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Dallas explores alternative to building new police station

City staff moves to I-O building, police keep City Hall



FILE I-O PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The city of Dallas is now exploring moving city staff into the old Itemizer-Observer building and renovating City Hall into a new police station reconfiguration.

By DAVID HAYES

I-O Editor

In an effort to find a more affordable option for a new home for the Dallas Police Department, the City Council directed staff to instead explore moving city staff into the old Itemizer Observer building. City Hall next door would then be converted into the new home for the police force.

After a \$17.2 million bond to build a new station to replace the I-O building was voted down last year, the city has been exploring “value engineering” options to present another, less expensive option. Swinerton Builders and architects from Mackinzie worked with city staff to present three alternatives to the city council

last month, ranging in cost from \$14.3 million to \$17.1 million.

City staff further explored switching from a general obligation bond to a revenue bond that would shave 10 years from the life of the bond. In exchange, the option would add an additional \$13-\$15 to the city’s bill to the more than 7,000 residents within Dallas.

City Manager Brian Latta told the councilors staff then asked themselves was this enough of a savings.

“That led us to look at another option altogether,” Latta said, presenting the plan for the first time to the city council.

The plan involves relocating non-police, city employees into

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Dragons honor school’s first state wrestling champ

By LANCE MASTERSON

For The Itemizer-Observer

Living history took center stage at the Lady Dragon invitational wrestling tournament Jan. 10.

The annual event, now in its fifth year, is hosted by Dallas High School. No tournament in the state brings together more girl wrestlers. But this year the spotlight also shined brightly on a 94-year-old man.

Delmond Tilgnor’s chapter in the school’s record book is secure. Tilgnor is the school’s first-ever state champion in wrestling. An honor he received in 1949, or some 77 years ago.

Tilgnor was remembered for that achievement Saturday. During his ceremony, which was before family, friends and a packed gym, he donated his original 1949 letterman jacket and state championship medal to the school. These artifacts are to be displayed among the school’s trophies, banners and other mementos.

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Delmond Tilgnor (center), Dallas High School’s first state wrestling champion in 1949, is honored by the current girls and boys wrestlers before the Lady Dragon invitational wrestling tournament Jan. 10.

Falls City welcomes new engine to its fleet

By DAVID HAYES

I-O Editor

The Falls City Fire Department welcomed on Jan. 7 the newest member to their team – a 1995 Pierce engine that arrived courtesy their sister department Dallas Fire & EMS.

All hands were on deck to participate in the ceremonial “push-in” to officially welcome

their new apparatus into their fleet.

“In the old days when you got a new piece of apparatus, the idea was you christened it and pushed it into the fire station,” said Falls City Fire Chief John Gilbert. “Now, we’re not going to push in a 30,000 pound, 38 ton truck. We’ll idle her and act like pushing it in.

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Falls City Fire Chief John Gilbert says a few words to his firefighters and special guests as they welcome a 1995 Pierce engine donated by Dallas Fire & EMS.

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Farmers names Oakdale Heights teacher as Classroom of the Month

The Farmers Insurance Zachary Steele Agency is proud to continue its monthly Classroom of the Month program, recognizing outstanding educators who make a meaningful and lasting impact on students and their school communities. This month's honor goes to Malery Schleusner, a kindergarten teacher at Oakdale Heights Elementary, following a thoughtful nomination from colleague Liz Posttlewait.

In her nomination,

Posttlewait highlighted the warm and welcoming environment Schleusner creates for her students — one where children feel safe, valued, and genuinely excited to learn. Known affectionately by many as “Mrs. S,” Schleusner is described as patient, kind and deeply committed to holding high expectations for every child, while providing the individualized support needed for each student to reach their full potential.

Her calm, nurturing

presence helps Oakdale Heights’ youngest learners build confidence as they develop essential academic and social skills. Schleusner’s classroom is intentionally structured with clear routines, balanced with play, joy and curiosity — cornerstones of effective early childhood education.

“Mrs. S exemplifies the many qualities of an outstanding kindergarten teacher,” Posttlewait said. “She builds strong relationships with students and families, skillfully

differentiates instruction, celebrates growth, and models empathy, perseverance, and curiosity every day.”

Her classroom is a place where students not only learn academic fundamentals, but also how to be kind, responsible and proud of their work.

As part of the Classroom of the Month recognition, Schleusner will receive a classroom supply award of up to \$200, generously provided by the Farmers Insurance Steele

Insurance Agency, to be used on items of her choosing to further support student learning and engagement.

The Classroom of the Month program was created to spotlight educators who quietly go above and beyond for their students. Each month, a nominated teacher is recognized for their dedication and provided tangible support to invest directly back into their classroom.

“Oakdale Heights is fortunate to have Mrs. Schleusner,” Steele said.

“Teachers like her shape the future by laying strong foundations at the very beginning of a child’s educational journey. It’s an honor for our agency to recognize her work and support her classroom.”

Through this ongoing program, the Farmers Insurance Zachary Steele Agency continues its commitment to investing in local schools, celebrating excellence in education, and strengthening the community it proudly serves.

Monmouth launches new accessibility grant to support local businesses

By TORI STUTZMAN

The city of Monmouth has launched its Accessibility Grant, a new initiative designed to help local businesses become more welcoming and accessible to all visitors, including people with disabilities, older adults, and others who may face barriers to access. Funded by Travel Oregon, this grant offers free professional accessibility assessments to 20-25 local, visitor-facing businesses.

The Monmouth Accessibility

Grant is a collaborative effort aimed at fostering an inclusive environment that benefits both businesses and the community. As an AARP-certified Age-Friendly Community, and home to Western Oregon University’s Division of Deaf Studies & Professional Studies, and Interpreting Program, Monmouth is committed to supporting practices that cater to a diverse population.

Participating businesses will receive:

- A free, expert accessibility

assessment: Empowering Access and Sparklet Designs will conduct accessibility assessments for visitor-facing businesses and organizations. Empowering Access will focus on physical spaces such as entrances, restrooms, and parking, while Sparklet Designs will assess digital presences including websites and online listings.

- Actionable recommendations: Clear and practical suggestions tailored to each business will be provided

to help understand where improvements can be made.

- Greater visibility on tourism platforms: Accessibility information added to platforms that will help travelers discover accessibility information about local businesses.
- Access to local experts and training: Workshops will offer practical tips, expert advice, and resources, with contributions from various local partners and organizations.


- Ongoing online resources: Recorded workshops with Spanish subtitles and additional tools will be available on the Monmouth Business Association (MBA) website.
- An opportunity to lead the way: Businesses can demonstrate their commitment to creating a more inclusive Monmouth.

To learn more about this project and sign up for the project mailing list, go to www.sparkletdesigns.com/accessibility.

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Oregon VA awards grant to WOU to enhance support for student veterans

By UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) awarded grants totaling \$800,000 to expand campus veteran resource centers and enhance services for student veterans at Oregon's public universities and community colleges. Western Oregon University's Veterans Resource Center was a recipient of this grant for the amount of \$53,899.

These centers play a crucial role in helping veterans transition from military service to college life and pursue their educational and career goals.

The purpose of the Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant Program is to strengthen existing campus resources by funding innovative and impactful projects that improve the lives of student veterans and support their success.

A record 19 of Oregon's 24 eligible public universities and community colleges applied for grants during this cycle, reflecting a broad commitment to serving student veterans across the state. All 19 institutions that applied received a portion of the available funds.

This level of participation demonstrates the strong, continued partnership between ODVA and Oregon's higher education community in ensuring that veterans have access to the tools and support they need to thrive.

Awardees include Blue Mountain Community College, Central Oregon Community College, Chemeketa Community College, Clackamas Community College, Columbia Gorge Community College, Eastern Oregon University, Klamath Community College, Lane Community College, Linn-Benton Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland Community College, Portland State University, Rogue Community College, Southern Oregon University, Southwestern Oregon Community College, University of Oregon, and Western Oregon University.

"This award strengthens our ability to support student veterans at critical moments. Emergency aid funding helps students remain enrolled during times of financial hardship, while enhancements to the Veterans Resource Center improve access, privacy, and daily usability," said Logan Doerfler, director of the Veterans Resource Center at Western Oregon University. "Together, these investments reinforce WOU's commitment to Veteran success."

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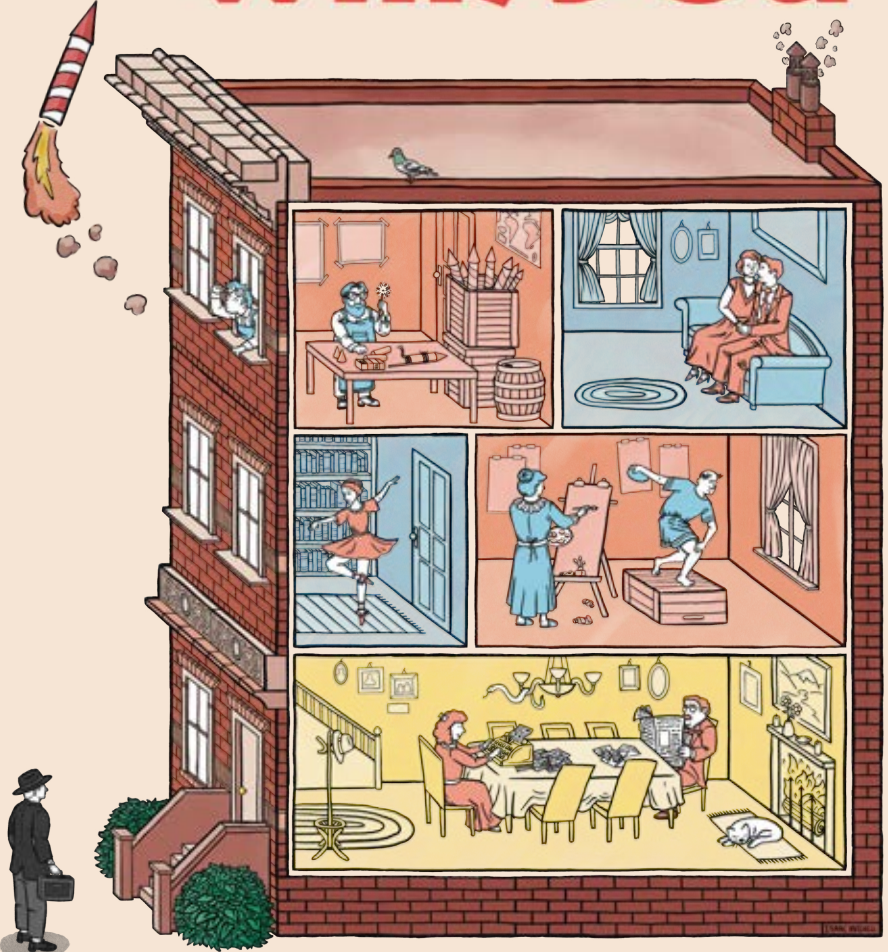
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Four natural ways to stay healthy during Pacific Northwest winters

Winter in the Pacific Northwest brings short days and cozy vibes ... and sniffles and germs from staying inside.

Luckily, there are natural ways to support your family's health so everyone can thrive.

1. Food as medicine. Focus on nutrient-dense meals — think colorful fruits, leafy greens and omega-3 rich fish. Vitamin C, zinc and vitamin D are especially important this time of year.

2. Prioritize sleep. Everyone needs consistent, quality sleep to stay healthy. CDC data shows kids in grade school should aim for 9 to 12 hours a night, while adults can get by with 7 to 9 hours.

3. Don't forget daily movement. Whether it's a family hike, dance party or puddle-jumping session, staying active boosts circulation and supports health. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 60 minutes of daily exercise for kids. And make sure to dress your kiddos appropriately for outdoor activities. Older babies and young children should wear one more layer of clothing than adults would in the same conditions.

4. Wash hands and keep vaccinations up to date. Flu and Covid-19 shots are scientifically proven to boost immunity and provide an extra layer of protection.

With a little planning, your family can stay energized and healthy all winter long. You've got this, PNW parents!

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DORIS H. DYER
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We honor the life of Doris Anne (Henderson) Dyer, 89, who passed away on December 20, 2025. Born in Plentywood, Montana, on January 14, 1936, to Leonard and Helen Henderson. Doris was raised in Myrtle Creek, Oregon where she graduated from Myrtle Creek High School. Her love

of learning led her to become a proud alumna of Oregon State University (then Oregon State College) and then a professional educator where she dedicated herself to guiding young minds. She began her teaching career at South Salem High School and eventually retired from the counseling office at Central High School in Independence. She was known for her kind and

gracious demeanor, balancing a practical organizational style with a witty, irreverent sense of humor.

Doris was married to Roland Dyer for 38 years until his passing in 2000. Together, they raised two daughters, Amy and Donna. Her kindness extended beyond her family into her community, where she was a devoted supporter of Marion-Polk Food Share and Oregon

Public Broadcasting (OPB). In her quieter moments, she found joy in gardening, quilting, reading, and music. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Doris' name to Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) or Marion Polk Food Share.

Memorial Service on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Bonaventure in Salem (3411 Boone Rd SE, Salem) 1-3pm



MARY ANN OZIAH
(NEE WOLF)
JULY 9, 1932 -
DECEMBER 16, 2025

Mary Ann Oziah, 93, of Dallas, Oregon passed away on December 16, 2025, from heart failure.

Mary was born July 9, 1932, to Jacob and Philomena Wolf in Sioux County, North Dakota. She was one of eleven children.

The entire family moved to Silverton, OR in 1944 after a tornado destroyed the family farm.

Mary graduated high school in 1950 from Sacred Heart Academy in Salem, OR. On December 26, 1958, she married Arvil Oziah and they moved to Dallas, OR. Mary is survived by Deborah Scott (Billy), Valerie Pascal (Robert), Marcia Neudauer (Allen), Brian

Oziah, Kevin Oziah.

Mary was happiest surrounded by her family. She enjoyed baking, gardening, crossword puzzles, game shows and being a mother. She was active in her faith at St. Philip Catholic Church, Dallas, OR and was a member of the Women's Altar Society. After the children were raised she worked for Oregon Fruit and Willamette Hazelnut for 20

years.

Mary is survived by her children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, brother Leon Wolf and sister Irene Steinke.

The family would like to thank Serenity Hospice for their kind and loving care. Mary lived and passed peacefully without complaint.

No service, she will be laid to rest with her husband Arvil at Willamette National Cemetery.

Kotek calls for repeal of transportation funding package she championed

ALEX BAUMHARDT

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek spent months cajoling the state Legislature to provide billions for transportation infrastructure, safety and jobs. Now, she's asking them to repeal that plan and start fresh.

Kotek's direction Wednesday comes after a volunteer effort led by Republican lawmakers and an anti-tax group gathered enough signatures to refer parts of the \$4.3 billion plan to the November ballot. That effort paused scheduled increases to the state gas tax, title and registration fees and a payroll tax to fund transit.

Kotek unveiled her strategy, characterized as "redirect, repeal, and rebuild" at a Wednesday meeting of the Oregon Transportation Forum, a non-profit trade organization representing public and private transportation stakeholders. She also explained her change in tune.

"After a long summer and many twists and turns, the Legislature passed House Bill 3991, increasing funding for ODOT, local governments, and transit districts through changes to the gas tax, payroll tax, and registration fees," she explained to the forum. "But you all know the score today. Those funding solutions are frozen following a signature-gathering campaign led by legislative Republicans and Oregon Taxpayers United."

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Starr, R-Dundee, and state Rep. Ed Diehl, R-Scio, who are leading the referendum effort did not immediately respond to the Capital Chronicle's requests for comment on Wednesday.

Kotek is asking lawmakers to



COURTESY FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION / FLICKR

Oregon Department of Transportation workers fill a pothole on U.S. Highway 97 near Chemult in 2016. Oregon's governor is asking lawmakers to go back to the drawing board on a plan to fund the agency and stave off hundreds of layoffs.

repeal House Bill 3991, which passed during a special session in September.

She wants them to use the upcoming short session, which begins Feb. 2 and must conclude by March 8, to redirect existing transportation funding "core to operations and maintenance" while they come up with a different package in 2027.

The \$4.3 billion package, a reduction from grander plans that fell short during the 2025 legislative session, was meant to keep the transportation department operational and to prevent hundreds of layoffs, Kotek said. But with the ballot measure halting new revenue sources, the package is effectively an unfunded mandate to make new investments without any money.

"Leaving the law in place forces ODOT to bear implementation costs without new

resources, prolongs instability, and delays the real conversation we need to have about long-term solutions," Kotek said to the forum.

Kotek called the redirection of existing transportation dollars an "emergency action" needed to prevent layoffs during the spring and to maintain basic road services during the winter months.

She said every transportation program dollar should be on the table, with the exception of payroll tax revenues that fund local transit districts' buses and trains.

"We cannot gut transit districts by redirecting existing payroll tax revenue. That would devastate service and harm those who can least afford it," she said.

The transportation department's budget gap has shrunk in recent months as employees have voluntarily left. Kotek said this was due to ongoing

instability over potential layoffs. Notices were sent in July to hundreds of employees, then rescinded in September, then floated again as the ballot referral was underway.

"We lost engineers, maintenance workers, project managers, and critical IT staff. Service has continued to degrade, and our services are more vulnerable than ever," she said.

Allocating any money from the general fund to cover costs is not an option, she added, due to expected budget deficits caused by the tax and spending megalaw passed by congressional Republicans during the summer. The state Legislature will begin the session accounting for a two-year budget that could be short \$63 million under the state's most recent economic forecast.

"The decisions we make in the coming weeks will determine

whether Oregon's transportation system continues to decline or whether we can restore certainty in needed essential services that Oregonians rely on," Kotek said in a statement. "These decisions won't be easy. There will be tradeoffs and consequences. Hundreds of people will be laid off this spring if we are not successful. Giving up is not an option."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DALLAS CHRISTMAS CHEER THANKS CONTRIBUTORS

On behalf of the Dallas Christmas Cheer team, we extend our arms in the air along with a giant thank you to each and every one of you who came together early on Dec. 24 to make this year's food pack-out an amazing success. Your gift of time, energy, and the spirit of giving ensured that 500 families in our community received much-needed support during this holiday season.

We are deeply thankful to everyone who made private contributions. These cash donations are the financial backbone that allows us to purchase the staples for the food boxes.

The food collection drives organized by local businesses, schools, churches, clubs and individual groups were truly the icing on the cake. The thousands of collected food items ensured that the boxes were full and complete with nearly everything needed to stock refrigerators and cupboards. Your support not only helps meet the immediate needs of our neighbors but also strengthens the bonds within our community.

To the more than 400 volunteers, your compassion for others and readiness to take on the task at hand truly made a difference. We can honestly say, "job well done." The joy shared with one another and our neighbors on Christmas Eve made 2025 a true success.

Sue Lamb
Dallas Christmas Cheer

HATRED FOR TRUMP CONTINUES TO GROW

The issues with the Trump administration continue on a daily basis:

- The Corporation for Public Broadcasting voted to dissolve the organization following Congress' rescission of all federal funding.

- It's hard to believe he had to add his name to the Kennedy Center. Acts are cancelling on a regular basis because of it, including the Washington National Opera that has

been there over 50 years.
- Is Trump looking for war? He's told reporters that the U.S. could intervene in Cuba, Columbia, Mexico, Iran and Greenland. Would he really use force and what justifiable reason for control of Greenland?

- The administration has halted billions in Social Services in five states with Democrat leaders, including \$2.4 billion in childcare development and \$870 million that benefits children.

- Secretary of War Hagseth has accused a group of six Democrat lawmakers of "seditious behavior punishable by death".

- Vice President Vance scolded the media for prejudging the Minnesota woman killed by ICE; however he posted on 'X' that she was a "deranged leftist". Doesn't that sound like a prejudging statement since he didn't know her?

Is there anything the current administration likes? We deeply need to have a sweep congress in the mid-terms by Democrats so we can impeach Trump.

Clifford Brown
Dallas

LETTERS POLICY

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Your Environment: Scatterpaint, maps and tracking climate disasters

"The climate dice are now loaded." — Climatologist James Hansen, 1988. (In 2008, he said they had become even more loaded.)

By PHILIP S. WENZ

About a decade ago, I realized that while climate change was "in the news," it would soon "be the news." That is, climate-connected problems would consistently dominate the headlines and much of our public discourse.

That's because I knew that the breakneck speed of today's climate change is driven by our fossil fuel emissions which increase every year.

In his 2009 book, "Storms of My Grandchildren," now considered a prescient classic, climatologist James Hansen said that allowing the carbon dioxide content of the atmosphere to rise above 360 parts per million (ppm) was reckless. He and other scientists and environmentalists feared that, at that level, the consequences for the planet and civilization would be dire, pushing global

temperatures to 1.0°C above the pre-industrial baseline. That, in turn, would lead to a radical increase in the number and severity of extreme weather events.

Today, the carbon dioxide level exceeds 428 ppm and is rising quickly. Average global temperatures are approximately 1.5°C above the baseline. Our goose is in the oven, and, as current trends are likely to continue for some time, will soon be cooked.

That is not only because the number of climate-driven problems is increasing exponentially as the atmosphere warms, but also because they tend to be more severe than similar events of past decades.

Additionally, they're having a cumulative effect. It used to be that when a town was destroyed by a natural disaster such as a hurricane, flood or wildfire, it was gradually rebuilt while, elsewhere, life went on as it had before. Now, by the time a devastated town such as Paradise, California, is rebuilt, if it ever is, half a dozen more towns will be

destroyed by climate-exacerbated events.

Another problem is that the precise location and severity of future extreme weather events are inherently unpredictable. We know, for example, that U.S. hurricanes mostly make landfall in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic Seaboard. But where they will hit along that roughly 4,000 miles of coastline can't be predicted until a few days before the event. And the amount and cost of the damage they cause can't be assessed until after it's done. The only thing we can be pretty sure of is that there will be many more such events in the coming years.

So, is there an accessible way to visualize recent and upcoming climate impacts? Pondering this, I have devised a simple, totally non-scientific method the average person can use to picture the cumulative effects of climate change.

Spread a large U.S. map on a table. Now, put a thin coat of finger paint in a small dish. Dip your fingertips in the paint, then flick your wrists at the map, scattering

random dots of paint, some tiny and some larger, widely across its surface. Each dot represents a large or small climate-enhanced natural disaster.

Assign that first scattering a year — say, 2010. Now, do it again for 2011, 2012 and so on. By the time you get to 2026, a clear, if geographically inaccurate, pattern will emerge. Damaging climate events have hit all over the country and are leaving variously lasting impacts. Note that this pattern is reflected in today's headlines, which at least weekly, and often daily, report climate-enhanced problems somewhere in the U.S.

Want to visualize the future? Keep going for 2027, 2028 and onward. But use a little more paint each time, because the number of annual events will increase over the decades. My guess is that by the time you reach 2050, large areas of your map will be almost impossible to read.

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



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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: ON TOP OF A CAKE!

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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

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Moments in time

On Jan. 26, 1875, a gang of men likely led by Pinkerton Detective Agency staff, who mistakenly believed that outlaws Frank and Jesse James were holed up in their family home, raided the house, leaving their mother, Zerelda James, permanently maimed and their 9-year-old half-brother, Archie Samuel, dead from an exploded flare meant to flush the brothers out.

On Jan. 27, 1970, John Lennon composed and recorded "Instant Karma," his third solo single prior to the Beatles' official breakup, in one day. Though he remarked that he "wrote it for breakfast, recorded it for lunch, and we're putting it out for dinner," the song was actually released to the public almost two weeks later.

On Jan. 28, 1777, poet, playwright and British General John Burgoyne submitted a plan to the British government that would isolate New England from the other colonies, which involved an invasion of 8,000 British troops from Canada moving south through New York and taking the Americans by surprise. Its failure that autumn launched severe criticism, and soon after Burgoyne retired from active service.

On Jan. 29, 1929, The Seeing Eye, America's first school designed to train guide dogs for the visually impaired, opened in Tennessee. For the benefit of skeptical reporters, co-founder Morris Frank showcased his own dog, Buddy, on busy New York streets.

On Jan. 30, 1994, American speed skater Dan Jansen set a new world record of 35.76 at the World Sprint Championships in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

On Jan. 31, 1961, a chimp named Ham became the first hominid in space, after a 16.5-minute suborbital flight, paving the way for the first human in space three months later.

On Feb. 1, 1917, Germany returned to the policy of unrestricted submarine warfare it had suspended in response to pressure from America and other neutral countries. The previous day, German chancellor Theobald Bethmann Hollweg had announced that "the destructive designs of our opponents cannot be expressed more strongly. We have been challenged to fight to the end. We accept the challenge. We stake everything, and we shall be victorious."

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Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Easy to carry

9 CFO's deg., perhaps

12 Hacks off

16 U.S. soldiers

19 Priest, at a baptism

20 Alley, —

21 Pendant gem

22 Period

23 Medical operation led by a wizard?

26 Phone no.

27 Crusty treat

28 Harbinger

29 Make sharp

30 Toon skunk

31 Bow shooter's attention?

36 Manhole lid, e.g.

38 — avis

39 Sad, to Sartre

41 City in western New York

42 Muscat native who regularly attends Mass?

47 Kia crossover SUV model

49 — of the North" (1922 documentary)

50 Derivation of a word: Abbr.

51 Tax IDs

52 London or Leeds native

53 Onetime Texaco rival

55 Mined stuff

57 Turks and — Islands

62 Olive of "Popeye"

63 Grill residue

64 Like a cream-colored skeleton?

67 Make flush

69 Enclosed bill of fare?

72 Showed on TV again

73 Actor Silver portraying a guy escaping a burning building?

75 With

77 And the like: Abbr.

78 Face-off participant

79 Elev.

80 Kismet

82 152, to Cato

83 Rembrandt

85 500-sheet paper unit

87 Comic Kevin

89 Roster in a mob film

93 Preparing to install a steam outlet?

95 One-off, as a committee

96 Vouch for

99 Writer Seton

100 Winter storm conditions?

102 Sort who doesn't think before speaking?

108 Speak wildly

109 Litigant

110 Politic request

111 Pro-gun gp.

112 Soft & —

113 Feature of this puzzle (hint: string together the letters omitted from the starts of 10 long answers)

119 Lofly verse

120 Notion, in Nantes

121 Banquet dispenser

122 Irredeemable

123 Boise-to-Fresno dir.

124 Scottish loch

125 Mil. draft org.

126 Stays with, as an agenda

93 Preparing to install a steam outlet?

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1 Vast plain of Argentina

2 Broadcast studio sign

3 Fedor of tennis

4 Deadlock

5 "Life of Pi" director Lee

6 Gas grill meas.

7 Maui wreath

8 Hosp.

9 In a demure way

10 Cap'n's underling

11 "Much — About Nothing" (1936 "Simpsons" episode)

12 Sign off from a computer

13 Candor

14 Whittled

15 Devious

16 Settle a score

17 "Let me say it again ..." as files

18 Southern Italian city

24 Very tall bird

25 Letters after pis

30 Flag holder

32 —, unless I'm wrong

33 City in Texas

34 "Star Trek: The Next Generation" actor Jonathan

35 Cereal grass

36 Singer

37 Ocasok

38 "River" New Age artist

39 Coiffures

40 Drivers' licenses, e.g.

41 TV show created by Barbara Walters

42 Rob of "The Stand"

43 Edition: Abbr.

44 — di-dah

45 Dissertations

46 Actress Garr

47 Digression

48 Author Rand

49 Relief sounds

50 Palella sites

51 Artist Max

52 "Midnight Cowboy" role

53 Bus, bosses

54 Lestat creator

55 113 60 secs

56 "So —" ("Very well")

57 NHL's Bobby

58 When la luna shines

59 Actor Gerard

60 Orderly

61 Nov. follower

62 Type

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SVEN DIAGRAM

PICKLED HERRING

PICKLED UNCLES

TYPICAL FAMILY GATHERING

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP IF MY OWN HUSBAND WON'T SHARE HIS MONEY WITH HIS WIFE?

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Americanisms

"All that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream."
— Edgar Allan Poe

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GUYS, THOSE NEW GIRLS ARE COMING THIS WAY AND YOU BOTH ARE COVERED IN MUD!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? THAT'S A TERRIBLE FIRST IMPRESSION.

WE FIGURED IF WE SET THEIR EXPECTATIONS LOW, ANYTHING WE DO WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT.

NEWS FLASH...YOU ARE MALE. THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF YOU ARE ALREADY VERY LOW.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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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

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Arm is shorter. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow is larger. 4. Paper is longer. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is different.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: What is the Code of Hammurabi?

2. GAMES: Which letters in the English version of Scrabble are worth 10 points each?

3. MOVIES: What is the name of Dr. Evil's cat in "Austin Powers in Goldmember"?

4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is the common name for somnambulism?

5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town where "Veronica Mars" is set?

6. THEATER: What is the first play written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway?

7. LANGUAGE: What is the official language of Austria?

8. MATH: What is the smallest prime number?

9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only U.S. state with a one-syllable name?

10. MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Norse gods?

Answers

1. One of the earliest and most complete written legal codes established by the Babylonian King Hammurabi.

2. Q and Z.

3. Mr. Bigglesworth.

4. Sleepwalking.

5. Neptune, California.

6. "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, 1959.

7. German.

8. 2.

9. Maine.

10. Asgard.

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E-file your taxes to get your refund and kicker faster

By THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

For taxpayers wanting to claim their share of Oregon’s \$1.41 billion kicker as soon as possible, filing electronically has never been more important. On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund within two weeks. Those who file paper returns will experience a significantly longer wait in 2026 due to processing delays.

“The good news is that nobody has to wait,” said Megan Denison, administrator of the Personal Tax and Compliance Division at the Department of Revenue. “There’s a simple solution. File electronically.”

Oregon will begin processing electronically-filed returns Jan. 26, the same day as the IRS.

The department will begin issuing refunds for e-filed returns Feb. 15. For

paper filed returns, refunds will not start being issued until early April.

In the closing months of 2025, the IRS was late providing necessary tax forms and information to the Oregon Department of Revenue. As a result, the state’s processing of paper-filed Oregon personal income tax returns can’t begin until the end of March.

Taxpayers may be eager to receive their tax refund this year due to the kicker. Oregon’s unique kicker is a refundable tax credit that either reduces the amount of tax owed or increases the amount of a taxpayer’s refund.

“To get your kicker, you must file a return. This year, if you file a paper return, you’re going to face a significant delay in receiving your refund,” Denison said. “Taxpayers who file electronically can avoid the extra wait.”

Chris Wytoski, manager of the Department of Revenue’s processing

center, where paper forms and checks are processed, explained why the delay in receiving forms and information from the IRS will push back paper return processing.

“Using scanners, our front-end system captures the data reported on paper tax returns and checks. It then records the data in a digital format in our core accounting system,” Wytoski said. “We have to tell the system what data to capture and where to find it on each page of the return. Until the federal returns were finalized, we weren’t able to finalize Oregon’s returns and, ultimately, configure our system.”

The result is a delay for Oregon taxpayers filing paper returns this year.

Taxpayers who choose to file a paper return, should be sure to mail it early. Due to changes at the U.S. Postal Service, returns mailed in after April 9 may not receive a postmark on time. Taxpayers who still want to mail their paper

returns can take them to a local USPS office and request a postmark no later than April 15.

Paper returns can also be physically deposited in drop boxes available on both the east and west sides of the Department of Revenue Building in Salem, or outside the DOR offices in Portland, Eugene, Medford and Bend. A drop box at DOR’s Gresham office is available during business hours.

The delay in paper return processing will mean that the department won’t be able to tell taxpayers who file paper returns that their return has been received until paper return processing starts at the end of March and their specific return enters processing. That also means information on paper-filed returns won’t be available in the “Where’s My Refund?” tool until that time.

Statewide, electronic filing rates have been steadily increasing in the last decade. In 2016, 86 percent

of taxpayers filed electronically. That number edged above 90 percent in 2020 and last year, nearly 95 percent of Oregon personal income tax returns were filed electronically.

The state expects to receive more than 2.2 million Oregon personal income tax returns for tax year 2025, Denison said, and approximately 95 percent are again expected to be filed electronically. That still leaves a significant number of taxpayers who could wind up waiting longer than they’d like for their refund and kicker.

For tax year 2023, nearly 123,000 Oregon personal income tax returns were paper filed. More than 100,000 – or five out of every six paper filers – claimed a refund. Choosing to file electronically this year will help those taxpayers to get their refund sooner.

Denison said Oregon taxpayers have multiple free options to file their state returns electronically.

Now in its third year, Direct File Oregon is an interview-based program similar to commercial software and allows taxpayers the convenience and security of filing directly with the state of Oregon through Revenue Online for free. More than 14,000 taxpayers filed their Oregon personal income tax returns with Direct File Oregon in 2025.

Information about filing electronically, including a list of free tax preparation software products and other ways to get help filing your tax return for free, can be found on the Get Free Help with Your Taxes page of the department’s website at www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/get-free-tax-help.aspx.

A full list of approved commercial e-filing software is available on our Electronic filing webpage at www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/electronic-filing.aspx.

BUILDING

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a renovated space within the old I-O building, followed by renovating City Hall into a new police station “of the future.”

The city asked Dalke Construction to provide a cost estimate for what they believed the remodel would cost. They returned with an estimate just under \$1.3 million. Their estimate left out additional costs for interior furnishings, secure entryways, fire sprinkler systems and seismic requirements. In addition, their estimate did not include the building permit fees, system development charges, etc. that would

need to be paid as well.

Latta said for the purposes of this report, after adding building permit fees and system development charges among other costs, staff conservatively estimated the remodel of the former I-O building would be less than \$2 million.

Staff did not have an estimate yet for the costs of renovating City Hall into a police station. But a seismic upgrade for the 1936 building would be a major cost of a renovation, which Latta said the state offers annually competitive seismic grants up to \$2.5 million per grant to help cities pay for such projects.

City staff estimates an up front cost of about

\$2.5 million for the renovation. Latta said staff recommended the city complete an interfund loan to pay for these projects. Interfund loans for capital projects such as this can be for up to 10 years. To repay the \$2.5 million interfund loan, staff recommends the creation of a fee that would be collected monthly with the city bill. The fee would need to be \$8 per month, but could be tiered over the first few years to build up to the \$8.

“This fee would be a long-term fee extending well beyond the repayment of the interfund loan,” Latta explained. “That is because this fee would also pay for the future remodel projects

inside city hall and could be used to pay for other public safety capital expenses such as maintenance on public safety facilities, or purchasing police vehicles, ambulances and fire trucks.”

For Councilor David Shein, option five sounded like “a no brainer” alternative solution.

“It’s realistically within our means, which distinguishes itself in some ways from the others. It provides more space than any of the others at a fraction of the cost and even with that allows space to accommodate future growth,” Shein said.

Councilor Michael Holsapple was the only member to vote against

pursuing an alternative renovation option. He felt Option 5 was a good fallback option.

“If we look at our goals, 1.1 specifically says to secure funding, complete design and build a new police department,” Holsapple read from prior staff reports. “That’s not Option 5. Option 5 is what happens when we do not accomplish that goal.”

He instead still supported pursuing Option 3, a \$16.1 million bond that would pay to construct a two-story police department with a third-floor “shell” that could be completed to meet additional needs as funds became available.

“I feel we should give the public a voice in it

and push forward Option 3, understanding we’ll go with what the public says. If they say yes, we’ve accomplished our goal, we are building a new police department. If they say no, then there’s Option 5.”

In supporting Option 5, Council President Larry Briggs wanted staff to include in its next presentation including a sunset to the extra costs in the city bill and an annual review of the amount as it approached its goal of \$8 a month.

As the plan was still in its initial stages, Latta said staff will prepare a more comprehensive report for the City Council’s Jan. 20 meeting for the next steps involving Option 5.

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CHAMP

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“It’s a little too big for me now,” Tilgnor said of his old jacket. “I’m not as big as I used to be.”

The school then presented their honoree with a new letterman jacket to commemorate his legacy.

Athletic Director Ron Snively said the ceremony was a way for the school to thank Tilgnor for “paving the way for future wrestlers and state champions at Dallas.”

The ceremony surprised Tilgnor.

“I’m really shocked,” he said. “This is something I never expected. It’s truly an honor.”

While his accomplishment is a cornerstone of the program, a new chapter is being written these days. One that was on full display last week. And one Tilgnor admits he underestimated.

“When they told me there were more than 500 girls competing, I was shocked,” he said of the Lady Dragon tournament’s appeal. “I never could have imagined that many girls wrestling.”

The two-day Lady Dragon tournament and invitational featured 53 teams and 566 athletes, making it the largest girls wrestling tournament in

Oregon.

It also served to bring together the sport’s past and present.

“It’s historic on many levels. Delmond was our first state champion, the first of what is now 31,” Dallas coach Austin Markee said. “And now we’re hosting one of the toughest, and the largest, girls tournament in the state.”

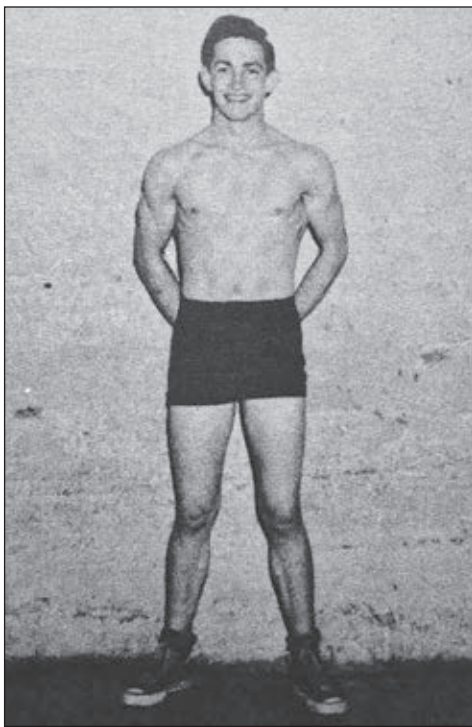
Markee added the rise of girls wrestling has been rapid – 23 girls are on the Dragons’ team. It’s a number that has grown dramatically in five years. This growth is not a local phenomenon.

“Girls wrestling is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country ... right up there with lacrosse,” Markee said. “Once it became sanctioned and girls-only tournaments were created, it just caught fire.”

Unlike some programs that separate the boys and girls teams, Dallas keeps their wrestlers together. Markee believes unity strengthens the culture.

“We haven’t split them,” Markee said. “The best teams don’t necessarily do that.”

The Dallas’ girls program has already produced its first girls state champion. Polly Olliff, a three-time title winner, is from a strong wrestling family.



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Delmond Tilgnor (1949)

Tony Olliff, her father, was a long-time head coach of the Dallas program, and is now an assistant coach.

With a middle school pipeline feeding the girls program and participation numbers on the rise, Markee believes the Dragons are well positioned for years to come, if not sooner.

“We think we’re right there for a state title,” he said. “It’s pretty cool.”

For Tilgnor, seeing this growth firsthand was an eye-opener.

“Girls wrestling is one of the biggest changes I’ve seen” in the sport, he said.



Delmond Tilgnor (2025)

“It was a surprise.”

Another surprise is that the echoes of 1949 still matter. Tilgnor was stunned that the school wanted to honor him.

“That was a long time ago,” he said of his state title run. That it still resonates “is something I never expected.”

He wrestled at 138 pounds, and navigated a very different landscape than today’s wrestlers. For example, there were no seedings, and brackets weren’t designed to protect top contenders, especially in the early rounds.

No, his path through the

state tournament followed an odd but telling pattern. One where top wrestlers often met each other in the early rounds.

“My freshman, sophomore and junior years, I always drew the eventual state champion,” he said. “Every guy who beat me went on to win state. I was never beaten in high school, except by a state champion.”

The only pin he suffered came as a freshman. It was the only match his father ever attended.

“My dad never saw me win a state championship. Just that one loss,” he said.

Tilgnor’s journey to greatness was almost sidetracked. In 1947, as a sophomore, Dallas nearly dropped the sport entirely, he said. Older brother Farrell rode to the rescue by stepping in as the team’s interim coach. Farrell also arranged matches and kept the program alive with help from the school principal.

“He really saved the sport here,” Tilgnor said. “Without Farrell, there might not have been wrestling at Dallas.”

After his championship season, he was recruited by Oregon State University. Turning down that opportunity remains one of Tilgnor’s few regrets.

“They didn’t give us the kinds of deals football players got back then,” he said. “But they told me I’d have an on-campus job and things like that. I just had a lot going on, and I didn’t do it.”

Saturday’s ceremony will not be forgotten by the man so honored.

“When they called my name as state champion, it almost felt like a dream. I couldn’t believe it at the time,” Tilgnor said before the jacket exchange. “But honestly, I’m almost more shocked by what the school is doing for me now than I was then. I’m truly flabbergasted.”

ENGINE

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It’s kind of a ceremonial thing. They used to do that with all their old engines and horse carts and hose carts.”

Dallas Fire & EMT found themselves with an extra apparatus last year. Dallas Fire Chief April Wallace said they got the City Council to approve using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funding instead to purchase a new engine rather than putting the money toward a new training facility. They acquired a 2024 Spartan to augment their 2016 Pierce, 2003 ladder truck and the 1995 Pierce.

“We felt the best use for the 1995 Pierce, after talking with our fleet maintenance, was for it to come here,” Wallace said.

Dallas Fire & EMT performed their own “push-in” ceremony a year ago for their new Spartan rig.

Gilbert said it was a big deal that his predecessor Bob Young and Dallas Fleet Supervisor Kent McKnight worked out behind the scenes.

“It was a good plan that if Dallas needed a backup engine, it could come to Falls City and if they needed it, they could always come to get it for their backup,” Gilbert explained.

Over the next three years, if one of Dallas’s newer engines goes down for any reason, then they can come out and borrow the ’95 Pierce. After the three years is up, it then becomes Falls City’s permanently.

“It gives a little insurance for them and we get an update because our newest big engine 122 is a 1991 from Salem,” Gilbert said.

His department christened the ’95 Pierce with No. 121. Gilbert was at the station the last time an Engine 121 was retired. The newer Engine 121 comes with a lot less miles than their current city engine – a 1991 Pierce they acquired from Salem. It has more than 163,000 miles on it while the ’95



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Falls City firefighters ceremonially “push” their new 1995 Pierce engine into the fire station bay Jan. 7.

Pierce has just over 35,000 miles logged.

“She’s like brand new compared to our old one. Our old one is working, but technically in the fire service, they would both be at the end of their life-cycle – a 20-year engine is pretty regular service life,” Gilbert said. “If you take care and do all the maintenance, we’ve gotten almost 20 extra years out of the Salem engine.”

The ’95 Pierce is an addition to their fleet. One of their older engines is getting a pump repaired in Dallas. It gives Falls City a total of two brush rigs, two city engines and a rural

engine.

His hope is to keep both around until they can get a tender, when they would then retire the Salem engine.

Gilbert said the only cost to Falls City for the ’95 Pierce is maintenance.

“Our obligation is maintenance, readiness and insurance and all the things to keep it ready to go,” he said.

He added if they had to go buy a comparable used engine, it would probably be about \$20,000. “By the time we have everything on that engine, we’ll probably have \$20,000 into it,” he added, pointing toward

all the hoses and extra equipment for various emergency situations.

The all-volunteer Falls

City Fire Department has 25 firefighters and five enrolled in their Juniors program. Four of their

higher ranking members are also engineers, already trained to drive the new engine with another four in training.

His department is responsible for one square mile around Falls City. They also provide mutual aid if called upon by Southwest Polk, Dallas, or Polk Fire District One.

Wallace said she loves that Dallas was able to provide Falls City with a new piece of equipment for their expanding role.

“We respond quite frequently as mutual aid partners. It’s important for us to make sure they have equipment that is safe for their personnel to respond in as well,” Wallace said. “This 1995 Pierce engine has been extremely well taken care of by our fleet maintenance. I’m really happy to see it’s going to a home that’s going to continue to keep it well taken care of.”

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Jan. 6

Central 73, McKay 43

Corvallis 73, Dallas 32

Perrydale 68,

Livingstone Academy 21

St. Paul 68, Falls City 12

Jan. 8

Willamette Valley Christian 54,

Perrydale 26

Falls City 51, Chemawa 32

Jan. 9

Central 55, Woodburn 45

Lebanon 76, Dallas 52

Jan. 10

Crane 46, Perrydale 39

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 5

Perrydale 28, Yamhill-Carlton 36

Jan. 6

Central 51, McKay 34

Corvallis 42, Dallas 34

St. Paul 71, Falls City 17

Jan. 8

Perrydale 62, Willamette Valley

Christian 8

Falls City 28, Chemawa 39

Jan. 9

Central 43, Woodburn 35

Lebanon 69, Dallas 35

Jan. 10

Crane 50, Perrydale 29

Prep Calendar

Jan. 7

WRESTLING

Central vs. Lebanon, 6 p.m.

Dallas at Crescent Valley, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gladstone vs. Dallas, 6 p.m.

Falls City vs. Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Falls City vs. Perrydale, 7 p.m.

Jan. 8

Boys Basketball

Falls City at Livingstone

Academy, 7 p.m.

Jan. 9

WRESTLING

Central at Lebanon invitational,

9:30 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Silverton vs. Central, 5:30 p.m.

Crescent Valley vs.

Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Perrydale at St. Paul, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Silverton vs. Central, 7 p.m.

Crescent Valley vs. Dallas, 7 p.m.

Perrydale at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

Jan. 13

SWIMMING

Centra vs. Dallas vs. Silverton

Dallas Aquatic Center, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Corvallis vs. Central, 5:30 p.m.

Dallas at South Albany, 5:30 p.m.

Perruydale at North Clackamas

Christian, 5:30 p.m.

C.S. Lewis vs. Falls City, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Silverton vs. Central, 7 p.m.

Dallas at South Albany, 7 p.m.

Perrydale at North Clackamas

Christian, 7 p.m.

C.S. Lewis vs. Falls City, 7 p.m.

Panthers keep conference streak alive



Ryan Burgett spent the week dominating inside for the Panthers. He is pictured here scoring against McKay at home on Jan. 6.

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

It was a start-to-finish win for the Central varsity boys basketball team, as they routed McKay, 73-43, at home, Jan. 6.

And the team did it with numbers. Nine players scored for the Panthers, including the four who reached double-digits: Ty Cirino, Ezra Wells, Ryan Burgett and Lucas Haines.

Emptying the bench was a part of the team’s pre-game strategy.

“It wasn’t about downplaying McKay at all, but this was a good opportunity to reward some younger players and role players, even seniors, for the work they put in,” head coach Tyler Allen said. “We decided early that regardless of the score, we wanted to see a deep rotation.”

Thus, the Panthers substituted early and often during the contest.

As for Wells, he finished with 12 points and was on fire from beyond the arch, going 4-for-6.

“I was in rhythm and getting to my spots, the wings and the top of the key, which are the areas I really like,” Wells said. “It felt good tonight, so I just kept shooting.”

Cirino added three treys and finished with a team-high 13 points.

“Ty and Ezra did a great job finding open spots and shooting with confidence,” Allen said.

Central’s touch from outside

See **BOYS**, page B8

Panthers will send nine to the Oregon Wrestling Classic

Fourteen Panthers Kids traveled to the North /Oregon Classic Qualifier. After a long, grueling day, nine will represent Panther Kids Wrestling in Redmond next Sunday.

“This is only the second year we have qualified more than one or two wrestlers,” said head coach Vidal Peña. “The better we get, the more we send. Three others were one win away from placing in the top three to qualify. I am very proud of where we have come the past couple years.”

The girls, Hazel Granum,

See **WRESTLING**, page B8



Dominic Graham pins his opponent for first place (Photo by Tristin Thoma)

Panthers shake off slow start, beat Scots, Bulldogs



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Panther defenders (from left) Emery Lushenko, Kennedy Reynolds and Ava Sanchez Defense help pave the way in last week’s 51-34 win over McKay.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

It took time, but the Central girls varsity basketball team eventually pulled away from McKay to win easily, 51-34, on Jan. 6.

This was the Panthers first win of the season. And it couldn’t have come at a better time.

“It feels really good,” guard Bella Names said of getting the team’s first win. “It feels like we can start building momentum now.”

Early on, it was the Royal Scots who were the better team. The visitors were up 10-5 after one quarter.

But then the Panthers went on a tear, scoring 20 of the game’s next 28 points. And were never really threatened the rest of the way.

“We came out a little slow, but from about the second quarter on we picked it up, especially defensively,” said coach Marc Burleson. “That was more like our Central

defense”

Names agreed.

“We needed this win, so we pushed through,” she said. “Even though it didn’t go exactly how we wanted, we still pulled it off.”

The team’s dominance on defense was reflected in its advantages in rebounds, 36 to 21, and steals, 20 to 9.

Names, who had 10 steals and seven boards, added six points and three assists. Molly Henderson led Central with nine points. Ava Sanchez netted eight.

Names and Henderson paced the team with seven boards each.

McKay entered the game with one win in seven outings. But Central knew not to take a fellow competitor lightly.

“We just have to play at the same level all the time, no matter who we’re playing,” Burleson said of lessons learned. “We need to come

See **GIRLS**, page B8

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1986

Polk officials hope hepatitis contained
Polk County health officials have their fingers crossed that a hepatitis outbreak has been confined to the Monmouth-Independence area and the epidemic has been contained.

Mari Sohn, county health director, said Monday the latest reported case occurred Dec. 25 and the earliest was on Dec. 14.

Council approves insurance switch
Mayor Gwen VanDenBosch gave her annual state of the city message Monday night before the Dallas City Council grappled with its continuing insurance problems.
“Last year we continued to recover from the severe recession with some stability in employment by our major industries,” said VanDenBosch.
She listed the completion in 1985 of the Fir Villa sewer line and the North Dallas intersection improvements, plus continued local economic development efforts.

Dallas girls notch year’s first victory
Dallas High’s girls basketball squad rode a strong first half and a 19-point effort by Beth Engel to notch its first

victory of the season, 37-29 over Evergreen, Wash., on Friday.
The Dragons, 1-6, opened Willamette Valley League play Tuesday against Newberg (results were unavailable at press time).
Engle scored 19 points on eight-of-17 shooting from the field and grabbed 12 rebounds.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1976

Commissioners close second hand business
In Polk County business last week, Jim’s Trading Post in Grand Ronde lost its operating license when commissioners decided the business had violated county ordinances.
Commissioners said the business, which sells books and miscellaneous items, had failed for several years to keep accurate records.

IED transfer decision upheld
A state hearings officer has upheld a Polk County Intermediate Education District decision to transfer Dessert Seed Co.’s land to Central School District from Dallas School District.
Dessert Seed farm managers, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Engle, had favored the change because children whose families

FLASHBACK

This week’s Flashback is from Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1976: ANTIQUES – Members of the Pioneer Loop historical extension group planned a January meeting last week on Oregon lifestyles and presented the lesson by having members search their attics and basements for family keepsakes. Pictured holding some of the items are Helen Hubbard (left) and Jeanne Taylor. Most of the dozens of items displayed (only a few of which are pictured) were dated from 1880 to 1920. (File I-O photo.)

moved to different parts of the farm had to change each time they crossed district boundaries.

Dragons divide rousing cross-leaguers
Last week Dallas opened its 1976 basketball season with a couple of games that would rival, for excitement, the

‘Thrilla in Manilla.’
On Tuesday the Canby Cougars came to town and dropped a 61-55 decision in a game that was exciting right down to the closing seconds.
Friday, the Dragons were guests of the Silverton Foxes ... the Foxes prevailed 52-50.

Community Achievement

ELI HESS NAMED TO MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE PRESIDENT'S LIST
Eli Hess, a Dallas High School graduate, completed the Marion Military Institute Fall 2025 semester on the college’s President’s List. This academic achievement requires a perfect 4.0 GPA.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM LINFIELD COLLEGE
Two West Salem residents were among 64 students who completed their degree programs following the fall 2025 semester at Linfield College. Jennifer Ball and Abbi Karvandi both graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

JACOB SKJEI NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST
Jacob Skjei, of West Salem, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Fall 2025 Dean’s List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

SNHU ANNOUNCES FALL 2025 PRESIDENT'S LIST
Local students were named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Fall 2025 President’s List. The

fall terms run from September to December.
Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.
Students honored were Logan Baker and Alexander Griffin, of Independence, and John Calhoon, of West Salem.

JOSHUA HIGGINS EARNS PRESIDENT'S LIST HONORS AT UTU
Joshua Higgins, from West Salem, was among 951 students who earned a spot on the Utah Tech University President’s List for the fall 2025 semester. To qualify, students had to attain a semester GPA of 3.9 or higher and complete at least 15 credits.

CIELA ACOSTA MAKES EMU'S DEAN'S LIST
Ciela Acosta, a Peacebuilding and Development major from West Salem was named to the Fall 2025 Dean’s List at Eastern Mennonite University.
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.

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Community Calendar Jan. 14-21

Wednesday, Jan. 14
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, City Hall, 555 S Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Thursday, Jan. 15
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior

Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Winter Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St W
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

Friday, Jan. 16
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social & Bingo Special, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Live Music: The Blue Light, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - Live Music: Lockwood Odyssey, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Adult Paint Night, Dallas Public Library, sign up at the library or by calling (503) 623-2633
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

Saturday, Jan. 17
11 a.m. - Streamside Stewardship, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
6 p.m. - Live Music:

Northwest Transit Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence, \$10 cover charge
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth
7:30 p.m. - Free Concert for WOU students: Nickerson-Rossi Dance, Smith Fine Arts, Central High School

Sunday, Jan. 18
2 p.m. - Live Music: Beth & Friends, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Monday, Jan. 19
Public libraries closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/ Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 Main St.
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

Tuesday, Jan. 20
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/ Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 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. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Winter Bingo, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth

Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

Wednesday, Jan. 21
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

THE GATE HOSTS COMMUNITY PARTNERS BREAKFAST JAN. 30
The Gate Youth Association hosts a Community Partners Breakfast from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Jan. 30 at the Gate Community Youth Center, 1501 Monmouth Ave. This breakfast is a chance to gather with local leaders and community partners, share a meal, and spend some time talking about how Gate Youth Association is supporting hundreds of youth each day through safe, engaging, and enriching programs. They’ll also share a brief update on what’s ahead, including a capital campaign for a 6,000+ square-foot facility expansion that includes classrooms and dedicated spaces for meals, recreation and community outreach opportunities. RSVP by Jan. 15 to partners@thegateyouth.org or (503) 868-4978.

SIGNUPS OPEN FOR ANNUAL BROCKWAY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY
The 23rd Annual Brockway Memorial (Open) Golf Tournament is Feb. 7 at Cross Creek Golf Course. The event will be a two-person scramble format over 18 holes with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$80 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. 30 and is limited to the first 120 paid players. For more information and/ or an application visit or call the pro-shop at (503) 623-6666, go to the Cross Creek Facebook or website www.crosscreekgc.com.

BOOK CLUB MEETS JAN. 14
The Get Lit! Book Club meets at 6 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., to discuss the book “The Invisible Life of Addie Larue” by V.E. Schwab.

POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATS MEET JAN. 15
The first meeting of the Polk County Democrats in the new year will be via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 15. Join in to meet and hear from several candidates running for local offices this year. For more information and to receive the link to this meeting and be put on their email announcements list for

future events, go to www.polkdems.org, scroll down to Step 2, and click the link to subscribe to their newsletter.

DANCE STUDIO HOSTS ALL AGES FAMILY DANCE JAN. 16
The Lora Michele Dance Studio hosts an All Ages Family Dance, with Music by DJ Kdub, from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 16 at 939 S Main St., in Dallas. Admission is \$5 per person or \$25 for a family of five or more. Kids ages two and under, and support workers, get in free. For tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/48VZ1t1>.

DALLAS LIBRARY INTRODUCES NEW BOOK CLUB JAN. 17
The Dallas Public Library is introducing a new book club for anyone interested in reading in the sci-fi or fantasy genres. The club will be meeting the third Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. The first meeting is Jan. 17. The club will use this time to select choices to read as well as explain the club’s operating procedures. For anyone interested in joining, call the library at (503) 623-2633 or ask at the front desk on your next visit.

TALK ABOUT IT TUESDAY RETURNS JAN. 20
“Talk About It Tuesday,” sponsored by the Polk County Democrats, meets in person from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday

of each month. On Jan. 20, join a roundtable discussion with Rep. Paul Evans. They ask only that attendees bring their integrity and empathy. For more information and to sign up for email notifications, go to www.polkdems.org, scroll to Step 2, and click the link to subscribe to their newsletter.

ODOT HOSTS DALLAS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OPEN HOUSE JAN. 21
ODOT hosts an open house on the Dallas Transportation System Plan Jan. 21 at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 Jefferson St. ODOT is working with the city of Dallas to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). This is a long-range plan that guides transportation investments and policies for the next 20 years. Join in person to learn about the progress and to share your thoughts. Doors open at 4 p.m. Presentations are at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit the Dallas TSP Update website <https://bit.ly/3Z8ZF1S>.

DALLAS EVENT CENTER HOSTS BIG BAND JAZZ PARTY JAN. 24
The Dallas Event Center and Lora Michele Dance Studio present a Big Band Party with Big Band Jazz Party, from 7-10 p.m. Jan. 24 at 939 Main St., Dallas. Enjoy a fun evening of dancing, live jazz

music, delicious food, and 1920s-inspired costumes. To purchase tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/48wFfpb>.

PAJAMA PARTY FUNDRAISER RETURNS JAN. 24
Benedetto Vineyards, Sable House and New Morning Bakery Dallas host a Pajama Party Fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. Jan. 24 at 14020 Orchard Knob Road, Dallas. Grab your slippers and head to Benedetto Vineyards in support of this local, vital resource for domestic and sexual violence victims. Bring donations of new pajamas and personal hygiene items to be entered into the raffle. Fun games and activities await at this Slumber Party-themed event.

4-H OFFERS INTRO TO BLACKSMITHING CLASS JAN. 27
Oregon 4-H Polk County and OSU Extension present an Introduction to Blacksmithing Class from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 27 at Vonhelnick Knife Company in Falls City. For ages 10-18, create your own letter opener to take home. Registration fee is \$10 for enrolled 4-H members and \$15 for non-members. Go to <https://beav.es/smithletteropener>.

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS LEGO PARTY JAN. 28
The Friends of the Monmouth Library present

a Lego party and contest from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., in Monmouth. Celebrate Lego’s birthday, build with our Legos, and create a spaceship to enter our Lego contest! For ages 5-18.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY SYMPHONY CONCERTS
The Willamette Valley Symphony, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion Counties, presents Brahms’ Double Concerto and a Reflection on Nature at 7 p.m., Feb. 7 at the Albany Performing Arts Center at West Albany High School and at 4 p.m. Feb. 8 at Ashbrook Private School in Corvallis. Tickets are \$22 for adults ages 18-65, \$20 for seniors 65 and older and free for youth 17 and under. To purchase tickets, go to www.ticketleap.events/events/wvsymphony.

MINET HOSTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JAN. 28
Monmouth-Independence Network (MINET) Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m. Jan. 28. Join them in person at Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Road, in Monmouth, or virtually. For agenda and virtual link details go to <https://minetfiber.com/board-of-directors>.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CIO26-103 IN THE MATTER OF: K.B. Minor Child IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO: JU-2024-7.02

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO: Christel Barber You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Alabama Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights to K.B., born January 4, 2024, to Christel Barber, at DCH Northport Medical Center, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, be terminated. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an answer with the Clerk of this Court and the Petitioner's attorney, Amye Jefferson, P. O. Box 70106, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35407, within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice or a default judgment will be entered against you. A hearing has been set in this Court for the 24th day of March 2026 at 9:00 a.m., at the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Court, at which time you may appear and contest the same if you so choose. Magaria Bobo Clerk of Juvenile Court

PCIO26-106 Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 01/29/2026 at 10:00AM. Melisa Wetzell Unit #A3014; Jessica Rios Unit #A3060; Amanda Reed Unit #A4112; Racheal Sike Unit #A4229. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-107 Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice West Salem Storage located at 650 2nd St NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 1/29/2026 at 10:00AM. Lauren Walton unit #102; Amy Orchard unit #118; Christopher Alvarado unit #123; Alexander Niles unit #136; Rafael Esquivel unit #151; Takie Young unit #21; Jarrett Gurule unit #24; Jessica Sikich unit #6; Jacob Martin unit #72. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-110 City of Dallas Urban Renewal Plan Annual Report, Display Legal, 4 column X 6 inches 1/14/26 1/21/26

PCIO26-109 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF POLK,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFERY E. EARTHART, DECEASED, CASE NO. 25PB11232, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at PO Box 667, Albany, OR 97321, or they 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 for the Personal Representative. Date of first publication: January 14, 2026. Stephanie Y. Earhart, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jeffery E. Earhart, Deceased. Finn E. Carlson, OSB #143013, Weatherford Thompson, Attorneys for the Personal Representative, PO Box 667, Albany, OR 97321, (541) 926-2255.

PCIO26-111 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, PROBATE DEPARTMENT, CASE NO. 25PB10989, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JILL KATHLEEN JACKSON, DECEASED. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scott Kenyon has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at PO

Box 781, Corvallis, Oregon 97339, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Joel Howe, Evashevski Elliott PC, PO Box 781, Corvallis, Oregon 97339. Dated and first published on January 14, 2026. Scott Kenyon, Personal Representative.

PCIO26-105 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 on 1/28/2026 at 3:00PM. Stefanie Fitch unit #15; Mattie Finlay unit #21; Jason Findley unit #33. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-104 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF COLLATERAL THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OF OREGON

Polk County Storage 590 Hoffman Rd. Independence, OR 97351 NAME UNIT SIZE ANA STEIFER 1-9 10x10 DEREK RARDIN 2-16 10x10 JANET GODWIN 3-12 5x10 LUKE DONHOFF 3-13 5x10 Eldeen Herrera 3-19 5x10 AMANDA RODINO 3-23 5x10 JAMES COLE 5-3, P20 10x30 KATIE RIMER 6-22 5x12h JAMIE FRANCOM 9-39 5x12 Leonardo Maciel 13-15 5x10 JENNIFER GOODMAN 14-1 10x35 MELONDY GIBBONEY 14-25 10x20 Eric Kelsey 16-18, P65 5x10 TIMOTHY WICKERSHAM 18-8 10x25 Juan Ramos 18-32 10x20 LINDA WOODBURY SV-11 6x8 Notice is hereby given that at the hour of 1:00 pm on January 18, 2026 the undersigned will sell at Public Sale the personal property of the above-named debtors which is now stored at the above-referenced storage complex and is being sold for past due rent. The said goods are held by the above-referenced storage complex as collateral securing obligations of the above-named debtors to the above-named storage complex and are to be sold pursuant to The Uniform Commercial Code of Oregon which provides for the sale of collateral by a secured party following default by a debtor. Goods will be sold at 590 Hoffman Rd. Independence, OR where they are now located. The sale will be conducted as a verbal auction where the highest bidder gets the entire unit. Each unit will be open for viewing for 10 minutes before bidding begins. The auction will begin at 1:00 pm. The goods will be offered as a unit and the right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

PCIO26-100 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. Number: 2025-00091-OR

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by DONOVAN JACKSON as grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE as trustee, in favor of HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK INC.), AS LENDER MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., MERS IS A SEPARATE CORPORATION THAT IS ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as beneficiary, dated 05/18/2007 recorded on 05/24/2007, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book

--- at page --- and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2007-008277, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 568485 MAP NO.: 07329-BB-07300 LOT 143, EAGLES VIEW NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY OREGON Commonly Known As: 350 FLYING EAGLE STREET NORTHWEST, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-QS8 and the trustee Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default 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: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE AS OF 10/10/2025: \$16,301.76 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 10/10/2025: \$416,962.05 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said default being the following: Installment of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 05/01/2025 plus late charges, and all subsequent installments of principal, interest, balloon payments, plus impounds and/or advances and late charges that become payable Therefore, notice hereby is given that Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services the undersigned trustee will on 02/24/2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, Front Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 as established by ORS187.110, in the 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 grantor 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 ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the

principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying the sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. In construing this notice the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale has been issued by the Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the Trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential properties 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 properties should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN

ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant Dated: September 23, 2025 Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 Dated: September 23, 2025 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO On September 23, 2025 before me, Yosemite Lopez Campos, Notary Public, Personally appeared Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Yosemite Lopez Campos Notary Name (Seal) FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299

PCIO25-1453 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On 01-30-26, 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 915 N. MAIN ST. INDEPENDENCE, OR. 97351. The court case number is 25CV17027, where PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. is plaintiff, and DIVINE HOLDINGS LLC, an inactive Oregon limited liability company; DIVINE DISTILLERS INC., an Oregon corporation; INDEPENDENCE BEVERAGES LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; JASON A. GREENWOOD AND JENNEL C. IVES, individually and as trustees of the IVES-GREENWOOD JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, DONALD G. EDIGER AND PATRICIA K. EDIGER, doing business as D.E.B. ENTERPRISE, an inactive Oregon assumed business name; CBS OUTDOOR GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation, formerly known as VIACOM OUTDOOR, INC. 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/

PCIO25-1451 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Diana K. Schweitzer has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF DEBORAH K. GABRIEL, deceased, by judgment of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate Case No. 25PB10277. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Susan P. Cook, Attorney at Law, 790

State Street, PO Box 5943, Salem, OR 97304, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of this court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: December 31, 2025. Diana K. Schweitzer Personal Representative Susan P. Cook, OSB #962492 Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 5943 Salem, OR 97304 (503)910-0900 e-mail: spcook@willamette.edu

PCIO25-1450 DALLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NOTICE OF CHARITABLE FUND DISTRIBUTION

ANTHONY AND PEARL PROAL FUND AND GENERAL CHARITABLE GRANTS Dallas Community Foundation, an Oregon non-profit corporation (Foundation), intends to make a distribution from the Anthony and Pearl Proal Fund (Proal Fund), together with an additional distribution of unrestricted funds. The total amount available to be distributed from the Proal Fund is \$30,000.00, with additional funds to be distributed from other unrestricted charitable funds of the Foundation of \$16,000.00, for a total distribution of \$46,000, in amounts up to a maximum of \$5000, each. Pursuant to the terms of the Proal Fund, the net income of the Proal Fund is to be used for general charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Foundation, with preference given to eligible services benefitting senior citizens. The Foundation supports services and programs that primarily benefit residents within the Dallas School District boundaries. Notice is hereby given that charitable organizations that provide services to senior citizens may apply for a distribution from the Proal Fund. Other charitable organizations may also apply for grants from both the Proal Fund and the unrestricted charitable fund. Further information and a grant application may be obtained at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com. Applications will be accepted until January 30, 2026. Awards will be announced March, 2026. Dallas Community Foundation PO Box 1001 Dallas, OR 97338 This notice is published for three successive weeks on December 31, 2025, January 7, and 14, 2026.

PCIO26-108 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 27th, 2026. 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: Douglas Burrows A0032, Jimmy Davis H30319, Carrie Lewis H20251, Daniel Osborne H20247, Teresa Whittlinger H10057, Allen Barnes H10052, Myrna Garcia A0028.

PCIO26-110

The Dallas Development Commission has published the FY 2024/25 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 2024/25, the Agency received \$219,190 in property tax revenue and expended \$365,704 in the Downtown Area. The estimated tax revenues for the Downtown Area for FY 2025/26 are \$220,000. The Downtown Area FY 2024/2025 budget includes \$555,000 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining for the Downtown Plan Area is \$5,132,130. The maximum indebtedness amount budgeted to be incurred in FY 2024/25 was \$529,100.

The South Dallas Area received \$106,177 in property tax revenue and expended \$11,414 in FY 2024/25. The estimated tax revenues for the South Area for FY 2025/26 are \$150,000. The budget for the South Area for FY 2025/26 is \$322,500 in revenues and expenditures. The maximum indebtedness remaining for the South Area is \$41,545,823. The maximum indebtedness amount budgeted to be incurred in FY 2024/25 was \$44,500.

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	33,226	16,237	13,206,968	0.37%
Chemeketa Community College	12,028	5,863	4,817,016	0.37%
Chemeketa Regional Library	1,503	752	629,545	0.36%
Willamette ESD	5,713	2,706	2,281,477	0.37%
Dallas City	81,337	39,992	6,186,182	1.92%
Dallas CD	1,052	451	107,952	1.37%
Polk Soil/Water CD	902	451	384,807	0.35%
Ash Creek WCD		371	62,596	0.59%
Dallas School District 2	88,253	43,300	10,136,444	1.28%
4-H/M Garden/AG/Forest Ext. District	1,353	601	557,211	0.35%
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DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Dec. 31

At 7:09 a.m., a report of a suspicious person at Goodwill. Officers were unable to locate a suspect.

At 12:09 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a location on Douglas Street.

At 1:07 p.m., a resident approached an officer on Court Street to report a subject was trying to set his house on fire. The officer did not see a fire when he stopped at the house. He suspected the resident was an emotionally disturbed person.

At 4:29 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving uninsured and also received a written warning for failing to renew registration.

At 8:03 p.m., a juvenile driver on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 9:31 p.m., a report that after a stroll down Southeast Levens Street, Rooster the dog (a golden lab) went home.

At 9:35 p.m., Jesse Wolfenbarger, of Dallas, was arrested on Washington Street and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

At 10:55 p.m., a complaint of loud music on Ellendale Avenue. An officer talked with the homeowner who turned the music off.

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 12:52 a.m., a noise complaint over a party on Arthur Street. The music was turned down.

At 6:29 a.m., a resident on Hankel Street reported two people messing with a vehicle stereo in front of their house. An officer contacted a subject in the driver seat who advised he had just bought the vehicle and he was putting in a new stereo with his friend who lived near where they were parked.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

At 3:45 a.m., a 216 Jeep was repossessed on Crider Street.

At 11:43 a.m., a resident found a wandering dog with a tag in her neighborhood on Fowler Street. The tag number was used to locate and contact the owner who advised he would go pick his dog up.

At 4:18 p.m., a subject was formally trespassed from a location on Fairview Avenue.

At 8:13 p.m., an 18-year-old admitted to theft of a liquor bottle from a Safeway store in Salem and drinking it at her friend's apartment. She was forthcoming and took ownership of her decisions. She received a verbal warning for minor in possession.

At 11:30 p.m., a jump-box was deployed to start the designated driver's car on Church Street.

Thursday, Jan. 3

A motorist called to report he had lost control of his vehicle after attempting to pass a garbage truck on Fairview Avenue. He advised he was okay and did not show any signs of impairment. He left his contact information at one of the

residences presumed to be the owner of a trash can that was damaged.

At 9:34 a.m., a backpack was found on Court Street and was placed into safekeeping at the police station. Officers contacted the owner at home.

At 10:58 a.m., a report that on Court Street the front window to business was shattered by a large rock some time during the night.

At 2:07 p.m., Allan Cunningham was arrested on Church Street and was charged with criminal mischief 2. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 2:15 p.m., a report of a late theft on Cooper Street.

At 8:27 p.m., a report of an abandoned vehicle in the lane of travel on Fairview Avenue across from the cemetery. The vehicle was no longer abandoned as the officer was unable to locate it.

Friday, Jan. 4

At 6:06 p.m., a report that money was stolen from Walmart.

At 6:31 p.m., a motorist on Walnut Avenue was cited failing to renew registration and no insurance.

At 7:34 p.m., a report of an RV trailer fire on Main Street.

At 11:11 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street for multiple violations and weaving. The driver had watery/blood shot eyes and was argumentative and trouble dividing attention. The driver performed just well enough on a field sobriety test to not be arrested, but did receive a verbal warning for the violations.

Saturday, Jan. 5

At 9:16 a.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 25-mph zone.

At 2:23 p.m., a report of people feeding the Squirrels on Brandvold Drive. No crimes were reported.

At 9:14 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Cutoff Road was cited for failing to carry/present a license and was verbally warned for multiple violations.

Monday, Jan. 6

At 3:50 a.m., an Amazon driver on Ellendale Avenue stopped for speeding 37 mph in a 25-mph zone and was cited for failure to carry proof of financial responsibility.

At 4:33 a.m., Maximillian Townsdin, of Seattle, was arrested on Washington Street and charged with giving false information about liability insurance to a police officer.

At 9:19 a.m., a resident on Academy Street reported 7-8 juveniles were possibly fighting nearby. The juveniles were gone upon officers' arrival.

At 10:07 a.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash on Kings Valley Highway. There were no injuries and it was non-blocking. One vehicle was towed. Damage was over \$2,500.

At 4:16 p.m., a report of a two vehicle, t-bone crash on Kings Valley Highway. There were no injuries, and it was non blocking. Damage was over \$2,500.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

At 12:43 a.m., a 2016 Toyota Highlander was repossessed on Glendover Lane.

At 4:27 a.m., a report of possible shots in the 100 block of Northeast Fern Street. An officer checked the area but was unable to locate anything.

At 8:35 a.m., a motorist

on Jefferson Street was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 10:08 a.m., a report of a motorist that sheared through a power pole on Academy Street, requiring full pole replacement. There was heavy front end damage to the driver's side of the vehicle. The vehicle drove away. The incident is still under investigation.

At 1:43 p.m., a motorist came into the station to report he was the one who crashed into the power pole earlier this morning.

At 2:36 p.m., Charlotte Roberts was cited and released on Ellendale Avenue for trespass 2.

At 3:27 p.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 25-mph zone and received a written warning driving while suspended - violation. Their driver's license was seized.

At 3:41 p.m., a motorist on Levens Street was cited for driving uninsured.

INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Dec. 31

A family argument over a child making too much noise in the 100 block of North Walnut Street ended with Alexandra Matson being taken into custody and being charged with felony assault 4 for biting a family member.

At 9:20 a.m., a report of chickens in the bed of a truck traveling on Monmouth Street. An officer found the chickens were live in feed backs, which were eventually taken by the owner to a butcher to be eaten.

At 10:45 a.m., a subject reported four of her medication bottles went missing from the top of her car on Evergreen Drive.

An on-duty sergeant was driving in the 1500 block of Monmouth Street and witnessed lit fireworks being tossed out of the vehicle in front of him. A traffic stop was performed, and the sergeant seized a quart-sized bag of fireworks. Crystal Trocha was cited for offensive littering.

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 10:57 a.m., a report of Rottweiler dogs loose on D Street. All the dogs were returned home.

A bar employee in the 1000 block of Monmouth Street called asking for assistance in removing a couple of subjects at the bar who'd been cut off from being served due to their behavior and were causing a disturbance.

Autumn Snyder was not forthcoming with her identity but an assisting officer identified her and knew that Snyder had a cite and release warrant.

Snyder continued to give a different name, though officers positively identified her. She was transferred to Polk County Jail where Snyder struggled with jail deputies and kicked at them as they admitted her. Snyder was charged with giving false information to a police officer, assaulting a police officer and a warrant out of Jackson County.

At 12:24 p.m., a male subject was arrested on Monmouth Street and charged with parole violation.

A sergeant made a traffic stop at Northgate and Gun Club roads for speeding and detected signs of the motorist being intoxicated. After a poor performance on the standard field sobriety tests, Samuel Bauder was

transported to the police station where he blew a .11% blood alcohol content. Bauder was cited and released for driving under the influence.

A backpack that had been found outside the library was turned over to a police officer. It was identified as belonging to Sergio Jimenez and the officer spotted Jimenez a short while later. While attempting to return the backpack, Jimenez was found to be under the influence of alcohol so a detainer was placed as that's a violation of his release agreement. He was transported to jail where he blew a .19% blood alcohol content.

At 5:25 p.m., officers responded to a report of three fighting in the park off Main Street. They caught up with two of the three youths who confirmed they were only play fighting. The youths were released to their parents.

Friday, Jan. 2

A community member witnessed two men come on his property in the 300 block of North Ash Street and one attempted to take bags of cans on the side of his house. They were confronted and left on foot. Arriving officers located the men a couple of blocks away. Enrique Martinez was found to have a probation violation warrant out of Jackson County and was lodged at the Polk County Jail.

Saturday, Jan. 3

On Jan. 3, it was reported that Theresa Portillo struck her ex's face on Jan. 1 when he told her that their relationship was over. This occurred as the victim was buckling a minor into a car seat. A few days later, Portillo arrived at her ex's house in the 400 block of North 13th Street to pick up her child and began smacking her ex as he handed the child over. As family members struggled to get the child away from Portillo, she continued to combat adults with the child on her hip. It was later found that the child was uninjured but got sprayed with blood from the father's nose getting punched by Portillo. Portillo was arrested and charged with two counts of felony assault 4, three counts of physical harassment, disorderly conduct 2 and reckless endangering. Portillo was transported to the Polk County Jail.

Sunday, Jan. 4

At 10:14 a.m., a driving complaint of a possibly intoxicated motorist parked at Tractor Supply. Officers were unable to find the motorist after they left the area.

At 4:39 p.m., a report of a male subject was trying locked doors of parked cars on Main Street. The subject was detained. But after everyone an officer talked with about the incident, none wanted to pursue charges. The subject was released.

Monday, Jan. 5

At 3:11 p.m., a driving complaint of a motorist who hit a stop sign on Jackson Street and drove away on two flat tires. Officers caught up with the motorist, a juvenile, at his home, where he'd gone to return the car to its owner, his sister, and call his mother. The youth passed a field sobriety test but was cited and released for hit and run - property and no operator's license.

At 8:37 p.m., John Hoy was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear

warrant and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

An officer on traffic patrol observed a driver with a cell phone in her hand looking down as she passed him. The officer performed a traffic stop at Monmouth and South 4th streets and discovered that this was Samira Evan's third offense in recent years for driving a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device which rises to the level of misdemeanor criminal offense. Evans was cited and released.

At 11:16 a.m., a motorist on Monmouth Street was cited for using cell phone while driving.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

At 10:50 a.m., a resident on D Street reported nails and screws have been appearing randomly in and outside their driveway. There is no suspect information yet.

At 11:14 p.m., officers responded to a fight call at a bar on Monmouth Street. It turned out to be a possible prank call.

MONMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Jan. 1

DUII: A person was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants at the intersection of Warren and Main streets and lodged at the Polk County Jail. The person's blood alcohol content was 0.15%.

Animal: A person called regarding dogs barking at an apartment unit. The caller reported the barking was "all day" but mostly occurred when people were walking by or when the caller made noise in their own apartment. The dogs were not barking at the time of the call, and the caller did not need a police department response. The caller was encouraged to continue working with the landlord, as the Monmouth Police Department has not been able to substantiate any violations as of this time.

Fight: A report of three people fighting in Main Street Park. Upon arrival, two males were seen running east through the alleyway. An officer contacted one person who stated they were "play fighting" with two other people. Another person was located behind Dominos and reported something similar. The third person was not located. The two individuals located were released to their parents. No Further Action.

Fraud: A person reported someone opening a line of credit through a retailer using her name, address and Social Security Number. Nearly \$9,000 was charged but she was able to dispute this with the retailer. She also reported receiving a credit card in the mail from BlueVine associated with a fake business name, which she was also able to dispute, and has since notified different credit agencies to flag her information. She is not currently out any money.

Theft: A person reported a bag of cans was taken from her front door. She will be sending video of the suspect. She does not want to press charges but is concerned about her children in her home.

Friday, Jan. 2

Arrest: A person was arrested at Taco Bell on an outstanding Marion County warrant for failure to appear. The person was transported and lodged at

the Polk County Jail.

Driving: A complainant reported her daughter had left intoxicated. An officer checked the area and was unable to locate the vehicle. An officer also checked her apartment and her ex-boyfriend's residence based on previous records, but she was unable to locate. The mother said her daughter is going through undiagnosed issues related to emotional distress.

Fraud: A person called back regarding a fraudulent gift card bought on a social media marketplace. He said he met the seller at a high school and bought a \$100 gift card for \$35. He checked the balance at the time of purchase, and it showed \$100, but when he got home and tried to use it online, the balance was \$0.00. The officer called the seller, who said he thought there was \$100 on the card and was willing to work things out if that was not the case. The officer tried to update the buyer but he did not answer.

Criminal Mischief: A person reported that he put another individual up in a room for New Year's Eve and was told by the hotel he would be responsible and charged for damages left in the room. The person said he was consulting with an attorney already and did not want the other individual charged for any crimes. He wanted a police report for documentation purposes.

Animal: A person reported an ongoing issue with a barking dog. The dog owner was called and said he would have his brother put the dog inside.

Crash: Officers passed by a bicycle vs. vehicle crash that had just occurred at the intersection of Clay and Highway 99. The driver of the vehicle reported pulling out from Clay Street East onto Highway 99 and not seeing the bicyclist, causing the vehicle to hit the backside of the bicycle's cart and the bicyclist to fall. A witness reported seeing the bicyclist weaving in and out of the bike lane prior to being hit. Crash exchange forms were given to both involved parties, and medics provided the bicyclist a courtesy ride home.

Alarm: A report of an interior movement alarm was made at a residence. The owner's parents arrived, and officers cleared the house. No one was located inside, and there were no signs of entry.

Driving: A person reported a vehicle almost swerving into him on Highway 22, cutting him off. The person said he tried to get the other vehicle to pull over, got back in front of the vehicle, then was passed again. The person followed the other vehicle home to Monmouth then left after calling. The officer talked to the person about the proper response to these kinds of situations, such as creating distance rather than trying to confront the other driver.

Driving: A caller wanted to report a loud sports car driving fast on Clay Street and said it was possibly associated with her neighbor across the street. The caller did not know what the car looked like and said it was no longer in the area but requested

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extra patrol.

Alarm: A residential alarm was reported. An officer spoke to a resident and was given permission to check around the home. The owner does not know why her alarm keeps going off.

Saturday, Jan. 3

Driving: A citizen waved down officers to report seeing two vehicles doing burnouts in front of a store. Officers patrolled the area but did not see any vehicles matching the description.

Domestic Dispute: A person called and reported her neighbors were outside physically fighting. Officers arrived and learned that a female had gotten home intoxicated and began a verbal altercation with her significant other and adult son. During the altercation, the female bit her significant other and hit/grabbed onto her adult son. Neighbors also witnessed the female hitting and screaming at the other two. The victims were not forthcoming with information once they realized the female was most likely getting arrested. The female was arrested and charged with harassment (domestic violence) on two counts and disorderly conduct 2. She was lodged at the Polk County Jail.

Domestic Dispute: A person pulled into the Police Department because a male was refusing to get out of her car. He put her in a headlock and then pulled out a knife and threatened to kill her. Officers attempted to locate him but could not find him. Probable cause was established for harassment and menacing domestic violence for the male.

Animal: A brown pregnant lab dog with a brown collar was reported running loose in a parking lot. Officers were unable to locate it.

Fraud: A person reported that her daughter sold a vehicle, and the buyer paid in cash. The person went to the bank and was informed one of the \$100 bills was fraudulent. She is bringing in the bills and other information later in the day.

Citizen Contact: A male living in a distant city received a call from a person claiming to be a sergeant with the department who wanted to speak to him about his granddaughter, providing her approximate age. He was informed that no such person works at the department, and it is likely a scam, as law enforcement would not request money, gift cards, or cryptocurrencies over the phone. He was told that for a real concern, an officer would call back. He was already aware of these types of scams and thanked the officer.

Ordinance Violation: Residents called about a vehicle parked on the street blocking their entrance walkway that had not moved for weeks. The involved vehicle was registered across the street, and an officer spoke with the registered owner, who said he would move the vehicle as soon as possible.

Check Welfare: A person called the non-emergency line reporting she was in an abusive relationship. She reported being very scared and that her significant other threatened to cancel her insurance and phone. She was also scared of what he

would do after the police left. Contact was made with both individuals. Based on observations, the significant other has full control of the caller and her belongings, and she has been isolated. The significant other has a history of self-harm but was not feeling suicidal or wanting to harm anyone during the conversation. The caller made comments that he was going to kill her once the officers left, but she refused to leave with them despite being offered multiple options. No crimes were reported, and there was no probable cause for a protective custody hold. Both people were advised to stay separated.

Follow Up: The county jail provided an Oregon Identification card belonging to a male, which was found in his girlfriend's wallet. As he is the victim, they did not want to leave it with her. It was entered into evidence for safekeeping.

Sunday, Jan. 4

Warrant: A person was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Polk County and was lodged at the Polk County Jail.

Driving: A driving complaint was received about a person driving while intoxicated who was parked at a store. The black vehicle and male driver were last seen heading east on a street but were unable to be located.

Harassment: A person came to the station to report harassment but left before an officer came out. She later called and reported that two other people are threatening her, calling her names, and banging on her bedroom door. She stated they are trying to kick her out without doing an eviction and are making police reports about her. She said she is getting a restraining order in the morning. She was told the incident would be documented for her, but she should try to stay civil so no one is arrested.

Assist Other Agency: An officer covered an incident for another agency on a domestic disturbance where it was reported five people were fighting outside, and one was holding a baby. Interviews were conducted, and video footage was obtained.

Suspicious Activity: A report was received that a person was trying the doors of locked vehicles. There were multiple witnesses, but no one who could be contacted wanted to pursue the case. Nothing appeared damaged, and the person left the area after being released.

Suspicious Activity: A person called to report that his son was with his mother in another city when he overheard another person make a comment about shooting him. The person making the threat is reportedly angry that the caller found out two other people had overdosed. The caller mentioned that the person making the threat possesses a small handgun that he keeps in his pocket.

Domestic Disturbance: A domestic disturbance involving two people was reported. One person stated the other should get a drug test and that the second person had shoved and chest-bumped her once. The first person wanted the second person to leave, but the second person lives at the home. The first person agreed to go to her home in another

city to separate.

Monday, Jan. 5

Assist Other Agency: An aggressive dog jumped a fence and attacked the complainant's dog in the backyard. The dog's owner could not be located, and when an officer attempted to catch the loose dog, it had already left the area.

Assist Other Agency: A request was made to locate a hit and run suspect for a police department in another city. An officer visited the person's old address and spoke with residents who confirmed the person had moved over a year ago. Searches for the person and the vehicle (a blue truck) were unsuccessful.

Animal: A call was received regarding two loose dogs (a German shepherd and a golden retriever) near an intersection. The dogs were briefly located at a park but ran off again. They were later seen with a male who claimed he was not the owner. All were gone when the officer followed up. The dogs are believed to reside at nearby apartments.

Arrest: A person turned himself in on an outstanding warrant at the police department and was lodged at the county correctional facility.

Check Welfare: An officer spoke with a person who reported a physical incident after officers had left her house on a previous day. She did not want to press charges but wanted information on safe ways to leave her current situation. She expressed fear that the other individual would obtain a copy of the police report because of sensitive details she disclosed. A supplement will be added to an existing case file.

Citizen Contact: A person came to the police department to report a vehicle crash that happened on a highway. The other driver provided their name and an expired insurance card. The damage appeared to be under \$2,500. The person who reported the crash was advised to contact the State Police if they required a formal police report.

Field Interview Report: An officer located a male covered in a blanket sitting against a room door at a lodging establishment. The person was locked out of his room in his underwear in the cold rain. Management was contacted, confirmed the room was his, and let him back inside.

Hit and Run: A driving complaint was received about a vehicle that hit a stop sign at an intersection and then drove away on two flat tires. The vehicle was located at a nearby address. The driver, matching a witness description, admitted to hitting the sign and driving home to contact the vehicle's owner and his mother. He consented to field sobriety tests and performed well. He was cited and released for hit and run and driving without an operator's license. Public Works was notified, and a temporary stop sign was placed.

Parking: A caller reported a van blocking a driveway. The vehicle was associated with a specific person. The officer contacted the person, who was sleeping in the back of the van, and he agreed to move it immediately.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Check Welfare: The police department received a check welfare call from

a 911 number with a person saying, "HELP ME." Although the location was not precise, an officer made contact at the home. The person explained that a person from a past relationship messages her from random numbers, and he finds new ones when she blocks them. She stated she was fine, and it was unclear if the call was from the ex-boyfriend or someone else.

Crash: A person reported she was involved in a crash at an intersection and followed the other vehicle after it left the scene until it was out of sight. A second call reported the suspect vehicle at a specific address. The officer contacted the driver, who claimed his vehicle was hit but had no visible damage and said he drove around looking for the involved driver. An exchange form was given to him, and he was cited and released for an outstanding warrant from a different city.

Found Property: A person reported finding a red phone with a light gray case near her residence and turned it into the police department. Another person called the following day to report the phone as stolen, was advised it was turned in, and retrieved it.

Information: A report was received from another city's police department concerning a domestic violence incident that took place in that city on a previous date between a married couple who live locally.

Theft: A person reported a male took two bags of cans from the side of his yard. When confronted, the male sped off in a black vehicle. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle during a search of the area. The suspect, who is the registered owner's boyfriend, was later identified. He was at work but agreed to set up a time to meet with the officer.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Assist Other Agency: The fire department requested the police department stand by for an unknown medical call. A person called requesting medics at another person's house, and screaming and cursing could be heard before the line disconnected. Law enforcement assistance was not needed, and the person who called the medics was transported for further evaluation.

Disturbance: The new manager of a business reported a verbal disturbance with a person who was handing out religious materials in the fuel pump area while preaching. The manager allowed the person to vocalize his message but asked him not to hand out items. The person became irate, screamed at the manager, and left. An officer later contacted the person, who became irate and screamed at the officer while recording.

Domestic Dispute: A person called with a translator to report a domestic incident that occurred on a previous date between him and a female, stating she pushed him against a car, causing back pain. He initially claimed she hit him with her car but then retracted the statement. The initial call mentioned custody issues, but he would not elaborate, only stating he wants the female to pay medical expenses. Due to the language barrier and the male not directly answering questions, he was advised that an officer who speaks his language would

contact him to better understand the situation.

Stolen Vehicle: A stolen vehicle report was received for a green truck with an Oregon plate. The caller stated she noticed the vehicle was missing from her driveway about five minutes after arriving home with her husband's friends. The vehicle was later found by a county agency at an intersection in another area.

Suspicious Activity: A person wanted to notify the police department that someone may have been lurking around his truck while he was at his mother's house. He reported seeing his truck lights turn on but confirmed there was no damage, nothing missing, and he did not see anyone nearby. He wanted the department to be aware in case someone was in the area attempting to break into vehicles that night.

Warrant: An officer stopped a vehicle, and the driver had two outstanding failure to appear warrants from one county and an additional warrant from another. Upon searching the driver, an officer located a substance that tested positive for a controlled substance. The driver was lodged at the county correctional facility for his warrants and was also charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Wednesday, Dec. 31

At 8:11 a.m., a male subject was arrested on Jefferson Street and charged with burglary 2.

At 8:48 a.m., an employee of Going Green reported a male subject had been disorderly, berated an employee, calling her a bitch, then got in the face of the complainant when he was told to leave. The subject left in a vehicle in an unknown direction. Deputies were unable to locate the subject through his license. The employee wanted the subject officially trespassed.

At 10:48 a.m., a report that a Smith & Wesson magazine containing four hollow point 9mm bullets was found in a ditch on Simpson Road. A deputy retrieved the magazine and bullets to be placed in evidence for safe keeping.

At 12 p.m., a deputy tagged a trailer for tow on Gold Creek Access Road and contacted a few recreators nearby hoping to get a lead on the registered owner but was unsuccessful.

At 8:22 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a dog running westbound in the eastbound lane of Highway 18 near milepost 24. The deputy was unable to locate the dog.

At 11:15 p.m., a motorist on Clow Corner Road was stopped after flashing its bright lights at a deputy. The driver was cited for no insurance. The DMV showed it terminated in the driver's insurance in December.

At 11:17 p.m., a deputy covered Oregon State Police when they found the driver from a hit and run.

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 12:08 a.m. a motorist on Riddell Road was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:18 a.m., a resident on Red Prairie Road reported hearing shots that had been going on for four hours. A deputy parked nearby for approximately 10 minutes but

did not hear anything.

At 2:33 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Ellendale Avenue for traveling too slow, going 20 mph in a 30-mph zone. The driver showed multiple indicators of impairment, including admission to "two drinks" several hours prior. However, the driver performed very well on a field sobriety test and received a verbal warning for the speed.

At 5:35 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a crashed vehicle on Zena Road. The Honda Civic. Both plates had been removed, the front windshield was broken and the VIN had been removed. There were no reports of stolen vehicles fitting the description from neighboring counties. The car was tagged for abandoned tow.

At 6:47 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Zena Road. The driver initially gave his brother's name but was identified as Luis Montes. Montes had an outstanding warrant. In addition, he failed a field sobriety test. He was arrested on the outstanding warrant and was also charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, giving false information, and identity theft. He was later charged with menacing and harassment after his girlfriend reported he threatened to crash the car and kill them and was pushing her around in the car. Montes registered a BAC of .09% at Polk County Jail.

At 4:14 p.m., a resident on Harmony Road reported his neighbor's dogs got out again and trespassed on his property. Today, he had to scare them off by shooting at them with buckshot. A deputy contacted the owner, Bonny Rivero who had been verbally warned about three weeks prior over the same thing. The deputy issued him a citation for dog as a public nuisance.

At 5:45 p.m., two Saint Bernard mixes were found near Airlie Road and Maple Grove Road. A deputy transported the dogs to the shelter and gave them food and a blanket. The owner later arrived to retrieve them. She was cited for no license for the dogs.

Friday, Jan. 2

At 3:45 a.m., a 2016 Jeep was repossessed on Crider Street in Dallas.

At 10:31 a.m., a late report of goats walking on Highway 22 near Sawtell Road.

At 1:43 p.m., a resident on Kings Valley Highway reported her neighbor's dogs go loose again on her property. The owner was for dogs as a public nuisance.

At 2:11 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of possible domestic disturbance on Falls City Road. The complainant could hear loud screaming for approximately 10 minutes. The deputy arrived and quickly heard the same blood curdling scream that was reported. The owner reported a kennelled dog that had separation anxiety while its owner was out momentarily. The kennel was mostly clean and the dog looked to be in good shape but was very loud and howly.

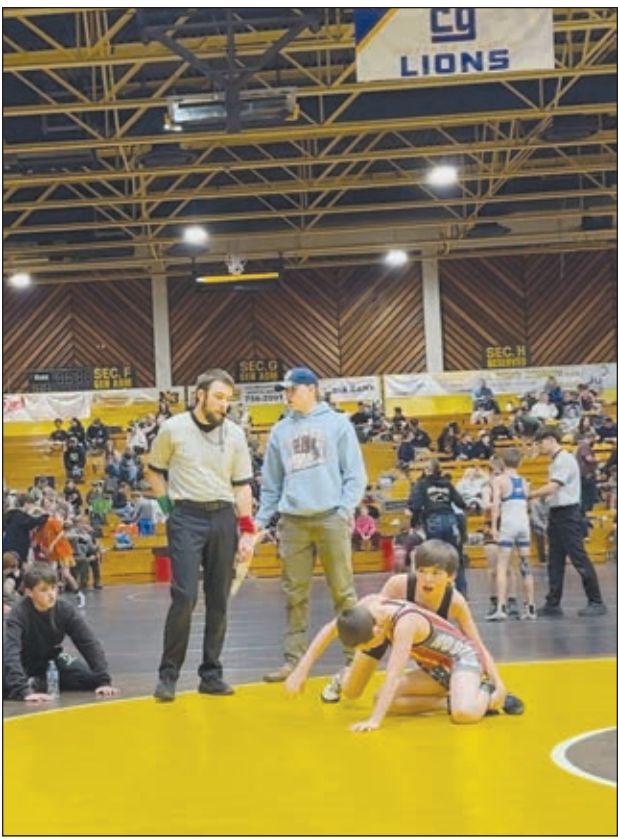
At 4:14 p.m., deputies investigated a two-vehicle accident on Clow Corner Road where a chair fell out of the back of one vehicle, striking another. The at-fault driver was cited for driving while

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opened up the inside. Burgett and Haines – the team’s posts – added 12 and 11 points, respectively, with most of their points coming from under the basket. Burgett led the Panthers with 10 rebounds; Jack Holstine had six assists and seven boards. It was a solid performance overall for the Panthers. “Our defensive principles, especially in the half-court trap, and some new motion offense we wanted to implement,” Allen said when asked about his team’s positives. “I liked the movement we had that got our shooters open. We probably pulled the trigger a little early at times, but the spacing and movement were good to see.” With the loss, the Royal Scots remain winless (0-3, 0-10 overall) on the season. The Panthers (3-0, 6-3) remained unbeaten in Mid-Willamette Conference play with a 55-45 win over Woodburn

on Friday. The Panthers, down early, rallied for the win. “I was very happy to see how the team battled back from an early deficit on the road, in a loud environment,” Allen said. “We really improved on our defensive assignments.” The Panthers held the Bulldogs (0-3, 2-8) scoreless for most of the third quarter while adding to their own point total. “This helped push our lead to 19 points going into the fourth quarter,” Allen said. Jack Holstine and Burgett powered the offense, netting 19 points and 17 points, respectively. The pair also combined for 13 rebounds. Burgett added four assists and three assists, Haines a team-high eight boards. The boys get two more chances to add to their fast start as they host Silverton on Jan. 16 and Corvallis on Jan. 20. Both games begin at 7 p.m. Central was at Dallas on Jan. 13. Results were unavailable before press time.



Eli Vidal checks the clock before turning his opponent (Photo by Jessica Vidal)

WRESTLING

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Vienna Diehm and Yatzil Regalado, have automatic berths to wrestle at the Classic, but still wrestled at a girls tournament in Newberg on Sunday. Those that

didn’t qualify will have a chance to avenge losing some close matches at the Kids Folkstyle State Championship at the end of the month. Panther kids will have a mini dual before the Central high school dual vs Lebanon on Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. at



Vienna Diehm and Hazel Granum show off their hardware.

the Alumni gym before traveling to Redmond this weekend. Placing 1st in North Bend were Logan Caraballo and Dominic Graham. 2nd place finishers were Cohen Fugate and Tyson Turner.

Coming in third were Wesley Butler, Matthew Mesdag and Tyler Fields. Fourth places went to Issac Vidal and Ezekiel Boldt. In Newberg Vienna Diehm placed first and Hazel Granum placed third.

Girls

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into each game with the mindset that we’re playing the number one team in the state every night.” The Panthers made it two straight wins as they came out on top, 43-35,

at Woodburn on Friday. Central did most of its damage in the first and fourth quarters, outscoring the Bulldogs by 12 points, 26-14, in those frames. Natalie Ball led the Panthers with 12 points while Henderson added 10 more. Thalia

Betancourt added seven rebounds. Bella Names had seven steals and five assists. Central was 10 of 18 from the free throw line. “The girls came out strong and played well,” Burleson said. “We had players step up and help balance out the scoring

which will help us in future games this season.” Woodburn had scoring runs of its own, but couldn’t break through. Time spent in the gym is beginning to pay dividends for the young Panthers. “We maintained our composure and played

smart down the stretch which helped us seal the win,” Burleson added. “The girls are working well together. They can see the benefits of what we’re trying to do in practice.” A. Hernandez, with seven points, topped the Bulldogs.

Central hosts Silverton on Jan. 16 and Corvallis on Jan. 20. Both games begin at 5:30 p.m. The Panthers are 2-1 in the Mid-Willamette Conference, 2-7 overall. The girls were at Dallas on Tuesday, but results from that game were not available at press time.

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suspended - violation, no insurance, and operating a vehicle with a leaking / sifting load. At 4:34 p.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered on Zena Road. At 3:05 p.m., a stray dog was picked up and turned into the county dog kennel. At 6:57 p.m., a report of a single vehicle, non-injury crash on Red Prairie Road. There was no evidence of intoxication in the driver, who had taken an S-curve too fast, left the roadway, and came to rest in some blackberry bushes. She was able to get her vehicle out of the blackberry bushes without incident. At 7:45 p.m., a report of a non-injury, single vehicle, single occupant crash in the 4700 block of Riddell Road. The driver had run the stop sign and attempted to make a turn northbound onto Riddell Road from Hoffman Road. The driver then hit the ditch on the west side of Riddell Road and damaged a gate. The driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device. At 8:07 p.m., a report of a single-vehicle crash on Cooper Hollow Road. The driver, Ashton Beery had numerous signs of impairment and failed a field sobriety test. She blew a BAC of .15%. Beery was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, reckless driving and reckless endangering another person (a 1-year-old passenger). **Saturday, Jan. 3** At 5:04 a.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into a tree off Independence Highway. The driver sustained minor injuries. At 11:34 a.m., a

resident on Yampo Road reported his wood chipper valued at \$1,549 had been taken off his property by two unknown male subjects. At 10:07 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 89 mph in a 55-mph zone. **Sunday, Jan. 4** At 2:12 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for driving while suspended - violation. At 4:07 a.m., a tree was removed from Zena Road. At 6:48 p.m., a deputy assisted a disabled vehicle in the intersection on miller avenue, helping push the vehicle into the parking lot. **Monday, Jan. 5** At 1:12 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone. At 2:37 a.m., while at Salem Hospital on another matter, a deputy was told by staff about a male subject in the lobby being disorderly. The deputy learned the subject, Melchizedek St Hart II, had outstanding failure to appear warrants out of Multnomah County. Melchizedek was arrested on the warrant and transported to Polk County Jail. At 10:15 a.m., a deputy performed a welfare check on a female subject on Church Street in Falls City. While the subject was okay, she had outstanding warrants out of Salem Municipal and Marion County. She was cited and released on both. At 11:45 a.m., a motorist on Dayton Street in Falls City was stopped for not wearing a seat belt. She was cited for driving while suspended - violation. At 4:50 p.m., deputies responded to a suicidal veteran on Pioneer Road. The subject allowed medics to take him to West Valley Hospital if someone took care of his cat.

A deputy transported one friendly black cat and a bag of food to a friend of the veteran. At 5:08 p.m., deputies investigated a single vehicle rollover crash on Perrydale road where the driver reportedly fled on foot. A tribal officer found the subject and detained him, who was exhibiting signs of impairment. Taylor Smith was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, criminal mischief 2, failure to perform duties of driver - property and reckless driving. At 5:24 p.m., deputies investigated a single vehicle accident on Brush College Road. The driver, who was unhurt after driving into a ditch, was cited for not having a valid license or insurance for the vehicle. **Tuesday, Jan. 6** At 1:07 a.m., a deputy came across a male subject sleeping in the back of his pickup on Halls Ferry Road. He was told the park was closed and could not be there. He agreed to leave and the deputy provided other areas he could go to. At 2:34 a.m., a motorist was stopped for not having a rear license plate or tag in the rear window. The driver, Scott Delong, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and taken to Polk County Jail. At 8:52 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic dispute on Fir Villa Road. The female subject admitted to smoking a bowl of meth yesterday, and eating the rest of a baggie of meth at about 2:30 a.m. today. She was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of meth and was transported to Polk County Jail. At 6:26 p.m., a grounds keeper found footprints through a large open industrial shop area on

Lyle Street which lead towards the back forested area. The building and property were searched

but deputies were unable to locate any subjects. At 9:15 p.m., a resident on Yamhill River Road

reported someone broke into a shed on the property and stole two chainsaws and an E-bike.

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