Outcomes for Oregon Students

The Governor said her education agenda will better resource Oregon schools and hold them accountable for the outcomes that Oregon students and families deserve.

To create as much fiscal certainty for school districts as possible, Kotek said she worked last year to increase the current service level for the State School Fund by \$600 million, leading to a historic total investment of \$11.36 billion in the Governor’s Recommended Budget.

Kotek said her proposal will codify an updated process for calculating the State School Fund to provide more accurate and predictable funding for K-12 public education across Oregon.

Increased investment must come with better outcomes for Oregon students, according to the release. The focal point of the Governor’s 2025 education agenda is deeper accountability for districts, schools, and the state.

“When a district’s numbers show failure for their

students, direct assistance should be deployed toward better student outcomes,” the release reads.

The Governor said she will introduce a plan in the coming weeks to create a clear continuum of support for districts and schools. The legislation will run in tandem with a set of administrative actions to better support schools and districts.

Staying the Course

This session, the Oregon Legislature will pass budgets for the next two years. The Governor said she supports the recommended budget she released in December that builds on the progress from her first two years in office.

Additional Priorities

Other legislative priorities include stable funding for wildfire mitigation and suppression, and a transportation package that fully funds the operations and maintenance of Oregon’s transportation system.

Kotek said she also will support legislation that advances Oregon’s climate resilience, improves state government operations, and reduces consumer costs.

State urges home radon testing during January

Health Authority (OHA) is urging home radon testing during January, when winter heating season is at its peak and tightly closed windows and doors increase people’s exposure to the odorless, tasteless, invisible gas.

January is National Radon Action Month. Each year, OHA promotes the annual observance by encouraging people in Oregon to take steps to reduce their exposure to radon by testing their homes for the gas and, if necessary, hiring a professional to reduce radon to a safe level.

Many parts of Oregon remain at risk of high radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes up from the ground and is drawn into buildings, where it can build up to dangerous levels.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates radon is responsible for around 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year in the United States.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking, and it’s the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

“During the heating season or colder months, when windows and

doors are closed for long periods of time, people have more exposure to potentially high radon levels because they are spending more time indoors,” said Brett Sherry, program manager for OHA’s Healthy Homes & Schools Unit, which oversees the Oregon Radon Awareness Program.

“That exposure could significantly increase with so many people working from home,” he added.

National Radon Awareness Month is a great time to remind folks that the only way for them to know if they have high radon levels in their homes is to test.

The Radon Awareness Program monitors which areas of the state have the potential for high radon levels and identifies regions where educational outreach efforts need to be focused. The program is offering a free radon test kit to residents whose homes are in ZIP codes with fewer than 20 radon test results. Residents can learn more about the free radon test kit program and how to apply at www.healthoregon.org/radon. Free test kits are available while supplies last.

Home testing kits can be purchased at hardware or home improvement stores, with prices

ranging from \$20 to \$30. You can also order a radon test kit online from the American Lung Association. If you would prefer to have a professional test your home, contact a certified radon measurement company.

For more information on radon, including which areas of the state are at moderate to high risk of elevated radon levels, radon testing and mitigation options, or to order a test kit online, contact OHA’s Radon Awareness Program at radon.program@oha.oregon.gov or visit www.healthoregon.org/radon.

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Local firefighters join battle against California wildfires

JEREMY C. RUARK
Country Media

At least 27 people have perished in the devastating Southern California wildfires as of Jan. 17 and the death toll is likely to rise according to officials. Thousands of people have been forced from their homes and complete neighborhoods have been destroyed by the fast-moving wind-driven fires.

OREGON STRIKE TEAMS

The Oregon State Fire Marshal mobilized several strike teams Jan. 8 to California to help in the wildfire battle. The strike teams were sent from Clackamas, Clatsop, Central Oregon, Lane, Lincoln, Linn/Polk, two from Marion, Multnomah, Rogue Valley, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

The 21 strike teams from Oregon sent to California to battle the wildfires came

from every corner of the state.

“Their response has been incredible. Our firefighters are doing structure protection, patrolling, and mopping up hotspots, and they remain in good spirits,” A post on the Oregon Fire Marshal’s Facebook states.

South Lane County Fire & Rescue (SLCF&R) Division Chief Joe Raade said the rugged terrain and weather behavior has heightened the danger.

“There is unpredictable fire behavior occurring in the area of Southern California with the high winds, the humidities and the red flag weather,” he said. “When you have 100 mile an hour winds that they are getting it is almost impossible to keep up with. The unfamiliar terrain. Those are all concerns.”

Firefighters have been using water drops by helicopter and retardant drops by planes to slow the wildfires.

“That allows the firefighters to lay lines around the blaze a lot faster than just having hand crews,” he said. “They can lay down hundreds of yards.”

RED CROSS SENDS IN VOLUNTEERS

As the wildfires ripped through the Los Angeles region earlier this month, the American Red Cross sent workers from Oregon and SW Washington to Los Angeles to help support the victims by providing shelter, feeding, reunification, health and mental health support, and emergency supplies.

“We have over 400 volunteers supporting this relief operation,” Red Cross Cascades Regional Communications Director Rebecca Marshall said.

The Red Cross Cascades Region (Oregon and SW Washington) has deployed 18 people staffing seven shelters



COURTESY FROM THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Unpredictable fire behavior and high winds have challenged firefighters attempting to stop the wildfires.



COURTESY FROM THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

This photo shows one of the area fire teams at the scene of the Southern California wildfires.

with approximately 8009 people as of Jan. 15

“These shelters serve as a place to come in and get food, get basic health needs met and emotional support too, Marshall said. “They are a place where people can come in and charge cell phones and laptops if their power is cut off. They are also information hubs. We work with fire departments, emergency managers, forecasters and other partners to help those who have been evacuated get the most updated information.”

As the wildfires in Southern California continue to burn and impact air quality, the number of Red Cross blood drive cancellations have grown impacting hundreds of lifesaving blood donations, according to Marshall.

Marshall said when it is safe to do so, people are encouraged to schedule a

blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

“The devastation from these wildfires is unbelievably sad,” Marshall said. “Our hearts go out to everyone who have lost their homes and communities. We will continue to coordinate with local officials and community partners to make sure

people have the help they need during this challenging time and we will remain there as long as needed.”

HOW TO HELP

Marshall said the best way to support the Red Cross work right now is by making a financial contribution. Go to RedCross.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you want to donate items, you are asked to go to 2111.org



Red Cross volunteer Kim Mails assesses the wildfire damage in Los Angeles.

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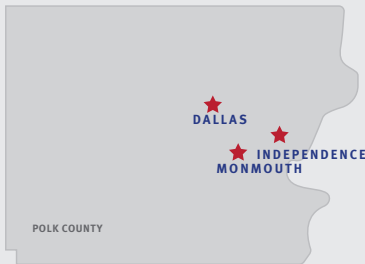
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Jan. 12-18

Boys Basketball
Jan. 13

Sheridan 59, Perrydale 36
St. Paul 70, Falls City 29
Jan. 14

Central 56, Dallas 42
Livingstone Academy 74, Falls City 18
Jan. 15

Umpqua Valley 50, Perrydale 24
Jan. 17

Silverton 56, Central 43
Crescent Valley 81, Dallas 44

Girls Basketball
Jan. 13

Sheridan 58, Perrydale 41
St. Paul 59, Falls City 25
Jan. 14

Central 53, Dallas 41
Jan. 15

Umpqua Valley 50, Perrydale 37
Jan. 16

Falls City 59, Eddyville Charter 26
Jan. 17

Silverton 69, Central 31
Crescent Valley 64, Dallas, 18

Prep Sports Calendar
Jan. 22-28

Wrestling
Jan. 22

Crescent Valley vs. Central, 6 p.m.
South Albany vs Dallas, 6 p.m.

Swimming
Jan. 28

Dallas, Silverton, Central, 4 p.m.
(Dallas Aquatic Center)

Boys Basketball
Jan. 24

Lebanon at Central, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at McKay, 5:30 p.m.
Falls City at Perrydale, 7 p.m.
Jan. 25

Crosspoint Christian at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27

C.S. Lewis at Perrydale, 7 p.m.
Falls City at Livingstone Academy, 7 p.m.
Jan. 28

West Albany at Central, 5:30 p.m.
Woodburn at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Jan. 24

Lebanon at Central, 7 p.m.
Dallas at McKay, 7 p.m.
Falls City at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 25

Crosspoint Christian at Perrydale, 3 p.m.
Jan. 27

C.S. Lewis at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28

West Albany at Central, 7 p.m.
Woodburn at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Falls City at Mapleton, 5:30 p.m.

Dragons wilt under constant Raiders’ pressure

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

After a slow start, Crescent Valley dominated the Dragons girls’ varsity basketball team, sprinting past the home team, 64-18, on Friday.

The Raiders held a slight 8-4 advantage midway through the opening frame. Then it was all visitors.

“After a really good defensive first quarter, Crescent Valley’s firepower from the outside, and offensive rebounding in the second quarter, was too much to come back from,” Dallas coach Drew Richman said.

The Raiders’ pressure, as defined by its zone defense, kept the Dragons confused.

“Finding shots became a difficult task which led to a string of turnovers in the second quarter,” Richman said.

The Dragons shot 11 percent from the field.

Junior Ruby Halligan netted 10 points, three rebounds and two steals for Dallas. Meanwhile senior Kaiya Woolsey, normally a wing, filled in at point guard.

Still, there was at least one positive to take away from the game.

“Our youth are gaining great experience, and our seniors have done a great job showing grit through a tough stretch of the season,” Richman said. “As a program, we hope we are getting 1 percent better every time we leave the gym. Growth with a ‘Just Don’t Quit’ attitude is the goal.”

The girls hosted another top team, South Albany (4-1, 8-4 overall) on Jan. 21st. They are at McKay (0-5, 1-10 overall) Friday for a 7 p.m. contest.

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Ruby Halligan (22) turned tosses in a layup en route to one of her best performances of the season for Dallas, netting 10 points, three rebounds and two steals in Friday’s game against Crescent Valley.

Late surge lifts Panthers past Dragons

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Central pulled away in a 53-41 win over visiting Dallas in a varsity girls basketball game Jan. 14.

After scoring just three points in the second quarter, the Panthers exploded into the lead, outscoring the Dragons 35 to 25 in the second half.

“I felt the girls played well,” Central coach Marc Burelson said. “We still need to clean up a few things, but they are playing hard and as a team.”

Kamryn Winkler recorded a double-double, 12 points and 14 rebounds, for the Panthers, who also got 14 points, eight assists, six steals and five rebounds from Bella Names. Emery Lushenko and Molly Henderson added seven boards each.

Seven Panthers scored on the night, in a performance indicative of Central’s season-long focus.

“I am pleased that we have seven, eight girls scoring, and not one or two,” Burelson said. “But we must attack the basket more, even when we have open shots on the perimeter.”

This lack of aggression was noticeable in one important category. The win came despite Dallas holding an advantage at the free throw line, 25 to Central’s 10.

“We must work on getting to the free throw line more,” Burelson added.

Still, Burelson is pleased with his young team’s development this season.

“Every time they are faced with adversity, this team takes it head on. They do not cower or hide from it,” he said. “Every time they step on the floor, they give 100 percent. (They) continue to get better and better every game, every day.”

Meanwhile, Dallas got another strong performance from senior Kaiya Woolsey who led her team with 19 points and five rebounds. This despite drawing intense pressure.

“Central’s defensive game plan was centered heavily on stopping Kaiya, oftentimes being face guarded,” Dallas coach Drew Richman said. Still, “she was able to handle their pressure fairly well and got to the free throw line early in the game. In the second half, she was able to find driving lanes and had some great finishes in the paint.”

Dallas (0-5, 2-8 overall) is winless in conference play. But the girls are headed in the right direction, according to their coach.

“Our girls are playing extremely hard. They are picking up defensive concepts in our zone and man,” Richman said. “There is still room to improve our defensive schemes, like trying to tip more passes, winning 50-50 balls, and our Achilles heel this season - rebounds. Our initial defense has done a good job forcing

PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY

Dragon Ava Woods dives to the floor to maintain possession and find an open teammate as Panther Isabella Names applies pressure.

missed shots, but we are not finishing the play with a rebound.”

The team is also concentrating on its offense.

“We are still figuring out our spacing, and how to move in our offense, which has led to some unfortunate turnovers,” Richman said. “Becoming stronger, more balanced with the ball, and developing sound footwork will be key to building on our success.”

In Central’s other game from last week, second-ranked Silverton (5-0, 11-1 overall)

powered past the Panthers, 69-31, on Friday.

Up 10 points at the break, Silverton blew the game open by scoring 32 of the game’s final 36 points.

“Although we had a tough loss, the team showed their potential in the first half,” Burelson said. “That was very encouraging to see how well they played and fought the entire game.”

Hadley Craig turned in an overall performance reminiscent of last year when she suited up for the Panthers. Craig netted

14 points, eight rebounds and four assists for the Foxes.

Grace Hayashida led all players with 18 points for Silverton. Names and Emma Martinez topped the Panthers with 14 points and five rebounds, respectively.

As of Friday, Central was 3-2 in league, 4-7 overall.

The girls were at third-ranked Corvallis on Jan. 21st.

They return home to host Lebanon Friday, with tipoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Another tough game looms as the Warriors are 3-2, 7-4 overall.

Greater consistency sought by Dragons

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Dragons varsity

boys’ basketball team came up short in last week’s games against

Central, 56-42, and against sixth-ranked Crescent Valley, 81-44, on Friday.

DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jenna Rogers

Jenna Rogers won 1st place in her weight class at Dallas’ Lady Dragons tournament as well as the Rose City Tournament.

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“We are a work in progress,” coach Ray Williams said of a team, still looking for its first win of the season. “(We’re) trying to find consistency on offense and defense that allows us to have more positive outcomes.”

The Dragons need everyone on the roster to show improvement, Williams added.

“We need more from our young players from the standpoint of production on offense and defense. The older players are hot and cold from game to game; we just need them to be able to find ways to be more steady throughout the games,” Williams said. “We just need more from everyone, including myself as well.”

Each game provides the team with stretches of success. But these stretches need to be prolonged, not to mention more frequent.

“Finding more successes during games will lead to wins,” Williams said.

As for team leaders through five conference games, Sean Ward is shooting 59 percent from the field and has 10 steals, Talon Kreiger leads in rebounds and Diego Miranda has taken the most charges.

The Dragons (0-5, 0-11 overall) hosted seventh-ranked South Albany (4-1, 7-4) on Jan. 21 (results were unavailable before the I-O’s deadline). Then they’re at McKay (1-4, 4-7) on Jan. 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Jan. 22, 1975

Livestock man of the year named by Polk Group

Over 100 people took part in the Polk County Livestock Association annual banquet Jan. 16 at the Red Barn Restaurant, Dallas, reports T.E. Bedell, area extension agent. The group elected Larry Muller, Perrydale, as their president for 1975. The 1974 Livestock Man of the Year was Clarence Primus, Rickreall. Primus, a life-long resident of Polk County, maintains an outstanding flock of registered Hampshire sheep.

Emergency employment jobs approved by commissioners

Polk County Commissioners last week approved 12 positions for unemployed persons in the federally funded emergency jobs program administered in Polk, Marion and Yamhill

counties by the Manpower Consortium. Under the emergency jobs program, governmental agencies are eligible to receive funds for employing qualified workers. The program aims at employing those workers ineligible for unemployment compensation, those who have exhausted such compensation, and those with over 15 weeks on unemployment compensation.

Dallas rips Mac

The Lady Dragons came out victorious over McMinnville Monday night, defeating the Grizzlies 45-24. Jeanette Balsbaugh with 9 points led her team in a fast first quarter, Dallas leading with 19 to McMinnville's 2. Mac lead in the second quarter scoring wise, but Dallas still came out in front, 27-13. Again Balsbaugh was high scorer in the third quarter, using her 6 points to keep Dallas ahead 41-19. A slow fourth quarter was brought to an end with Dallas winning, 45-24.

FLASHBACK

This week's flashback is from Jan. 22, 1975: **ATTENTION GETTER** - Scouts attending the Annual Polk Scout-O-Rama Saturday at Rickreall seemed particularly interested in this demonstration put on by Explorer Post 136 sponsored by the Monmouth Fire Department. Held as an annual fund raising event for the scouting program in this district, Scout-O-Rama featured many booths, displays and games sponsored by Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer groups from throughout the county.

40 years ago

Jan. 23, 1985

Newton, Lambert honored

Dallas honored its finest in style Saturday night during the 28th Annual Community Awards Banquet at the Dallas Armory. Tom Newton and Maxine Lambert captured top honors when each were named First Citizen for 1984. Junior First Citizen awards went to Lane Shetterly and Liz

Jordan. Julie Dalke was also named the winner in the first Excellence in Arts award.

Willamina to attempt to leave Polk County

While there are no plans for civil war, Mayor Kay Burke is eager to have a portion of her city secede from Polk County. The city of Willamina rests in two counties, with approximately one third of the city located in Polk County. Burke hopes to be successful in her campaign

to remove that portion and unite it with the rest of the city, which is part of Yamhill County. "We're spending almost \$6,000 a year extra because of having to send police officers to both county seats. It costs extra every time we have an election, because there have to be two sets of registrars and two sets of ballots," Burke said Friday.

Pirates in control against OSSD

The Perrydale girls basketball team erupted to a 17-2 lead after one quarter en route to a 52-24 victory over Oregon State School for the Deaf on Friday. Cindy Phillips led Perrydale with 20 points, seven steals and six rebounds. Kristi Cooper added 11 points, while Vicki Buller scored seven and Becky McMullen six. "We played good, sound basketball," said Pirate coach Terry Crabb.

Community Achievement

WOU selects Joy Brown as new director of admissions

Western Oregon University selected Joy Brown as the new director of admissions, effective Jan. 22. With nearly a decade of experience in higher education, Brown brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new role.

Currently serving as the senior associate director of undergraduate admissions at George Fox University, Brown has successfully led various initiatives that enhanced student recruitment and engagement. Her previous leadership roles include positions at Lewis & Clark College and Pepperdine University, where she developed innovative strategies to attract and retain students.

"Brown's extensive background in admissions and her commitment to student success make her an excellent choice for this vital position," said Paige Jackson, WOU Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management and Student Success. "We are confident that her leadership will significantly enhance our admissions processes and further our mission to promote access to higher education in our community and beyond."

Brown holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Pepperdine University and is working towards completing a Ph.D. in higher education from Azusa Pacific



COURTESY PHOTO

Western Oregon University selected Joy Brown as the new director of admissions, effective Jan. 22.

University. Her academic credentials and her professional experience position her to lead WOU's admissions team effectively.

"I am honored and excited to join Western Oregon University as the director of admissions," Brown said. "I look forward to collaborating with faculty, staff, and students to foster an inclusive environment that encourages prospective students to choose WOU."

Joshua Higgins makes dean's list at Utah Tech University

Joshua Higgins of West Salem was among 1,208 students earning Dean's List honors at Utah Tech University in the Fall 2024

semester. To qualify, students had to attain a semester GPA of 3.5 to 3.89 and complete at least 15 credits.

Marissa Stahle makes president's list at Utah Tech University

Marissa Stahle of Dallas was among 1,049 students earning President's List honors at Utah Tech University in the Fall 2024 semester. To qualify, students had to attain a semester GPA of 3.9 or higher and complete at least 15 credits.

Local students make SNHU president's list

Several students from Polk County were named to the Fall 2024 President's List at Southern New Hampshire

University. To be named to the president's list, full-time undergraduate students must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above.

The students honored were Amelia Angst of Monmouth, Tia Scruton of Falls City, Ariel Poulos of Dallas and Jacob Skjei of West Salem.

Local students make Eastern Mennonite University dean's list

Two students from West Salem were among the Eastern Mennonite University Fall 2024 Dean's List honorees list. The dean's list, compiled at the end of each semester, includes degree-seeking students who achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.75 with no W, I, or F grades for 12 semester hours of standard grades. The students honored were Ciela Acosta working on a Peacebuilding & Development major, and Mana Acosta, an engineering major.

Caroline Conolly named to Montana State University dean's list

Caroline Conolly, of Dallas, was named to Montana State University's undergraduate dean's list for fall semester 2024. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn GPAs of 3.5 or above for the semester.

CryptoQuip answer

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Go Figure!

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THINGS THAT PILE UP

Weekly SUDOKU

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR JAN. 22 - 29

Wednesday, Jan. 22 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, 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. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center 12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center 5 p.m. - Monmouth-Independence Network (MINET) Board of Directors meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Rd, Monmouth, 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	8 a.m. - Polk County Fair Board meeting, Meeting Room #2, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West 10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center 10 a.m. - Master Gardener Chat: Intro to Master Gardening & The Square Foot Garden Part One, Monmouth Senior Community Center 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center 11 a.m. - Creatively Expressing Grief, Monmouth Senior Community Center 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center 12:45 p.m. - South Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St. 1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center	10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW 10 a.m. - Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/Listening Ear/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center 10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop/Drawing For Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center 1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center 5 p.m. - Teen Marvel Trivia Night, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St. 5 p.m. - Bingo Dinner, Dallas Area Senior Center 6 p.m. - Bingo, Dallas Area Senior Center 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.	Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence 6 p.m. - Polk County Livestock Association Annual Membership Meeting, Western Interlock Event Space, 10395 Rickreall Road, Rickreall 7 p.m. - Live Music: Hannah Wood, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St., Independence	4 p.m. - Dallas Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St. 5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, 175 Monmouth St.	6:30 p.m. - Dance: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St. 7:30 p.m. - Dance: Latin, Monmouth Senior Community Center
Thursday, Jan. 23 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center	Friday, Jan. 24 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center	Saturday, Jan. 25 9 a.m. - Monmouth City Council Training, Independence Civic Center, 555 S Main St. 10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW 1 p.m. - Tiny Art Reception and Awards Show, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St. S. 6 p.m. - Live Music: Copper Mill Country, Red	Sunday, Jan. 26 9 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction, Building C, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West 2 p.m. - Live Music: Kevin Hansen, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence 7 p.m. - Dallas Cinema Monthly Classic Cinema Series presents "Viva Las Vegas", Staring Elvis Presley and Ann Margaret, 166 SE Mill St.	Tuesday, Jan. 28 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center 9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center 10:15 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, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St. 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 Community Center, 180 S Warren St. 6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.	Wednesday, Jan. 29 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, 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. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center 12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center 4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center 4 p.m. - Manga and Anime Club meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecolds St. S. 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Deadline to signup for annual Brockway Memorial Golf Tournament is Jan. 24 The 22nd Annual Brockway Memorial (Open) Golf Tournament is Feb. 1 at Cross Creek Golf Course. This is a two-person scramble format over 18 holes with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Signups are \$75 and includes green fees, hole prizes, gross/net prizes and snacks. A player does not need a handicap in order to compete in this tournament, and the field is open to both men and women and mixed teams. The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Marius "Brock" Brockway who passed away in 2013. A portion of the entry fees and pay ball will be donated to an organization or foundation that is researching cures and cares for cancer patients. The deadline for sign up is Jan. 24 and is limited to the first 120 paid players. For further information and/or an application visit or call the pro-shop at (503) 623-6666. Information is also available on the Cross Creek Facebook page as well as the Cross Creek web site www.cross-creekgc.com.	Marvel? The Dallas Library invites teens, grades 7-12, at 5 p.m. Jan. 24. Staff will dive into the depths of Marvel history with questions that will separate the casual fans from the die-hard enthusiasts.	This event is for Veterans, and is FREE to attend. Registration is required as there is limited capacity. For additional details, and to RSVP visit https://beav.es/GWG or contact Crystal Kelso at (541) 730-3539 or crystal.kelso@oregonstate.edu.	for Federal Student Aid) Workshop Night, for students and their guardians to learn how to make college funding more accessible, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the school library. Get expert guidance from financial aid professionals from Western Oregon University and one-on-one assistance for completing FAFSA or ORSAA (Oregon Student Aid Application) applications. No need to sign in beforehand for this drop-in event. For more information, contact Crystal Larson, CHS College and Career Coordinator, at clarson@central.k12.or.us or (503) 838-0480, ext. 2550.	honoring our Veterans with a fundraising event Feb. 11, from 4-8:30 p.m. Ugo's Pizza will donate a portion of the proceeds from every in-store purchase (does not include internet orders or delivery), to Carl B. Fenton Post 20 of the American Legion.	are available online at bit.ly/4heiBUa.
Dallas Library hosts teen Marvel trivia challenge Jan. 24 Are you ready to put your Marvel knowledge to the ultimate test and discover if you are a true believer in all things	PCLA annual membership meeting is Jan. 25 The Polk County Livestock Association host their annual meeting Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Western Interlock Event Space, located at 10395 Rickreall Road, in Rickreall. Dinner is \$20/person. Please RSVP at their Facebook page by Jan. 17.	OSU Extension hosts Spring Feed & Plant Swap Feb. 1 The OSU Extension - Polk County presents Spring Seed & Plant Swap from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 1 at Inspiration Garden, located at 799 F St. in Independence. All are welcome at this fun and free drop-in event. Bring your garden seeds, including veggies, flowers and herbs, to swap. Houseplants (cuttings or rooted plants) are also welcome. Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to answer your seed starting and gardening questions. For more information, go to : beav.es/Gm4.	Rickreall Grange hosts 25 cent sale Feb. 7-9 The Rickreall Grange is hosting a huge 25 cent sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7-9, at 280 N. Pacific Highway W. All items for this sale will be 25 cents. They have so much, from household items, paparazzi jewelry, clothing, glass, scrapbooking, books, odds and ends, craft supplies and more. This sale does not include items from Jumble Junction upstairs but some vendors will be offering sale prices.	Purchase tickets now for Lions Club crab feed The Central Lions Club of Monmouth and Independence hosts its annual All You Can Eat Crab Feed Feb. 15 at Eola Winery in Rickreall, with a Valentines Day theme, and live music. Service is 5-8 p.m. Tickets are available online now at \$50 for the meal, which includes all you can eat crab, corn, coleslaw and French bread. The proceeds benefit numerous Lions charities, emphasizing vision and hearing, hunger, diabetes, children and food security. Dinners are purchased through Feb. 7 online at the Central Lions website www.mi-lions.org, and following the Crab Feed link in the upper right.	WOU hosts annual Family Weekend with new all-inclusive pass Western Oregon University welcomes students and their families to campus for the return of Family Weekend, an annual celebration of connection, community and fun, Feb. 28 through March 2. This year's weekend features a new all-inclusive pass, providing families with a convenient way to access all activities and meals with one purchase. The weekend will feature a variety of events and activities for all ages, including: - Welcome dinner with special guest WOU President Jesse Peters - Winter play: Nora: A Doll's House - Two brunches at The Sippery - Exclusive Family Weekend t-shirt (available with early registration) - Men's & Women's basketball game tickets - Cornhole tournament entry - And much more! Tickets for Family Weekend, including the all-inclusive pass, are available online at https://wou.edu/business/family-weekend-registration. Registration closes on Feb. 20.
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As a kid growing up in California, most of the vegetables I ate (with the exception of steamed artichokes and corn on the cob in the summer) came from a can. Mom was a good cook, but even she would later admit that there wasn't a lot of veggie appeal on our plates.

During my college years, stir-fried vegetables were the rage. I bought a wok, took a class on basic Chinese cooking techniques, and discovered a new world of tastes! Served over brown rice and topped with cashews or sesame seeds, these plates of deliciousness are prepared in no time flat.

While stir-fried meals are still part of our family menus, we love oven-roasted vegetables to balance out a meal. Easy to prepare on a sheet pan and appetizing to look at in an array of colors, the mostly root vegetables cook up crisp on the outside and tender in the middle, often with a sweet intense flavor. Here's my basic recipe:

- ROASTED VEGETABLES
- Serves 6-8
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled
 - 2 carrots, peeled
 - 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved lengthwise
 - 1 red onion, cut into wedges
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh herbs such as parsley, rosemary or thyme (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut sweet potato and carrots into 1-inch chunks. Place in a large bowl with Brussels sprouts and onions. Add oil, salt and pepper, then toss well. Place mixture in a single layer on a prepared pan.

Roast 20-25 minutes, or until all vegetables are tender, turning once with a spatula.

Serve sprinkled with fresh herbs and an extra drizzle of oil if you wish, or experiment with maple syrup or pomegranate molasses for a dash of sweetness.

VARIATIONS

Roast a pan of cherry tomatoes to amp up the flavor of a pasta salad. Preheat oven to 375 F. Slice cherry tomatoes in half and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil, 2 minced fresh garlic cloves, and salt and pepper on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, then cool. Lightly toss into your prepared pasta salad, and top with fresh herbs and grated Parmesan.



Most chilled leftovers keep their crunch, so dip them in hummus or yogurt-based dressing for a snack. Or reheat it to complement a bowl of greens and delicious grains like quinoa, bulgur, and other wonderful foods at lunchtime.

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Well MAINTAINED spacious home in 55+ community. 3bd/2bath. Floorplan is well thought out, airy and open. Large kitchen with breakfast nook flows into dining area that is open to main space. Separated sleeping areas complete this comfortable home. **\$125,000.00** (#817883)



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1027 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Paul James Nelson, Settlor, Deceased No. 25PB00400 - Probate Notice to Claimants Colleen Marie Holt, Trustee under The Paul J. Nelson Revocable Living Trust dated June 9, 1992, has petitioned the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County under Probate No. 25PB00400 to determine the claims of the creditors of trust settlor, Paul James Nelson, who now is deceased. All persons having claims against the trust estate are required to present such claims to Heltzel Williams PC, PO Box 1048, Salem, OR 97308-1048, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. Dated and first published January 22, 2025. /s/ Colleen Marie Holt, Trustee Garret Ramsay, OSB #224741 Heltzel Williams PC PO Box 1048 Salem, OR 97308-1048 Attorneys for Trustee

PCIO25-1026 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by Jesse J. Evans and Samira Evans, husband and wife as grantor, to Tigor Title, as trustee, in favor of Maps Credit Union as beneficiary, dated October 28, 2022, and recorded on November 2, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-011835, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon. The Trust Deed covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit: Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66° 10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Arrearage in the sum of \$10,281.04 as of October 28, 2024, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs, and interest due at the time of reinstatement or sale. By reason of said defaults, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: Payoff in the sum of \$128,113.37 as of October 28, 2024, plus taxes, liens, assessments, property expenditures, insurance, accruing interest, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on April 9, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: Northwest Front Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the above-described Property, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the 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, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the 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 or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sum 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 trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is incorporated herein by reference. Exhibit A, NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, is not published pursuant to ORS 86.774(2) (b). DATED: October 28, 2024. Michelle M. Bertolino, Successor Trustee Farleigh Wada Witt 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97204 Phone: 503-228-6044; fax: 503-228-1741

PCIO25-1025 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of LOUIS A. FOWLER, Deceased. Case No. 25PB00144 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Donnell M. Fowler has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Louis A. Fowler. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative at: PO Box 12814, Salem OR 97309, within four (4) 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 from the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: JANUARY 22, 2025. s/ Andrew W. Sprauer Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB #081245 Attorney for Personal Representative PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE: Donnell M. Fowler, 3030 River Bend Road NW Salem OR 97304 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB No. 081245 Andrew Sprauer Law PO Box 12814; Salem, OR 97309 Telephone: (503) 910-2050 Email: andrew@awslawyer.com

PCIO25-1024 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 02-21-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St., Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 1946 SE Miller Ave. Dallas, OR. 97338. The court case number is 23CV25994, where SELCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, an Oregon State Chartered Credit Union is plaintiff, and DAVID GLEN TRACY JR.; HAILEY JEAN BUSTOS is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

PCIO25-1023 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT CASE No. 24PB11234 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Amber Dawn Bacio, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Lucia Ann Bacio has been appointed 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 PO Box 23067 Portland, OR 97281 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such objections may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney of the personal representative. Dated and first published January 22, 2025. Lucia Ann Bacio Personal Representative Javier D. Spyker, OSB #141172 Attorney for Personal Representative P.O. Box 23067 Portland, OR 97281 503-941-0598 Fax: 503-207-6154 Email: javier@estategroup.law

PCIO25-1020 TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 170954 APN: 394309 and 570498 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Jimmy M David, an unmarried man as Grantor to Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for The Federal Savings Bank as Beneficiary, dated 11/06/2017, recorded 11/15/2017, in the official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2017-013617 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: See attached Exhibit A Commonly known as: 4650 Hart Rd, Dallas, OR 97338 The current beneficiary is ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB SERBANK pursuant to assignment of deed of trust

recorded on 12/04/2023 as Inst No. 2023-008861 in the records of Polk, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 05/01/2023 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust.1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of: \$196,659.32; 2. Interest through 01/06/2025 in the amount of: \$12,139.68 3. Suspense Balance in the amount of: \$(275.00) 4. Corporate Advances balance in the amount of: \$2,095.23 5. Late Charges in the Amount of: \$2,332.56 6. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$8,516.89 7. Total NSF Charges in the amount of: \$25.00 8. Total Fee Amount in the amount of: \$190.00 9. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.5000000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 05/20/2025 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, 97338, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would

not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 05/20/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO

CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: • 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR • AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: • Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; • Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and • Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: • You do not owe rent; • The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and • You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS

The Dallas Development Commission has published the FY 2023/2024 Dallas Urban Renewal Plan Annual Report. It is on file at City Hall and with the Agency. The full information is available to all interested persons. In FY 2023/2024, the Agency received \$216,559 in property tax revenue and expended \$198,876 in the Downtown Area. The estimated tax revenues for the Downtown Area for FY 2024/2025 are \$225,000. The Downtown Area FY 2024/2025 budget includes \$648,000 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining for the Downtown Plan Area is \$5,661,230. The maximum indebtedness amount incurred in FY 2023/2024 was \$198,876.

The South Area received \$72,002 in property tax revenue and expended \$9,678 in FY 2023/2024. The estimated tax revenues for the South Area for FY 2024/2025 are \$70,000. The budget for the South Area for FY 2024/2025 is \$130,500 in revenues and expenditures. The maximum indebtedness remaining for the South Area is \$41,590,322. The maximum indebtedness amount incurred in FY 2023/2024 was \$9,678.

The impacts on taxing districts due to the Dallas Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2023/2024 are shown below.

Taxing District	Downtown Impact	South Impact	Permanent Rate Levy in Polk County	Percent of Total Permanent Rate Levy
Polk County	32,832	11,040	12,755,559	0.34%
Chemeketa Community College	11,900	4,014	4,594,413	0.35%
Chemeketa Regional Library	1,434	430	604,758	0.31%
Willamette ESD	5,592	1,864	2,176,602	0.34%
Dallas City	80,432	27,241	5,907,382	1.79%
Dallas CD	1,004	287	103,482	1.23%
Polk Soil/Water CD	860	287	371,937	0.31%
Ash Creek WCD	-	294	61,181	0.48%
Dallas School District 2	87,314	29,535	9,675,596	1.19%
4-H/M Garden/AG/Forest Ext. District	1,434	430	557,694	0.33%
TOTAL:	\$222,802	\$75,422		

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PCIO25-1018 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of LAVELLE MCBEE GOHEEN, Deceased. Case No. 24PB10319 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lorena Ann Kerns-Ray has been appointed as Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, Lorena Ann Kerns-Ray , c/o Kathryn M. Belcher, of Merkel &Conner, P.C., P.O. Box 12806, Salem, Oregon, 97309, 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 attorneys for the personal representative, s/ Kathryn M. Belcher Kathryn M. Belcher, OSB #99220 Attorney for Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Lorena Ann Kerns-Ray, 285 Holder Lane SE, Salem, OR 97306 (503)302-97360. Attorney for Personal Representative: Kathryn M. Belcher, OSB # 99220, Merkel & Conner, PO Box 12806, Salem, OR 97309. Tel:(503)371-9636 Fax: (503-371-2879

PCIO25-1017 Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 902 SE Uglow Ave, Dallas, Oregon 97338 on January 28th, 2025. The following units are available for viewing and sale at 2:00 pm. They will be sold to the highest bidder during live Public Sale: Angelita Rivera- A0108, Darlene Stroud- H20236, Katrina Rippey- H20226, Kristina Birkholz- A0118, Jaime Givens- B0007, Kathryn Rhoades- H30388, Lakaena Sarani- F0015, Carrie Lewis-H20251, Cassandra WilliamsH30401, Laura Peddycourt-A0070, Cherine Demarsh-A0040.

PCIO25-1015 Notice of Self Storage SaleMonmouth Mini Storage (503)838-0803, 555 Gwinn Street E, Monmouth, OR 97361 Units to be auctioned off verbally on February 8th at 10am. All units sold as a whole. Daniel Garigan unit 188, Rebecca Tryon unit 215, Mike Silver unit 288, Sadie Ryan unit 308,Paul Roake unit 150, Kaydra McCargar unit 371, Tanya Avila unit 236, Jose Camero unit 100.

PCIO25-1013 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy Grand Ronde OR 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www. storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com) on 2/5/2025 at 12:00PM. Rhanda M Blain unit #C. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1010 TS No. OR07000160-24-1 APN 246206 To No 3226692 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, LINDA SWANSON, NOT MARRIED as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NE CORP. as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of January 22, 2020 and recorded on January 28, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-001221 and the beneficial interest was assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded July 8, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-005065 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 246206 LOT NUMBER (12) GRIER ADDITION, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 650 DIAN AVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the Beneficiary, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., 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 the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7(A) (i) under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 7(A) i of the Deed of Trust. 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 \$88,148.06 together with interest thereon from April 30, 2024 until paid; 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 April 23, 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: 12/05/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468647 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1009 TS No. OR09000034-24-1 APN 141901 To No DEF-649170 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JESSE J. EVANS AND SAMIRA EVANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns,

dated as of July 12, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019-007545 and beneficial interest was assigned to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING and recorded May 30, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-004048 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 141901 SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in the Oaks Add. To Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, (Plat Volume 1, Page 76) according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of said County; thence North 68°24' West 115.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66° 10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as: 1075 SW FAIRVIEW AVE, DALLAS, OR 97338-2117 Both the Beneficiary, NewRez LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., 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 Monthly Payment(s): 9 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2024 to 11/01/2024 at \$1,084.80 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) 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 \$143,920.81 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from February 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 April 8, 2025 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed,

at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 11/21/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468428 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1006 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 129390-OR Loan No.: *****8012 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MATTHEW HALLEMAN, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/22/2021, recorded 3/17/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-004764, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 14, LA CREOLE HOMES ADDITION TO DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 4, PAGE 4). APN: 137599 / 07532-BD-02600 Commonly known as: 890 SW WASHINGTON ST DALLAS, OR 97338-3416 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, 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: 11/1/2023 - 12/1/2024 Total:\$16,523.47 Late Charges: \$90.78 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,108.69 Total Required to Reinstated: \$17,722.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$197,020.84 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 \$184,969.76 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.25 % per annum, from 10/1/2023 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, 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,

the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 5/6/2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/18/2024 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

PCIO25-1005 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 02-07-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at No Situs - Yamhill River Road, Map/ Tax Lot: 06716A0000600 & 06716A0000700 Willamina, OR. 97396. The court case number is 22CV40624, where SHELLY PEACOCK is plaintiff, and GARTH TALLMAN; JOSEPH H. KRIZ AND JOHN E. LOONEY, DBA WLK APT; AND ESTATE OF ODIS MCCLELLAN is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

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

Dallas Police Department
Thursday, Jan. 2

At 3:52 a.m., an officer contacted three juveniles and discussed curfew hours.

At 8:57 a.m., a report of trespassing on Mill Street. The subjects were asked to leave and complied.

At 11:31 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 25-mph zone on Miller Avenue.

At 12:58 p.m., a report of attempted fraud on Miller Avenue. A resident received a call claiming to be from Publishers Clearinghouse.

At 3:47 p.m., Braden Dar was arrested for harassment on Levens Street.

At 7:37 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Golden Chain Avenue. Subjects were smoking in their car due to other people in the house not liking the smell.

At 8:42 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Rainbow Avenue. An officer informed the occupants of an RV the owners did not allow overnight parking.

At 10:06 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Kings Valley Highway. Michael Compa was cited for trespassing.

Friday, Jan. 3

At 5:04 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Mill Street. It was an argument and no crimes were committed.

At 5:58 a.m., officers responded to an alarm on Jefferson Street. All was secure.

At 8:49 a.m., officers contacted a homeless person

who had spread trash around a covered area by an ATM. The subject was formally trespassing from the property.

At 2:48 p.m., a homeless person was trespassed from the property on Ellendale Avenue and given one hour to leave.

At 3:17 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Hayter Street. The vehicle's back door was found open but nothing was stolen.

At 4:53 p.m., a report of fraud on Ellendale Avenue. A known suspect had used the complainant's debit card without permission.

At 5:10 p.m., a report of fraud on Ellendale Avenue. It was a scam likely originating out of the country.

At 9:24 p.m., a motorist on Lee Road was cited for no operator's license and driving uninsured.

At 10:16 p.m., Robert Kinnaird was cited and released on Kings Valley

Highway on an outstanding Dallas municipal warrant .

Saturday, Jan. 4

At 12:01 a.m., a report of an intoxicated person in a vehicle on Kings Valley Highway. An officer contacted the motorist but found no signs of intoxication.

At 2:27 a.m., a homeless person on Allgood Street was excluded from all city parks for 30 days.

At 11:55 a.m., a report of harassment on La Creole Drive. It was a verbal argument between neighbors.

At 8:44 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Hankel Street. It was a verbal argument.

At 9:32 p.m., John Marlas was arrested and charged with nine counts of reckless endangering, reckless driving, robbery in the first degree, two counts of criminal mischief in the first degree, driving under the influence of intoxicants

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and theft in the third degree. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Sunday, Jan. 5

At 3:55 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Main Street. The subject was taking a nap before cleaning a business.

At 12:22 p.m., a report of harassment on Jefferson Street. The complainant was advised to block the number from the prank caller.

At 3:26 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Dimick Street. There were no crimes found.

At 4:54 p.m., a report of a fallen tree on Perrydale Road. An officer removed the tree from the road.

At 5:39 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on La Creole Drive. It was reportedly a verbal disturbance only.

At 9:42 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Donald Street. One party was asked to leave the location.

Monday, Jan. 6

At 3:01 a.m., an officer responded to an alarm on Church Street. The officer found the location was secure and notified the homeowner.

At 8:45 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using a mobile device – second offense and driving while suspended.

At 9:01 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. Both parties said it was a verbal argument and they would separate for the day.

At 11:30 a.m., Wyatt Arnold was cited on Church Street for an outstanding failure to appear warrant from Salem.

At 5:46 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Deschutes Drive possibly looking around garages. An officer was unable to locate anyone suspicious.

At 6:54 p.m., a report of a theft on Kings Valley Highway. A known suspect stole a safe and two fishing poles.

At 7:33 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Main Street. An individual was sharpening a tool.

At 11:10 p.m., a motorist on Mill Street was cited for driving uninsured.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

At 12:36 p.m., John Beach was arrested on a parole violation and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 12:47 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Ellendale Avenue. The complainant's vehicle had been keyed on Dec. 28.

At 1:12 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Crider Street. It was a verbal argument.

At 2:09 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Crider Street. It was a verbal argument regarding civil issues. The officer recommended the complainant find somewhere else to stay that evening.

At 2:40 p.m., a report of a theft of cash on Kings Valley Highway.

At 3 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for failure to carry an operator's license, driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

At 3:39 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Levens Street. An officer was unable to locate anyone suspicious.

At 10:05 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on La Creole Drive. It was a verbal argument.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

At 1:49 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Kings Valley Highway. The owner reported it was broken down and was awaiting a part.

At 5:55 a.m., a report of a theft on Washington Street. A juvenile was referred to the juvenile department for theft and criminal mischief.

At 9:03 a.m., a report of fraud on Beaver Court. A loan had been taken out in the complainant's name.

At 9:15 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph zone on Main Street.

At 9:28 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 20-mph zone on Main Street.

At 3:02 p.m., a report of theft on Donald Street. An item was delivered by UPS and never received.

At 11:47 p.m., a report of fraud on Fern Avenue.

Thursday, Jan. 9

At 8:01 a.m., a report of trespassing on Mill Street. A homeless person moved along.

At 8:12 a.m., Wyatt Arnold was arrested and charged with criminal trespass and was lodged at Polk County Jail. He was also charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

At 8:20 p.m., a report of an assault on Hankel Street. Jay Chenewith was cited for harassment.

At 9:40 p.m., a driving complaint of a car coming off Highway 22. An officer contacted the driver and there were no signs of impairment.

At 11:53 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Fairview Avenue. An officer was unable to locate the owner.

Friday, Jan. 10

At 12:24 a.m., an officer contacted two juveniles on Brandvold Drive and advised them of the park hours and curfew.

At 3:44 a.m., two people were warned of the park hours on Brandvold Drive.

At 10:51 a.m., a report of telephonic harassment on Clay Street. The caller was in another state and the report was forwarded to the local police.

At 2:45 p.m., a report of trespassing on Court Street. A homeless person was refusing to leave a business but left after an officer arrived.

At 4:49 p.m., a report of fraud on Brown Street. A loan had been taken out in the complainant's name.

At 9:17 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving uninsured and warned for driving while using a cell phone.

Saturday, Jan. 11

At 4:06 a.m., a report of trespassing on Mill Street. A homeless person was camping on a back porch and was told to pick up their belongings and not come back.

At 4:27 p.m., a noise complaint of a person yelling racial slurs on Walnut Avenue. They were no longer outside when an officer was there.

At 6:02 a.m., a report of trespassing on Washington Street. Kimberly Fouse was arrested and charged with trespassing and possession of methamphetamine.

At 1:06 p.m., a report of theft from a vehicle on Uglow Avenue.

At 3:16 p.m., a report of illegal parking on Stettler Street. An officer asked the school to make an announcement about them.

At 4:52 p.m., an individual called to see if they had a warrant out for their arrest due to a scam call.

At 6:48 p.m., Michael Compa was arrested on Juniper Avenue for several outstanding warrants and was also charged with trespassing.

At 10:30 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph zone on Main Street.

At 11:10 p.m., an officer told two juveniles to leave the park, as it was after hours.

At 11:12 p.m., a report of suspicious activity at the

Catholic church on Mill Street. A wedding party was cleaning up.

Sunday, Jan. 12

At 1:15 a.m., a noise complaint on Card Avenue. The officer was told they were done for the night.

At 1:58 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. The owner was having issues with their vehicle.

At 2:36 a.m., James Strubel was arrested on Miller Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant – alcohol, and with two counts of reckless driving.

At 4:44 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. An employee was working in the business.

At 10:25 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Uglow Avenue. It was a verbal argument.

At 12:11 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Holman Avenue. Matthew Franks was arrested on multiple warrants and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 1:46 p.m., a report of harassment by phone on Holman Avenue. The area code was from out of state and the officer advised the family to block the number.

At 3:01 p.m., a report of theft of a license plate on Gerlinger Lane.

At 3:56 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Birch Street. There was a homeless person's vehicle parked in a parking lot. An officer explained nothing could be done as it was private property, and the property owner or responsible party would need to report it.

At 8:39 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Brandvold Drive. The owner was taking their dog to the park and was advised of park hours.

At 10:17 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle following the complainants to their home. The gray SUV turned out to be a police officer following the complainant due to suspicious behavior.

At 11:13 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured on Washington Street. They were also cited for failing to appear for another offense.

Monday, Jan. 13

At 3:13 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Godsey Road. A back gate was open. An officer walked the property but didn't find anything suspicious.

At 5:56 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25-mph zone on Miller Avenue.

At 7:49 a.m., a report of vandalism and theft from a vehicle on Denton Avenue.

At 8:41 a.m., a report of attempted theft from a vehicle and damage to a door handle on Denton Avenue.

At 9:59 a.m., a report of a stolen vehicle on Dallas Drive.

At 1:41 p.m., a report of a vehicle on Walnut Avenue broken into and the ignition damaged.

At 5:04 p.m., a noise complaint of barking dogs on Holman Avenue. The dog owner was advised of the complaint.

At 8:09 p.m., a report of trespassing on Jefferson Street. A homeless person was transported to the warming shelter.

At 9:43 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance.

At 9:45 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25-mph zone on Ellendale Avenue.

At 10:18 p.m., Zachary Perry was arrested and charged with trespassing then lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:51 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. An employee was getting ready to leave.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

At 7:15 a.m., an officer responded to an alarm on Kings Valley Highway. An employee had accidentally set it off.

At 8:46 a.m., a report of trespassing at the Academy building. A homeless person was asked to move along.

At 10:20 a.m., an officer responded to an alarm on Syron Street. It was an accidental activation.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

At 12:30 a.m., a report of a disturbance on Hankel Street. Jeffrey Hanson was arrested and charged with assault. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 4:08 a.m., a report of suspicious activity. A maintenance person was working.

At 9:20 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Church Street. The person walking around the vacant house was a police officer.

At 4:02 p.m., a report of a disturbance at a store on Ellendale Avenue. The person who had been yelling left before the officer arrived.

At 10:07 p.m., a report of shots fired on Godsey Road. An officer was unable to locate.

Independence Police Department
Saturday, Jan. 4

At 4:56 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Falcon Loop. It was a verbal-only disturbance.

At 7:26 p.m., a report of a hit and run by a known suspect on Main Street. The officer will follow up with the motorist.

Sunday, Jan. 5

At 5:48 a.m., a motorist on 9th Street was stopped for expired tags and was cited for driving uninsured.

Monday, Jan. 6

At 12:11 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was stopped for stopping in a crosswalk and cited for driving while suspended.

At 4:53 a.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on River Oak Road. The van was gone when an officer arrived.

At 6:11 a.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags on B Street. Regan Ortega was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - felony. He was booked into Polk County Jail.

At 9:54 a.m., a report of a dispute between a landlord and tenant on Jasmine Court. It was a civil dispute and an officer supplied a resource number for legal aid.

At 5:59 p.m., an officer recognized a person with a felony warrant and arrested them on it on C Street.

At 10:02 p.m., a report of trespassing on 7th Street. An unknown male was inside the complainant's house. Officers arrived and found the man, Frank L. Baney, outside of a neighboring house. Baney was not compliant but was eventually arrested and charged with trespass 1 and trespass 2.

Steven J Hernandez was arrested and charged with theft 1 for stealing a purse from a patron at the Arena Sports Bar back on Oct. 17, 2024.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

At 5:10 p.m., a report of a disturbance in a store on Monmouth Street. A subject had gotten upset and had been screaming at people but left before the officers arrived.

At 10 p.m., a report of a hit and run to a vehicle on Monmouth Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

At 6:09 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding on Monmouth Street.

At 1:17 p.m., a report of a suspicious person looking into cars on Gun Club Road. An officer contacted the subject,

who lived in the apartments and denied looking in vehicles.

Thursday, Jan. 9

At 5:27 a.m., a report of a vehicle doing donuts in the gravel parking lot at the sports park. The driver was given a warning.

Saturday, Jan. 11

At 2:42 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Independence Highway. The subject was not breaking in, they rented a shop at the location.

At 5:47 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding and was given a fix-it ticket for failure to carry proof of insurance.

At 6:26 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding on Main Street.

At 3:57 p.m., an Amazon driver, Ernesto Eduardo Lua, was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver - property damage.

At 11:23 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding and warned for failing to register the vehicle in Oregon and obtain an Oregon Driver's license on Main Street.

Sunday, Jan. 12

At 12:04 a.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was given a fix-it ticket for illegal front and rear plate covers and warned for no registration card.

At 12:28 a.m., a motorist was cited for failing to register the vehicle and not updating her address with DMV. They were warned for a burned-out headlight.

At 4:59 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Stryker Road. An officer searched the surrounding area and was unable to locate the subject.

Monday, Jan. 13

At 6:21 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding and driving uninsured and warned for expired tags on Main Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

An officer saw a male walking on the railroad tracks and attempted to talk with him about trespassing. Scott Alexander Brown chose not to stop. He was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing.

Silverton Police Department assisted in arresting Fortino Merino Flores. He was charged with three counts of sex abuse, private indecency and endangering the welfare of a minor from an Independence Police Department investigation that began in 2022.

A three-vehicle rear-end collision was reported on Jan. 13. Witnesses thought the suspect was pulling into the AutoZone parking lot but realized he'd kept going and had exited the parking lot after pulling in. The next day an officer spotted the suspect driving on Monmouth Street and initiated a traffic stop. Robert Conway Majors II acknowledged that he'd been involved in a crash the previous day and was found to be driving on a suspended license. He was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver with property damage.

Polk County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday, Jan. 8

At 8:21 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle owner plugging an extension cord into a light pole on Jefferson Street. The homeless person was told to move their vehicle and the deputy discussed theft of services with them.

At 10:29 a.m., a report of suspicious activity on Salem Dallas Highway. An RV had been seen coming and going. A deputy contacted the owner who said no one should be there. The deputy contacted the RV owner who agreed to leave within 40 minutes.

At 10:57 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance that had happened the previous day on Salmon River Highway. A

deputy interviewed all parties and no charges were filed.

At 4:44 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Church Road. The complainant believed they saw an individual with outstanding warrants riding a bike in the area. They will call back if they confirm the person's identity.

At 7:37 p.m., a report of a light in the sky in the west on Fishback Road. The light appeared to actually be the planet Venus, which was very bright at the time.

At 10:46 p.m., a deputy attempted to stop a car for speeding. The driver eluded the deputy and crashed the car, totaling the vehicle and injuring the passenger. Julio Gutierrez Puente was arrested and charged with elude (vehicle), elude (on foot), reckless driving, reckless endangering, driving under the influence of an intoxicant, assault and failing to perform the duties of a driver (vehicle and injured person).

Thursday, Jan. 9

At 3:31 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for expired registration and cited for driving while suspended.

At 7:40 a.m., a report of trespassing on Salem Dallas Highway. A subject was asking for gas money and not leaving the property when asked. A deputy helped the subject call a friend for help with their vehicle.

At 7:48 a.m., a report of theft on Gooseneck Road. An employee had taken tools before being let go. The victim did not want to pursue charges if the tools were returned. A deputy spoke to the subject and facilitated the return of the tools

At 8:51 a.m., a report of a vehicle blocking Stapleton Road. The vehicle had overheated, and a tow was en route. A deputy helped the driver move the vehicle off the road as much as possible.

At 1:15 p.m., a report of a theft on Ballston Road. A debit card had been taken and \$250 was sent via Venmo to the suspect.

At 3:50 p.m., a report of a single vehicle roll-over crash on Ellendale Avenue. The driver showed no signs of impairment and said he had fallen asleep at the wheel.

At 4:01 p.m., a report of several deer and elk carcasses near Mill Creek Park. A deputy will follow up when available.

At 5:49 p.m., a report of a motorist dumping garbage on Loganberry Road. The subject was still there when a deputy arrived. The suspect stated they were cleaning out some mold growing in the vehicle. It appeared that the items were belongings not garbage and the subject was warned to not leave anything behind.

Friday, Jan. 10

At 5:51 a.m., a report of a bright green laser 20-30 feet off the ground on Highway 22. A deputy patrolled the area but was unable to locate anything abnormal.

At 6:28 a.m., a report of an RV blocking the road on Mitchell Street. The RV had broken down when being moved to long term parking on a friend's property. The deputy and the fire chief helped move the RV off the road.

At 6:45 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on South Pacific Highway. It was a verbal only disturbance.

At 9:17 a.m., a report of a vehicle in a ditch on Stapleton Road. The driver showed no signs of impairment, and a tow truck was on the way.

At 10:20 a.m., an individual found a stolen plow on Holman Avenue using GPS. A deputy contacted the owner of the property, who had purchased the plow on Facebook Marketplace from a person in

