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Audiophiles enjoy the sound of new fairgrounds show



Salem businessman Mark Adams turns on a rack of audio equipment to show off the accompanying lights during the first ever Willamette Valley Audiophile Show Sept. 12-13 at the Polk County Fairgrounds Events Center.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

By DAVID HAYES
I/O Editor

Many longtime vendors who participate at events at the Polk County Fairgrounds Event Center are reading the tea leaves and fear for the future of the home for their livelihoods. Rather than wait for the

voters to decide that future, some vendors within the audiophile circles banded together Sept. 12 and 13 to raise funds to donate to the fairgrounds' coffers while catering to a growing market of shoppers moving away from digital back to analog.

Polk County Flea Market

Manager Deb Thomas approached one of her longtime local vinyl records vendors, David Collins with the idea. "In April, she wanted to do an audiophile show. And I said, well, let's do it," Collins said. "I just felt like the fairgrounds needed the money because of the cause.

"I'm very concerned because a lot of the vendors at the flea market, I would say probably 75% depend upon it for supplemental income," he added. "That's what I'm worried about because we can't lose the flea market."

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Polk Fire District mourns passing of board president Rod Watson



Rod Watson

By SW POLK FIRE

It is with profound sadness that the Southwest Polk Fire District announces the passing of longtime Board President Rod Watson.

Rod served the Southwest Polk Fire District Board of Directors for 32 years, many of those years as president. Few individuals have had a greater or more lasting influence on the direction, culture, and future of our fire district.

Rod believed deeply in service to his community and in doing things the right way. Throughout his years of leadership, his guidance was consistent: take the high road, do what is right, and always remember who we are here to serve. That philosophy became more than advice; it became part of the standard by which our district operates.

During his tenure, Rod played a key role in many of the district's most significant accomplishments. His leadership helped bring three new

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Bigfoot returns for bash in Dallas City Park

By DAVID HAYES
I/O Editor

Many ideas and businesses experienced the same fate when the calendar year turned over into 2020. They were some of unintentional victims of the global pandemic, many postponed or never to see the light of day.

Such was the case for Dallas' ode to Bigfoot. The first ever Bigfoot, BBQ and Brews has morphed into the first ever BigfootStock Sept. 26. The local festival was actually supposed to debut six years ago, according to Tara Townley, Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. "So in 2020, we were actually going to have, originally, a

Bigfoot event ... but a couple of things happened in 2020 that shut down the world. And so, we did not have the event, but we had the binder (of ideas)," she said.

As time went on and the world returned to normal, the Chamber rekindled the idea last year.

"Last year was our very first event, and one of the biggest things that we wanted to do was to be able to highlight the amenity of our local city park," Townley said. "And so, we worked with the Parks Department and the city, local vendors, local non-profits, everything, and threw together this whimsical event in the

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Leslie Bole gets her photo taken with Sasquatch by Tara Townley at last year's Bigfoot, BBQ and Brews event.

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News Briefs



SALEM MAN RECEIVES TWO-YEAR SENTENCE IN TRUCK THEFT
Mario Mendoza, of Salem, was sentenced to

serve 24 months in prison after pleading guilty in Polk County Circuit Court to stealing a Ford F-150 pick-up truck in Pasco, Washington about two weeks ago.
Mendoza, 56, appeared before Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park pleaded guilty to one count of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He will also be required to serve 12 months of post prison supervision upon his release from custody. Mendoza has an

extensive criminal history of fraud and other property crimes dating back over the last 20 years.
According to investigators, when Mendoza was arrested in the parking lot of the West Salem Goodwill, he told police that he had simply been borrowing the truck to pick up a part to fix his bicycle.
The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney

Garrett Lewellen.

PERRYDALE ROAD PROJECT ENTERS NEXT PHASE
ODOT’s safety improvement project of realigning Perrydale Road at the Highway 22 intersection was completed early on Sept. 4.
Crews are now preparing for the next phase, realigning Smithfield and Coville Roads. north of Highway 22 at Kings Valley Highway.
This work shouldn’t

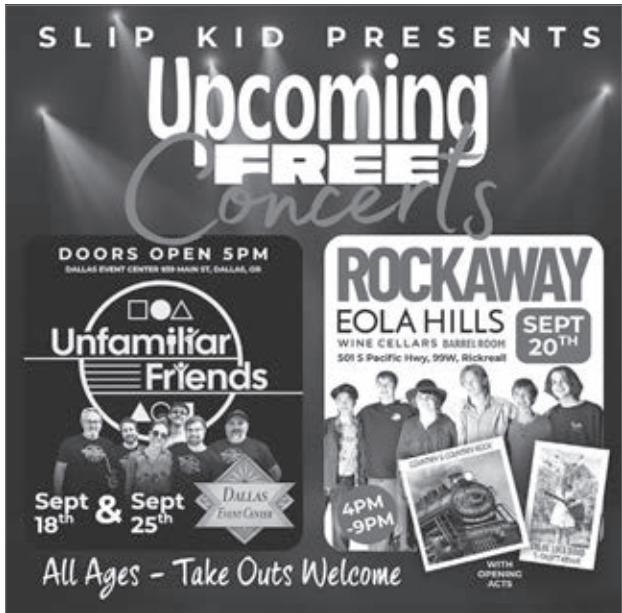
impact traffic during the day, but there may be shoulder or lane closures as needed on surrounding side streets at night over the next couple of months.
ODOT has not removed the old alignment of Perrydale Road yet. This section of road will remain for the duration of the project so equipment can drive in and out of the staging area.
Crews will continue to work mostly during the day, but may work

at night as needed with some lane and shoulder closures with flaggers directing traffic as needed. Crews plan to continue working for the next couple of months before pausing for the winter. The Kings Valley Highway full road closure and detour will take place in 2027.
Correction
The Sept. 2 story “Good Folk in Polk: Two Brothers” incorrectly stated Gary Howard’s age in 1953. He was 12.

Slip Kid Presents continues live summer performances

STAFF REPORT

Slip Kid Presents is hosting three free live music concerts in Dallas and Rickreall.
On Sept. 18, Unfamiliar Friends, a Salem rock group, performs a variety of covers and originals at the Dallas Event Center.
Then on Sept. 20, Eola Hills Winery hosts a huge music extravaganza in their indoor Barrel Room. At 4 p.m. Chloe Lockwood will play a solo, one hour all Taylor Swift revue featuring her biggest and favorite hits. Then the Midnight Express Band performs country and country rock covers from 5-7 p.m.
“This band has been involved in live music bands for decades and promises to be a lot of boot-scootin’ fun,” said Vidal Peña, Slip Kid Presents Music Maker coordinator.
Closing the show at 7 p.m. will be this summer’s biggest surprise in local live music, Rockaway. They feature



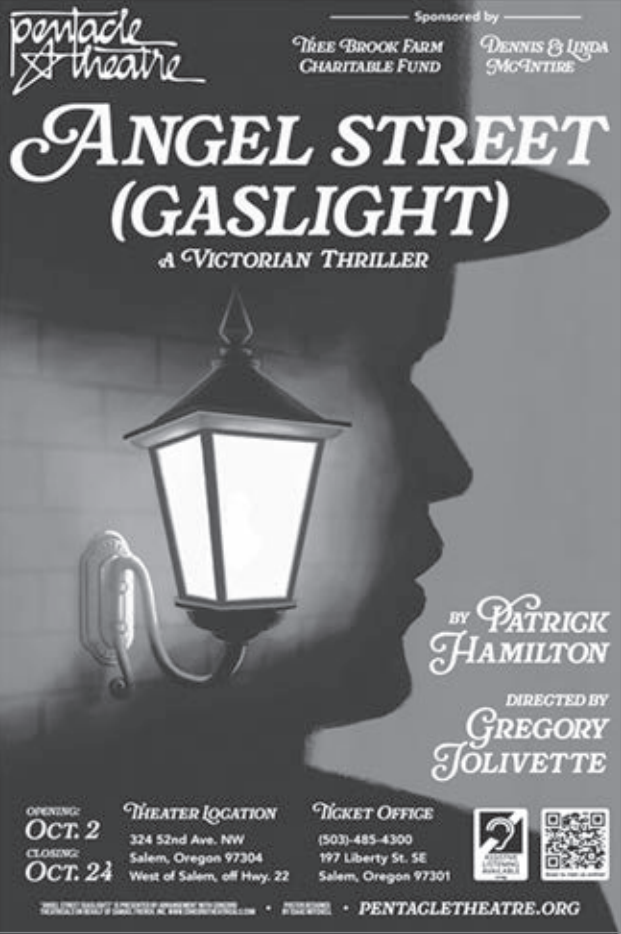
70s and 80s greatest “Yacht Rock” hits, including Hall & Oates, Paul McCartney, Grateful Dead, Jimmy Buffet, The Eagles, the Doobie Brothers and more.
“What makes this band stand out is that they range in age from 16 to 22, and they play this music so flawlessly. Three part harmonies, keys, and a sax make their music catalog very extensive,” Peña said. “They even wear vintage

clothing from that era and some of their sound equipment is from the 70s, so it is very authentic and aesthetically pleasing as well. Their crowds just keep growing and I expect big things to come for this band.”
Unfamiliar Friends returns to the Dallas Event Center at 6 p.m. on Sep 25.
For more information contact Peña (503) 999-0501 or go to www.Slipkidpresents.com.

Tickets on sale now for Pentacle Theatre’s ‘Angel Street (Gaslight)’

Pentacle Theatre’s next production “Angel Street (Gaslight)” opens Oct. 2.
A Broadway hit first produced on the West End under the title “Gaslight” and filmed twice, “Angel Street” was written by Patrick Hamilton and tells the story of the Mannings, who live on Angel Street in 19th-century London.
As the curtain rises, all appears to be the essence of Victorian tranquility. It is soon apparent, however, that Mr. Manningham, a suavely handsome man, is slowly driving his gentle, devoted wife, Bella, to the brink of insanity with an insinuating kindness that masks more sinister motives. While he is out, Mrs. Manningham has an unexpected caller: amiable, paternal Inspector Rough from Scotland Yard.

Rough is convinced that Mr. Manningham is a homicidal maniac wanted for a murder committed 15 years earlier in this very house. Gradually, the inspector restores Bella’s confidence in herself and, as the evidence against Manningham unfolds, the author has built and sustained some of the most brilliant, suspenseful sequences in modern theatre.
Directed at Pentacle Theatre by Gregory Jolivet, the cast



includes:
Delany Sump as Mrs. Manningham
(Mrs. Mannigham will be played by Clair Coulson Oct. 14 and 21)
Christopher Gray as Mr. Manningham
Danna Swanenberg as Elizabeth
Amy Marie Miller as Nancy
Rob Sim as Inspector Rough
Recommended for ages 13 and up, performances of “Angel Street (Gaslight)” run Oct. 2 - 24 at 7:30 p.m., with

matinee performances at 2 p.m., at Pentacle Theatre, 324 52nd Ave. NW. Tickets range from \$20 to \$41 and are available online at www.tickets.pentacletheatre.org or by calling (503) 485-4300.
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Good Folk in Polk: Polk County Fire District 1

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

At a Central High School assembly on Sept. 11 Polk Fire District 1 remembered the 412 emergency responders who died in the terrorists’ attack 25 years ago. Of those, 343 were firefighters and 60 were police officers. Fire chiefs began reading their names, one by one, a half an hour before the memorial service, and a silver bell rang for each name. After the memorial service, they continued reading names as students left until all were honored.

“On Sept. 11, America was attacked,” said Captain Lucas Martin, one of the ceremony’s speakers. “On Sept. 12, America was united.”

For firefighters, five consecutive bell rings indicate the end of a fire and time to go home, so the service ended when five bells rang three times, to signal that the sacrificial work of these brave men and women was finished.

The ceremony was a continuation of honoring those most deserving among their ranks.

Recently, Polk County Fire District 1 staff welcomed “code survivors”. A code survivor is a person whose heart has stopped when emergency responders arrive. Then, through skilled teamwork, a patient is revived and recovers enough to be able to later leave the hospital walking and with good neurologic function.

In 2025, the district celebrated the recovery of six code survivors.



PHOTO BY EMANNUEL GOICOCHEA

Polk Fire District 1 chiefs ring the bell for each firefighter’s life lost during the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, during a ceremony held Sept. 11 at Central High School.



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‘Code Survivors’ recently reunited with the emergency personnel from Polk County Fire District No. 1 who helped save their lives.

All those involved were invited, including 911 dispatchers, fire truck and ambulance drivers, paramedics, and chaplains, to eat cake with the people that their teamwork saved. Each employee and volunteer involved received a coveted silver-dollar sized “Life Saving Award” from Fire

Chief Ben Stange.

Polk County Fire District 1 was formed in 1985 from several volunteer fire districts. Four separate fire stations cover 185 square miles and serve approximately 28,000 residents in Polk County. The service area is a triangular wedge of southeastern Polk

County, going south from West Salem along the Willamette River down to the Benton County line and nearly ten miles west of Monmouth/Independence and Peedee.

The stations in the towns of Peedee, Arlie and Buena Vista are all volunteer, with volunteer lieutenants and captains.

The main station #90, is at 1800 Monmouth St., in Independence. It is staffed 24/7 with three shifts of firefighters, paramedics, and captains or lieutenants. Six professionals are on duty every shift. Three ambulances are equipped with state-of-the-art emergency equipment for rescue and treatment. Also at the main station are a ladder fire truck, water trucks, a brush fire truck, and commercial fire trucks.

Stange graduated from Western Oregon University, and while a student, he worked as a volunteer with the fire department. He has been chief since 2016 and serves under the supervision of an elected five-member board. Polk County Fire District 1 was honored in 2022 as “Fire District of the Year” over 250 other fire districts in Oregon.

Stange said recruiting professional staff is one of his important tasks.

“The younger generation prioritizes job satisfaction and our smaller community fire department provides more community contact than they would find in large departments and bigger cities,” Stange said. “Here they feel more valued and that their services are appreciated.”

He added volunteers are essential to the success of Polk County Fire District 1. At the main station, there are 30 fire suppression volunteers whose yearly requirements are to attend at least 75% of 2.5 hour training sessions every Wednesday. By contrast, the state of

Oregon requires a minimum of 60 hours training annually for fire-suppression volunteers.

The volunteers at Polk County Fire District 1 complete nearly 100 hours of training each year. Stange conducted a volunteer survey several years ago.

“I found that the motivation of more than 80% of our volunteers was basically to support and help our community,” he said.

Most volunteers have full-time jobs, but they make time for training and to respond to emergencies. Last year, two volunteers responded to 200 emergency calls, and seven responded to more than 144 calls.

One of the challenges faced by rural fire departments is that first responders may know the victims of accidents. All staff have access to the help of an Employee Assistance Program and the station is starting a new program called, “Struggle Well.” The main station has a fully equipped gym for maintaining health and reducing stress.

October is the National Fire Prevention month. The winter months bring an increase in home fires and injuries. Home fires often start in chimneys, from unattended candles, or from cigarettes. October is also a good time to check batteries on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Throughout the month, Polk Fire District 1 staff will give presentations at

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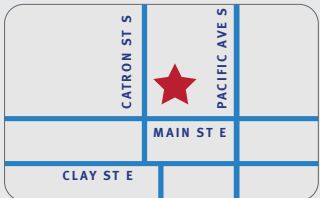
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Investigating the Bible: A Church Bully

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

Ray Stedman (1917-92) was the pastor for 40 years of the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, California. The church continues with a strong ministry to this day. With this anonymous rhyme, he recognized drama and dissension can infect churches: “To dwell above with saints we love, Oh that will be glory. But to live below, with saints we know — Well, that’s another story.”

There were problems in an early church when one man thought he should make all the decisions. Diotrefes was a prominent leader in a first century church and he did not want

visiting preachers in his church. He wouldn’t give them lodging and even demanded that his members also reject other traveling ministers. The apostle John confronted him.

“I wrote something to the church, but Diotrefes, who loves to have first place among them, does not receive us. This is why, if I come, I will remind him of the works he is doing, slandering us with malicious words. And he is not satisfied with that! He not only refuses to welcome the brothers himself, but he even stops those who want to do so and expels them from the church.” (3 John 9-10, Holman Christian Standard Bible used throughout).

As sometimes happens today, one person controlled that local church, and he wanted no competition in his little domain. Perhaps Diotrefes was wealthy and his money talked. Perhaps he was good with words and proud of his skill. Perhaps he was well-connected to Roman authorities with power and influence.

His actions were the opposite of what the apostle John preached and lived. To the apostle, this locally respected religious leader was not even a Christian!

“This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping his commands. The one who says, ‘I have come to know him,’ yet doesn’t keep His commands is a

liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1 John 2:3-4).

“Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.” (1 John 3:11).

There was another leader in that church who was a good man. John wrote: “...To my dear friend Gaius: I love you in truth. Dear friend, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health physically just as you are spiritually. For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth — how you are walking in the truth.” (3 John 1-3).

John told Gaius to not

follow the example set by Diotrefes.

“Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.” (3 John 11).

And he commended one of the traveling preachers to Gaius.

“Demetrius has a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. And we also testify for him, and you know that our testimony is true.” (3 John 12).

Being in front of a crowd of adoring people feeds self-pride. Stedman was an articulate and skillful preacher. He wrote: “As a pastor I must confess that I had to stop the practice of going to the door after

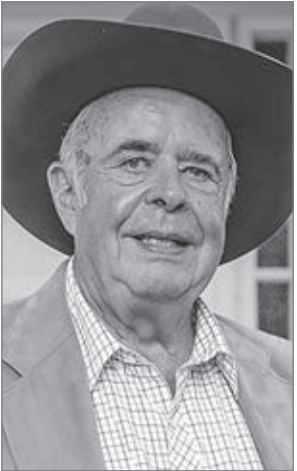
each service and greeting people as they went out. I found that when I did it regularly, it fed my ego in such a way that I had a terrible battle with pride. People were saying nice things to me, and I found myself loving to hear them. It is very easy for a pastor or teacher to perform his ministry for hidden reasons of personal prestige or glory.”

“Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18).

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6).

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

OBITUARIES



Roderick “Rod” G. Watson
Nov. 11, 1944 - Sept. 2, 2026

Roderick “Rod” G. Watson, 81, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept. 2, 2026, passing away peacefully with his wife by his side. Born in North Platte, Nebraska, to W. Elmo and Elizabeth Watson, Rod grew up alongside his brother, Allen.

In 1965, Rod married his sweetheart, Sharon Tilgner, beginning a beautiful marriage of nearly 61 years rooted in family and faith. A lifelong farmer and cattle rancher, Rod loved the land, but he loved serving his community even more. He left a lasting legacy in Polk County, serving 32 years on the Southwest Polk Fire District Board, volunteering with the Sheriff’s Posse, and contributing to the Meadowfoam Growers and Dallas Cemetery boards. Above all, Rod’s heart belonged to his ministry as an Elder at Oak Grove Community Church and a supporter of The Gideons International. He would want to be remembered most for his unwavering faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Rod is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon; his four children, Jesse (Cherie), Valerie (Chris Patoine), Adam, and Matthew; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his brother, Allen (Linda).

Services will be held on Sept. 19, 2026, 2 p.m. at the Salt Creek Baptist Church.



Kevin G. Marshall
Nov. 22, 1943 - Sept. 3, 2026

Kevin G. Marshall passed away on Sept. 3, 2026, at the age of 82. He was born on November 22, 1943, in The Dalles, Oregon, to Rita and Lynn Marshall. Kevin spent his childhood in The Dalles before moving to Portland, Oregon, where he attended Lewis & Clark College and earned his Bachelor of Science degree. His love of learning continued throughout his life. In 1967, Kevin attended Colorado State College in Greeley, Colorado, and in 1978, he earned his doctorate degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

In 1983, Kevin met the love of his life, Carol. They were married on June 1, 1985, and enjoyed

41 years of marriage together in their home in Dallas, Oregon.

In 1991, Kevin and Carol opened Cynthian Cafe & Catering in Dallas, Oregon. They owned and operated the business until 2008, creating many lasting connections and memories along the way.

Kevin had a lifelong passion for music. In his younger years, he played drums with a band called the “Catalinas.” His love of music continued throughout his life, and most recently he enjoyed participating as a drummer in the New Horizons Orchestra. Kevin also loved the outdoors. He enjoyed camping, walking on the beach, and spending time surrounded by the beauty of nature.

Above all, Kevin cherished the time he spent with his family and friends. These simple pleasures brought him joy and gave him many opportunities to appreciate the beauty around him.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Rita and Lynn Marshall, and his daughter, Julia. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Carol Marshall; his daughter, Mona Riesterer (Tim); his stepson, Rodney Maret (Marcie); and his grandchildren, Jared Riesterer (Kenadee), Hope Silbernagel (Byren), Drake Maret, and Konner Maret.

Kevin will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His love of music, learning, the outdoors, and most importantly, his family and friends will remain

a lasting part of the memories he leaves behind.

A service celebrating Kevin’s life will be held on Sept. 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. at: Dallas Alliance Church 775 E. Ellendale Ave. Dallas, OR 97338



Karen Smith-Hudson
Feb. 28, 1950 - Aug. 26, 2026

Karen Smith-Hudson passed away peacefully on the morning of Aug. 26, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the age of 76, surrounded by love, after an illness that was entirely out of her control. She left this world the same way she lived in it — with grace, warmth, and a beautiful sunrise all her own.

Karen was born on Feb. 28, 1950, in Dallas, Oregon, to an entrepreneurial family. Her father, a Navy veteran, was a successful businessman who instilled in her a strong work ethic and a fearless drive that would define her life. A gifted student, Karen carried that same determination into a remarkable career, beginning in banking before finding her true calling in newspaper sales. She went on to lead a publication

in the San Francisco Bay Area, later joining the Gannett Papers team. Karen eventually relocated to Phoenix, Arizona, where she became a Key Accounts Sales Executive for the Phoenix newspapers, and later brought her talent and energy to Phoenix Magazine, where she built lasting relationships and a reputation for excellence that followed her throughout her career.

Karen was, above all, a devoted mother. Her oldest daughter, Bradi Johnson, followed in her footsteps and now carries forward the career Karen built. Her middle daughter, Kelli Smith, became a successful veterinarian in Bend, Oregon, channeling her mother’s love of animals into her own life’s work. Her youngest child, Ryan Smith, preceded her in death, a loss Karen carried in her heart every day with quiet strength.

Karen was preceded in death by her son, Ryan Smith; her parents, Jack Crider and Betty Crider, whose love and example shaped the woman she became.

Karen is survived by her husband, Tony Hudson, a veteran military fighter pilot and lifelong sales, marketing, and entrepreneurial professional, who loved her every day of their life together and will continue to love her always. She is also survived by her children, Bradi Johnson and Kelli Smith; the father of her children, Mike Smith; her sister, Peggy Crider Jennings; and her brother, Jack Crider Jr. She leaves behind countless friends and extended family who

were fortunate enough to know her generosity firsthand.

Karen’s love for people was matched only by her love for animals. She had an open heart and an open door, always finding a way to help and support the people around her. Her horse, Ryan, and her beloved late Great Danes, Annie and Betty, were the highlight of her every day, and their companionship brought her tremendous joy throughout her life.

Karen leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, and love that touched everyone she met — in her career, in her friendships, and most of all, in her family. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Phoenix metropolitan area on Oct. 3, 2026, from 5 to 8 p.m., followed by a funeral service in Dallas, Oregon, at Dallas Cemetery District #4 on Oct. 9, 2026, at 11 a.m., with a Celebration of Life luncheon to follow. All of Karen’s family and friends are warmly invited to attend and celebrate her new beginning with God.

In lieu of flowers, condolences and memories of Karen may be shared with her family.

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Daniel R Friesen
June 23, 1932 - Aug. 24, 2026
Daniel R. Friesen from Dallas, Oregon.
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By SKIP WENZ
On the afternoon of Aug. 26, hikers in the Grand Canyon’s Bright Angel Creek area saw something strange. Much of the stormwater rushing down the creek and into the Colorado River, where it contributed to a deadly flash flood, was black. Scrambling to higher ground, they had little time to wonder where the unusual color came from. Only later would they learn that the floodwaters carried the black residue from the previous

summer’s “Dragon Bravo” wildfire — the largest in Arizona’s history — that scorched 150,000 acres along the canyon’s north rim and destroyed numerous historic structures and cultural treasures. Although much of that acreage burned at “low severity,” meaning that the vegetation should recover relatively quickly, a severe, long-term regional drought slowed growth, so there was little vegetation to soften the black, dry, fire-hardened soil so it could absorb runoff. Additionally, a developing super El-Niño — another climate-related anomaly — added 5-to-15% additional moisture to the area’s atmosphere, supercharging turbulence and rainfall. When the storm came, it hit hard and fast, washing thousands of tons

of blackened soil into the canyon immediately after the rain struck the ground. Only a combination of quick thinking, fast action, rapid helicopter rescue response and good luck saved most hikers’ lives; although, tragically, two died and one is still missing. In another incident, NY Times climate reporter David Wallace-Wells, in a Sept. 4 article titled, “In an Age of Perpetual Climate Disaster, Rebuilding is the Wrong Goal,” describes how this spring’s wildfires in Georgia and the Carolinas, which were in severe drought, burned along the “blowdown” path of Hurricane Helene. That storm tore through the region 18 months earlier, leaving thousands of felled trees to bake in the sun, so they were ready

for fuel when the fires started. Wells goes on to say that wildfires often denude hillsides, leading to dangerous mudslides when rains come, and provides other examples of overlapping, or so-called “compound” disasters. He also describes several “repeated disasters” where destructive floods hit the same area twice in close succession, wildfires return to hillsides that recently burned, and so on. Welles’s point, which has been made by others, is that many of these repetitive disasters involve communities — and that it doesn’t make any sense to rebuild in areas that are disaster prone. While that’s sensible, what he overlooks is that there is no place on the planet where it’s safe to rebuild.

As quick or slowly-developing disasters cover more and more areas, there will be fewer and fewer “safe” zones, until there are none. He also fails to mention the greater repeating threats, such as heat waves, which cover much wider areas than a single hurricane or even large wildfires. For example, in 2024 the United Nations reported over 175,000 annual heat deaths in Europe’s 50-plus countries beginning this century. In a two-to-three-week period this summer, a 104°F heat wave killed 35,000 people in Western Europe alone. So the whole planet is subject to ongoing climate disasters, increasingly piled on top of each other, and their frequency and severity will likely worsen soon. The question

confronting us is how to cope with this situation. Building or rebuilding in new places won’t help. Move out of a flood zone and a deadly heat wave could hit you, followed by a string of tornadoes. Abandon the most vulnerable areas, of course, but then revitalize existing cities and make them less susceptible to natural disasters. Refurbish existing buildings to create new habitats for climate migrants. And seriously beef up our disaster response. The future belongs to those who prepare. Philip S. Wenz reports on environmental issues, and is active in the Monmouth-Independence Climate Group. Visit his website at Firebird Journal, firebirdjournal.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VOTE YES ON FAIRGROUNDS LEVY
I would like to urge all voters in Polk County to vote to save our Polk County Fairgrounds by voting YES in the upcoming election on Nov. 3. There will be a tax levy on the ballot to approve a 5-year, \$1 million-per year property tax assessment to help save our fairgrounds. If this levy does not pass, the fairgrounds are scheduled to close on Dec. 31. Just stop and think of what having this county fair has meant to you, your family, and your neighbors. If you grew up in Polk County, chances are that you possibly participated in the 4H or FFA organizations, or had a family member, niece

or nephew, or grandchild participate in these organizations. If the fair goes away, there will be no 4H or FFA clubs in our county for our children. These organizations are a big influence in their lives. They gain leadership and responsibility traits that help them to help them succeed in life. This will be a big loss for our community. It is estimated that this tax levy will cost taxpayers — on average — between \$2 and \$5 per month. That is the price of a cup of your favorite latte or specialty drink! I urge all voters in our county to vote YES, whether you are a property owner or not, your vote is needed to defeat this tax levy. Just think — that is only \$2-5 per month to help save our Polk County fairgrounds.

Please go to the polls and cast your vote in favor of this tax levy. Nancy L. Howells, Dallas
VOTING IN NOVEMBER MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER
Soon we will vote. Do you want a free and fair election? Do you want a government run by “we the people” like we had for almost 250 years, or do you want to be governed by a de facto dictator like we are now? Do you want to be continuously fighting wars, or do you want to “cease fire” and make friends with former enemies, as we did with Japan and Germany after WWII? Do you want government policies that promote social and economic justice, or are you happy with nine of the ten richest

people in the World being American, while others are hungry and suffering due to unaffordable food and medical care? Do you respect and honor people that tell the truth, and do the opposite when dealing with those that don’t? Tough questions that can lead to even tougher questions. A good citizen will do their homework and cast an informed vote in November. And perhaps most important, understand that a failure to vote is, for practical reasons, a vote for a dictatorship. Don Ellingson, Dallas
TRUMP’S LIST OF FAILURES GROWS
Why is Trump so obsessed with President Obama? In February he posted an AI photo that

showed the Obamas as apes. Would a normal person do this? Other things:
- The 600 ton UFC arena he used for his 80th birthday destroyed the south lawn.
- Wants ABC and NBC to lose their license because they didn’t air his speech.
- Cut back on protection of at-risk plants and animals. Does he hate everything? And do any of his colleagues have any sense?
- Increased the tariff with Canada to 50%, and Canada followed suit so now we’re paying more for items from there.
- Renamed Lake Ontario to Lake America in the US and now wants to change the name of New Mexico to New America.
- Bulldozing in Big Bend National Park to

build an unnecessary structure to stop illegal migration.
- An aircraft carrier that was to be named after an African American (the first one) now may be named after Trump. But no carriers have been named after a sitting president.
- His picture on American coins is illegal.
- His staff leaves a lot to be desired. Hagseth invited his wife to a sensitive Pentagon meeting.
- Since he can’t add his name to the Kennedy Center, he is now talking about tearing it down.
- The 1949 Geneva Convention prohibited attacks on sites considered essential for civilians. So why are we bombing power plants and bridges? Lord help us all. Clifford Brown, Dallas

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) Party is experiencing a lot of success running candidates in Democrat primaries across the U.S. Would you ever vote for a socialist candidate?

Yes - 35.7%

No - 57.1%

Not sure - 7.1%



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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: THE FRUIT OF THE OAK TREE.

Arrowroot

Bananas

Barley

Beans

Cassava

Chickpeas

Lentils

Maize

Millet

Oats

Potatoes

Rice

Rye

Sorghum

Wheat

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Number is smaller, 2. Cap is different, 3. Shutter is smaller, 4. Mailbox is lower, 5. Tree is missing, 6. Wall is not as wide.

Americanisms

“When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I’ll know I’m growing old.”

— Lady Bird Johnson

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Super Crossword

JUST ADD WATER

ACROSS

1 May I talk to you briefly?

8 Placed

12 Motor oil additive

15 TV character whom you “better call”

19 Certain outlet accessory

20 River of Aragon

21 Weeding tool

22 Singer Annes

23 Like a gallery that has live dozen paintings by artist Antoine?

25 Sort of

27 Shar- (wrinkly dogs)

28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?

30 Hawaiian for “appetizer”

32 Little League precursor

33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?

41 Banquet, e.g.

45 Four eighths

46 Let borrow again

47 Mont- —

48 Oil from flower petals

49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?

53 Aliens, briefly

54 August hrs.

55 Guilty feeling

56 Garage oil

58 Hilo hellos

64 Giving the go-ahead for

68 Atmosphere

69 Flaked flat land that you are visiting today?

72 Rapa- (Easter Island)

73 Bookish sort

75 Giorgio of fashion

76 Apartment policy about animals

78 Island porch

80 Goat’s cry

82 Application file extension

83 Festive antique hat?

91 Slanting

93 “Nay” sayers

94 Shower sponges

95 100-page story, maybe

97 Portland

98 That powerful essayist Henry David?

101 Sea’s edge

102 Have — (lose it)

103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?

111 Notion, in Paris

115 An hour before midnight

116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers’ stadium?

119 Sold out, say

120 “Rock and Roll, Hoochie —” (1973 hit)

121 Leg, e.g.

122 Tom Cruise/ Dustin Hoffman film

123 Puts in place

124 Pastor’s talk: Abbr.

125 Legs’ counterparts

128 Iran neighbor

35 Large central feature of the Astros’ logo

36 — apso

37 Be mistaken

38 Singer Brenda

39 Chicago Loop trains

40 Luau paste

41 British bud

42 Previous to

43 Taking after

44 Singer Rawls

47 Chevy pony car

50 “Let’s just leave — that”

51 Toy train, when repeated

52 — “Matata” (“The Lion King” song)

54 Part of FDR

56 Car tankful

57 Spreads out, as fingers

59 Meadowland

60 Crew tool

61 Engine noise

62 Org, for cavity filters

63 It rises daily

65 Kicked out of a country

66 Chocolate spread brand for short

67 U.S. soldiers

70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)

71 “Sands of Iwo —”

74 Basic trick for a skateboarder

77 Actor O’Toole

79 Baseless bit of gossip

81 Dizzy relative of Samantha on “Bewitched”

83 Sharp punch

84 Singer Yoko

85 “Inc.” relative

86 Orbiter with a tail

87 — polloi

88 Olympic code for Kabu’s country

89 Dom- — band

90 “C- la vie”

91 State firmly

92 Fraternity “T”

95 “Well now!”

98 Flat, hollow sounds

99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings

100 Harvard rival

101 Submission end.

103 Pleads

104 Balm plant

105 Camp shelter

106 Nights before

107 Stewpot

108 Impartial

109 “I wonder ...”

110 Rodeos of

111 Address Skye

112 Accurse

113 Morales of film and TV

114 Volcano in Sicily

117 Egypt and Syr., once

118 Crator’s edge

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals C

QINY RMVKL BMV RNKK FCMFKC

QIM GMYC “HM” MH EMACYIJHP

JH N KCPJEKNYJGC NEECAZKB?

NHYJ ZMLJCE.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

H GEJ’O VTJO AKEFSDZC

CESUDG REK ZD. H VTJO OLD

RHCLHJN KEG, JEO OLD RHCL.

— QTJJH

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WELL, LOOKING OVER YOUR CHART, I’D SAY YOU HAVE THE HEALTH OF A 30-YEAR-OLD...OF COURSE, THAT’S “DOG YEARS.”

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

DAVID LEE ROTH AT BINGO NIGHT

Amber Waves

Moments in time

• On Sept. 28, 1542. Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo became the first European to sail into San Diego Bay, which he named San Miguel and claimed for Spain. The bay was given its present name in 1602 by Sebastian Vizcaino, who was also the first person to note certain ecological features of California’s coast.

• On Sept. 29, 1885. the world’s first practical public electric tramway, designed by Michael Holroyd Smith, opened in Blackpool, England, using an underground “conduit” system to supply electricity rather than overhead wires. The route is still active today, operating modern light rail vehicles.

• On Sept. 30, 1934. St. Louis Browns coach Charley O’Leary “unretired” to good effect by becoming the oldest player to get a hit and score a run in the major leagues, at age 58.

• On Oct. 1, 1962. Barbra Streisand signed her first recording contract with Columbia Records. Her manager, Marty Erlichman, negotiated full artistic and creative control, including the right for Streisand to choose her own songs, in exchange for a lower initial pay rate of a \$20,000 advance.

• On Oct. 2, 1985. Hollywood heart-throb Rock Hudson died of AIDS related complications, just a few months after publicly acknowledging he had the disease at a hospital in Paris where he was seeking treatment.

• On Oct. 3, 1997. 69-year-old Hall of Famer Gordie Howe, who was known as “Mr. Hockey” and played his first NHL game when Harry Truman was president, skated the first shift with the Detroit Vipers in their International Hockey League opener for a total of just 40 seconds but became the only professional in the sport to compete in six decades. Afterward, he thanked the Vipers for “putting up with me.”

• On Oct. 4, 2011. Michael Morton, who served 25 years in prison for the murder of his wife, Christine Morton, was released after DNA evidence implicated convicted felon Mark Alan Norwood in the crime. The prosecutor in the case later was accused of withholding evidence indicating Morton’s innocence.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of Jon Snow’s dire wolf in “Game of Thrones”?

2. HISTORY: Which Civil War general literally used “scorched earth” tactics in his march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia?

3. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie has the tagline, “A man went looking for America, and he couldn’t find it anywhere”?

4. GEOGRAPHY: Which body of water includes islands known as the Seychelles?

5. CHEMISTRY: Which element’s symbol is Sn?

6. LITERATURE: What is the length of a traditional sonnet?

7. GEOLOGY: What is a common name for calcium carbonate?

8. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain goes by the name Hungry Jack in Australia?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president gave radio addresses that were described as “fireside chats”?

10. ASTRONOMY: What is the shape of the Milky Way?

Trivia answers

1. Ghost.

2. General William T. Sherman.

3. “Easy Rider.”

4. Indian Ocean.

5. Tin (stannum).

6. 14 lines of poetry.

7. Limestone or chalk.

8. Burger King.

9. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

10. Spiral.

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Bigfoot
From Page A1

park to just kind of bring fun.”

With much enthusiasm, their two-day event debuted to some success. On day one. Sunday attendance turned out to be a little sparse.

“Because on Sundays in Dallas, we forget the majority of people go to church,” Townley said.

So, she and the other organizers, lessons learned, decided to have one big day, rather than two, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., packed with attractions within Dallas City Park.

There will be a full stage with live music going nearly non-stop, featuring local and regional music with a theme of folksy sounds, Townley said.

The lineup includes:
10:15 a.m. - Lockwood

Odyssey Band
11:30 a.m. - Jefferson Parks
1:30 p.m. - Joanna Lee
3:30 p.m. - Lip Service
5:30 p.m. - Mojestyx
8 p.m. - Beef Chicken

In between live performances will be activities on the main stage, including Bigfoot belly dance and reggae demonstrations, and Bigfoot lookalike and call competitions.

“So we have, I think, seven-plus Bigfeet that will, at different times, be wandering around. We’ve got Shiloh Pope Photography that is going to be doing mini photo sessions with Bigfoot,” Townley said.

She added engaged visitors can even get officially married by an ordained Bigfoot.

“If no one signs up, you just might see a couple of Bigfeet get married,” she added.

Scattered about

throughout the rest of the park will be the return of vendor and activity booths, sure to attract the attention of all ages of visitors. Townley couldn’t list off the event and their sponsor faster – the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will feature crafts and storytelling, Orning Women for Ag host Bigfoot training and Bigfoot Talks to Trees, and Home Comfort is sponsoring a scavenger hunt and Bigfoot bingo.

And from another lesson learned last year, Townley said the beer garden will

be scaled back to just host Forrest Pass Brewery and Two Wolves Taproom.

“Last year we had more beer vendors than we had beer drinkers. And so, we paired it down more to highlight local beers,” Towley said.

Forrest Pass Brewery will host the beer garden, featuring six pours, some favorites and others so new, they’ve yet to give them a name.

“We’re very excited. Hopefully the weather holds out and (it gets) good attendance,” said

Forrest Pass co-founder Jeff Claire, who just celebrated the business’s first anniversary Aug. 1. “It sounds like it’s going to be a fun time.”

Tolwey added the Dallas Chamber is working with the Independence Downtown Association to help cross promote their Hop & Heritage Festival, going on the same day as BigfootStock, but ends four hours earlier. Townley looks to facilitate getting people back and forth between the two events.

“We’re realizing with

tourism and like different opportunities that it’s good to just be connected with all of our downtown associations,” Townley said.

“And so, we’re really glad that they want to collaborate with us. And, you know, share our events and do things like that. So, it’s kind of a first within our communities that we’re doing this.”

For more information about the Dallas event, see their Facebook page, BigfootStock Dallas, OR, or contact the Chamber office at (503) 832-0227.



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Dallas Foursquare Church — Located at 976 SW Hayter St., on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Senior Pastor: Darrin Hausler. Worship Gatherings: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Youth Home Groups: Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. Please call for locations. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at dallasfour.com.

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Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 589 SW Birch St PO Box 450 Dallas, Or 97338 503-623-5872 Pastor Ted Perry, Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11 am Study and Prayer Wednesday 7pm Office hours: Wed, Thurs & Friday 9-12 . Community Services for food and clothing Wednesday 10am to 1pm.

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AUDIOPHILES
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Collins put feelers out into the vendor community to gauge the level of interest. Their idea blossomed into the event center’s first ever Willamette Valley Audiophile Show, with the profits from vendor table fees and admission charges going back to the fairgrounds.

“Some of the record people, they go, yeah, yeah, great idea, great idea,” Collins said.

Soon, they had 20 signed up, a good number he said for a first-time event.

The first vendor he approached was Mark Adams who helped design the event’s logo.

A longtime small businessman out of Salem, Adams has been collecting equipment for years, evolving from his years as a mobile DJ. His tables were filled with equipment collected during the “stereo wars” era.

“So I’ve picked up Benji’s receivers, turntables, reel-to-reel. I don’t really have any cassette decks, but a bunch of



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Shoppers at the Willamette Valley Audiophile Show look to expand their vinyl record collection in a trend of audiophiles moving away from the digital back to analog.

speakers and miscellaneous things over the years, and they’ve been sitting there at my place waiting to be either fixed or sold,” Adams said. “When Dave told me they were going to have this event, I said, this is a natural. It’s time to start cleaning up a little bit, cleaning out.

While Adams also considered the show a success in its debut, he recommended for its

return to better market it than just on Facebook, maybe with a bigger budget hire someone to help with better spreading the word. But for the initial run, Adams was all for advocating for the future of the fairgrounds.

“Also, the cause is good. Let’s see what we can do to keep this facility going here at the Polk County Fairgrounds,” he said. “The people that brought the stuff

in are just a nice little fraternity almost. Good people, and everybody looking at what each of them has got, talking about it, learning, and buying between each other sometimes. Yeah, all in all, a good event, and I hope that we can do it again next year and really get the word out.”

Even with limited word beforehand, Collins said he was pleasantly surprised by the turnout of

shoppers who were waiting out the door for the main building to open.

“It surpassed what I expected,” Collins said. “It more than doubled my expectations. And I probably had, I would say, close to a couple dozen other people come up and said we’re interested in being a vendor.”

The allure of trading in digital media back to analog was the big attraction to the event, Collins said. Word spread among vendors when it was being organized. Some, like Perl Shaefer, were excited to travel from the Seattle area to participate. Not surprising, since the vinyl records vendor has been trading, buying and selling his way at events across the country for decades. Shaefer estimates his collection at 30,000 vinyl records to supply his business Lake City Records. He’s not surprised by the trend of audiophiles, from ages 10 to 80, attending the show to build back their own analog collections.

“I believe part of it is nostalgia,” Shaefer said. “In other words, when we go to a store and we see an old toy, like

an old Tonka from our childhood, it connects you to your childhood. And so when people grab a record, I had this when I was 12 or when I was 16. It’s a nostalgia thing. Plus, the audio is way better, too.”

Shaefer regularly hits the road for audio shows across the U.S., from Philadelphia to Alabama back to Austin, Texas.

“I always buy records. I buy records to sell records to buy records to sell records and buy records. Because I’m a collector. So, it’s horse trading,” Shaefer said. “And plus it’s a lot of fun. And I get turned on to music I’ve never heard before. So, I go all over the country to do this.”

While the afternoons slowed down after the morning rush, Adams noticed that every vendor was making sales, always a good thing he said. And while the final tallies were unavailable before the Itemizer-Observer’s deadline, Collins expects them to be good enough to plan a second-annual audiophile show next year, should the levy pass in November to keep the fairgrounds and event center open.

POLK FIRE
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fire stations to the district, strengthen regional fire services, establish ambulance services, and secure funding to hire additional firefighters and staff the Bridgeport Fire Station.

Rod was more than a board president. He showed up. He attended

district events, supported our firefighters and staff, and remained deeply invested in the people and communities we serve. It was a privilege to work alongside him, and his legacy cannot simply be measured by his accomplishments. It lives on in the organization he helped build, the lives he influenced, and the standard of integrity he left for us to follow.

Outside the fire district, Rod was the owner of RG Watson Farms, a respected member of the Rickreall community, a husband, a father of four, and the proud grandfather of twenty. His dedication to family, agriculture, community, and public service reflected a life centered on service to others.

The Southwest Polk Fire District extends its

deepest condolences to Rod’s family, friends, and all those whose lives were touched by his friendship and service.

President Watson, thank you for 32 years of extraordinary service, leadership, friendship, and unwavering commitment to this district and its people.

Your watch has ended, but your legacy will remain with us always.

GOOD FOLK
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area schools and for other requesting groups.

Anyone interested in volunteering or a tour or learning more about Polk Fire District 1 can go to

their website for many helpful links: <https://www.polkfireor.gov>.

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Max Pitman (6) gets one of his eight tackles for the game, taking down Newberg's wide receiver DeVante Shields. Pitman also led the Dragons with two TDs and 132 yards rushing on 9 carries.



Dallas senior Aidan Galusha (27) breaks a tackle and lunges for the end-zone and the first of his two TDs, behind a lead block of junior Carson Langford.

Dragons scorch Tigers 34-7, set sites on rematch with Lebanon

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas opens Mid-Willamette Conference play Friday with a

difficult road test against Lebanon, the league's defending champion. The matchup brings together two physical programs and carries

added history. Lebanon edged Dallas by one point in the final seconds of last season's league finale. The winner of that game walked away with

the title. Dallas coach Andy Jackson knows his returning players remember that disappointment. But he also wants the

Dragons to approach Friday like any other game. "We're not going to make this game bigger than it needs to be,"

Jackson said. "But at the same time, a lot of our players left Lebanon last year in week nine with

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VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Perrydale sweeps Falls City in volleyball matchup

PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Panthers' frontliners Kamdyn Nelson (left) and Brynn Taufa'asau contributed to Central remaining undefeated, helping to sweep Gladstone last week.



By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Perrydale swept cross-county opponent Falls City 3-0 on Sept. 10 in a series of hard-fought sets on the volleyball court. The home victory highlighted a busy week for Perrydale. The Pirates also defeated Grand View Christian Academy and Willamette Valley Christian before closing the week with a loss to Chiloquin. Perrydale (3-0 league, 5-2 overall) hosts C.S. Lewis Academy at

6 p.m. Thursday. The Pirates then travel to Mohawk High School for tournament play on Saturday. Falls City (1-2 league, 4-3 overall) travels to Willamette Valley Christian at 6 p.m. Thursday. The team returns home to face Chemawa at 6 p.m. Tuesday. IMPROVED SERVING POWERS ANOTHER PANTHERS' SWEEP A total team effort resulted in another sweep

for the Panthers' volleyball team, this one coming against non-league Gladstone on Sept. 9. "Every player contributed to the victory," coach Cammy Baker stated later. "The team's aggressive serving played an important role after consistency had been a concern during the opening weeks of the season." Neither the coaching staff nor players anticipated such struggles. So the team returned to

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Panthers' late rally falls short in 17-13 loss to Braves

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Joel Everett's return to the sideline gave Central an emotional lift Friday night. The Panthers' head coach rejoined his team during an extremely difficult time for him and his family. Being back offered Everett a welcome return to familiar surroundings and the support of his players and staff. "It felt great to be with my extended family and to be back here," Everett

said after the game. "Being able to look these guys in the eyes and receive their hugs — and seeing the love they have for each other — meant a lot." Central responded by giving its coach everything it had. The Panthers got off to a difficult start, changed quarterbacks and nearly completed a second-half comeback before falling to sixth-ranked Banks, 17-13. Central trailed 17-0 at one point. Then rallied, and appeared to score the



Panther Owen Hayes (34) tackles the Braves rusher as teammate Gavin Nunn (5) closes in for an assist.

go-ahead touchdown on a fourth-down play late in the fourth quarter. But an aiding-the-runner penalty erased the points. Banks preserved its advantage when it kept Central from scoring on the next play. Despite the loss, the Panthers showed growth. They overcame early adversity and remained within striking distance until the final moments. "We still have a young group, and there are times when they wonder,

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PREP SCOREBOARD SEPT. 8 Girls Soccer Stayton 5, Dallas 2	SEPT. 9 Volleyball Central 3, Gladstone 0 SEPT. 10 Volleyball Dallas 3, Lebanon 2 Perrydale 3, Falls City 0 Girls Soccer Estacada 6, Dallas 0 Astoria 7, Central 0 SEPT. 11 Football Dallas 34, Newberg 7 Banks 17, Central 13 Perrydale 66, Chiloquin 26 Days Creek 34, Falls City 0 Volleyball Chiloquin 3, Perrydale 0	Prep Calendar SEPT. 16 Football Perrydale at Enterprise, 7 p.m. Cross Country Dallas, Perrydale at Oktoberfest Invitational, at Silver Falls State Park, 3:45 p.m. SEPT. 17 Girls Soccer Dallas at Springfield/Mohawk, 3 p.m. Central at South Albany, 7 p.m. Boys Soccer Creswell vs. Central, 7 p.m. Volleyball Dallas at West Albany, 6:30	p.m. Scappoose vs. Central, 6:30 p.m. C.S. Lewis vs. Perrydale, 6 p.m. Falls City at Willamette Valley, 6 p.m. SEPT. 18 Football Dallas at Lebanon, 7 p.m. Cascade vs. Central, 7 p.m. Country Christian vs. Perrydale, 7 p.m. Cross Country Perrydale Cross Country Invitational, TBD SEPT. 19 Volleyball Dallas at Woodburn Tournament, TBD	Perrydale at Mohawk Classic, TBD Boys Soccer Mazama vs. Central, 3 p.m. Cross Country Northwest Classic Lane Community College, Central, 11 a.m. SEPT. 21 Volleyball Crescent Valley vs. Dallas, 6:30 p.m. SEPT. 22 Girls Soccer Thurston vs. Dallas, 7 p.m. Volleyball Perrydale at Livingstone Academy, 6 p.m. Chemawa vs. Falls City, 6 p.m.
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PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17, 1986

‘The Promise’ – TV cameras ready to roll on Main Street this week

The world of illusion comes to Dallas this week. Hollywood is here.

For a brief, shining moment, Dallas will be something it is not. It will be the hometown of James Garner, playing a serious role in the film, “The Promise.” Filming begins at about 8 a.m. Sept. 19 and will continue through the next day and possibly Sept. 22.

Warner Bros., the film’s production company, didn’t choose some cut-of-the-way Dallas nooks in which to film the new drama.

They choose Main Street.

“The Promise” will make full use of the photogenic courthouse square. The Blue Garden and Willamette Valley Title Co. will be used as locations in the film.

FC issue to go before ethics board

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission decided last month to hold formal hearings on whether two Falls City School District officials violated state ethics laws in a 1985 land transaction.

The hearings will delve further into the circumstances surrounding the school district’s purchase of land from school board Chairman Dennis Sickles as a site for the construction of a new elementary school gymnasium.

No date has been set for the formal hearings.

Dallas net squad wins two toughies

The Dallas Dragons volleyball team won their first two league games of the season last week, downing Sweet Home on Tuesday and defeating Cascade on Thursday.

In the league opening against Sweet Home, the Dallas netters, after losing the first 6-15, trailed in the second game 10-8. But the Dragons, led by senior Julie Baxter who scored eight kills in the game, served up seven straight points to clinch the set 15-10.

Senior Jodi Miller served five points in the game.

Much the same situation prevailed in the third game when the Dragons were trailing 9-6, but came back to tie the game at 12-12 and then surged ahead to win 15-12.

In Thursday’s match against Cascade, the Dragons won in three sets, 16-6, 12-15, 15-7.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1976

Marijuana law passed

The Sept. 7 meeting of the Dallas City Council saw the council address a wide variety of issues ranging from marijuana to storm sewers.

The final order of business was the reading of three ordinances, the first of which dealt with penalties prescribed for possession of marijuana. The ordinance would bring the city’s marijuana laws in line with the state laws and allows cases involving less than one ounce to be tried in municipal court. Violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, unless the amount is under one ounce, in which case the fine will not exceed \$100.

Sept. 20 will mark the second reading of the ordinance and approval by the council and mayor.



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FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1986: **THE QUEEN AND HER COURT** - Falls City High School sophomore Jennifer Minahan was crowned Homecoming Queen for 1986 during halftime of the Mountaineer football game against Prospect. Minahan, a cheerleader and member of the volleyball team, is accompanied by court members (front to back) senior and former Homecoming Queen Kathy Headrick, senior Lea Dickerson and Beljana (“Biki”) Potunjak, a foreign exchange student from Yugoslavia. Junior Wendy Lynn is in the back row. (File I-O photo.)

Will Monmouth remain dry?

Monmouth voters will have a chance to decide for the first time in 22 years whether or not they would like to have alcoholic beverages sold in the city as a result of a petition filed last week.

The petition was signed by 304 city residents. Only 237 were needed to place the matter on the ballot for the Nov. 2 election.

The last time a petition was circulated., the petitioner received enough negative response that it was withdrawn. Bob Webster, owner of Webster’s IGA, said business dropped off dramatically when some residents learned he was sponsoring the petition.

Sandy tops Dallas

The Dallas Dragons saw the season off to a rocky start in the 1976 football debut, dropping a tough 3-0 decision to the Sandy Pioneers Friday night.

In the end, all that made the difference in the close-fought battle was a 22-yard field goal kicked near the end of the second quarter. Try as they might, neither team seemed able to move the ball consistently, with the resulting low score an indication of the defensive prowess of both teams.

Defensively, the Dragons turned in an excellent performance, limiting Sandy to 154 yards rushing and 55 yards passing, as the Dragons finished the evening with 232 to 209 edge in total yards.



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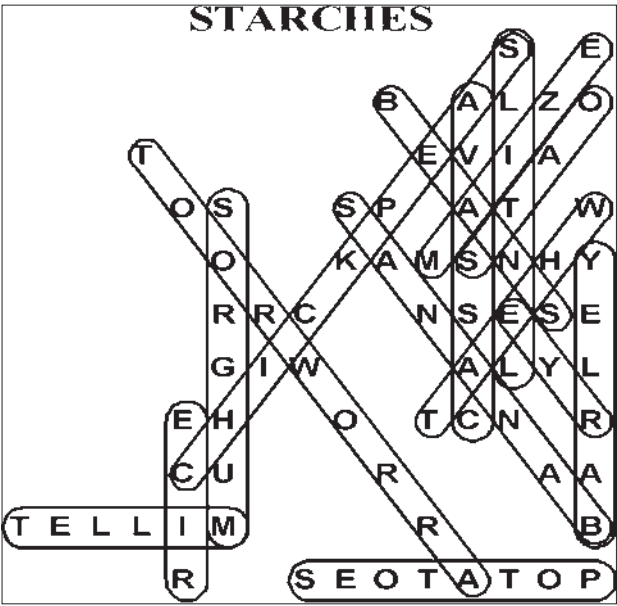
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Story Time, Dallas Public Library
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, for ages 2-6, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/ Winnie, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Wrap Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Dallas Parks Advisory Board Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Seniors trip to OMSI, meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and

Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 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/Watch repair & knife sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Adult & Teen Paint w/Jen, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 S Main St.
6 p.m. - Name That Tune Music Trivia with Sam, West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
6:30 p.m. - Stroke Awareness Presented by Salem Health, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
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.
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: xxx, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Summer Reading

Wrap Party, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ice Cream & Bingo Social, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Free Movie for teens: "The Sheep Detectives," Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas
6 p.m. - Live Music: Joe Shinkle & 99West, Dallas Nights, Dallas Rotary Performing Arts Stage, 182 SW Academy St.
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Dance Hall Days (Fleetwood Mac tribute band), tickets \$12, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

4-H Horse Playday Fundraiser, Polk County Fairgrounds Arena, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall
9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
9 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Riverview Park, Independence, free
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
5 p.m. - Live Music: Johnny Wheels & the Swamp Donkey (R&B, soul, rock & jazz), tickets \$12, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

1 p.m. - Live Music: Sam Girl (country acoustic), 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, SEPT. 21

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. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Grief Support Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
12:30 p.m. - Cornhole, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Bunko/Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games,

Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Scrabble - Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/ Winnie, Independence Public Library
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Darts, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Health Education Series: Balance and Falls Prevention, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
3:30 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 S Warren St.
4 p.m. - Polk County Fire District No. 1 visits the Independence Public Library, featuring fun fire safety activities for all ages
4 p.m. - Kid's Woodland Animal Clay Craft, sign ups required, Dallas Public Library
6 p.m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council work session, Civic Center, 555 Main St.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

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

See **CALENDAR**, page A7

Community Briefs

LIBRARY HOSTS STROKE AWARENESS COURSE SEPT. 17

The Dallas Library hosts a Stroke Awareness course, presented by Salem Health, at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at 950 Main St. A stroke can happen to anyone — and knowing the signs could save a life! Join us for a clear and helpful talk about what raises your risk of stroke and the steps you can take to protect your health. Learn how to spot a stroke, lower your risk, and be ready to help when every second counts. For more information, contact the library at (503) 623-2633 or online at facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.

MONMOUTH SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS CRAFT DAY SEPT. 19

Join the Monmouth Senior Community Center for an opportunity to craft in the company of other creative folks. The third Saturday of each month (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 19), bring your hobby and meet new people. All ages

and crafting styles are welcome at 180 Warren St. S.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS POP N RETRO CON SEPT. 19-20

The Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center presents Pop n Retro Sept. 19-20. This popular culture and retro event brings together vendors, collectors and fans. Find vintage Nintendo, rare trading cards, retro toys, anime collectibles and more. There will be cos-play costume contests, a Wheel of Morty for prizes, and appearances by PNW wrestling personalities Quinn Justice, The Grappler Len Denton, and Morty Lipschitz. Doors are open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sept 19 and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. One-day pass is \$10, two-day is \$15. For more information, go to https://popnretro.com.

DALLAS LIBRARY HOSTS ALZHEIMER'S/ DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP SEPT. 21

The Alzheimer's/ Dementia Caregivers

Monthly Support Group meets from 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 in the Grace Room (back room) of the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St. All caregivers seeking support are welcome.

LIBRARY HOSTS HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES SEPT 22

The Monmouth Public Library and the Community Health Center present Health Education Series: Balance and Falls Prevention, at 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at the library, 168 Ecols St. S. Concerns about falling are a normal part of the aging process. In this presentation, learn about identifying common risk factors, prevention strategies, increasing activity levels and creating a safer environment. No registration required.

RICE AUDITORIUM WELCOMES GRAMMY WINNER GABY MORENO SEPT. 24

Western Oregon University hosts Grammy and Latin Grammy-winning artist Gaby Moreno at 7:30 p.m. Sept

24 at 's Rice Auditorium, located at 344 Knox St., in Monmouth. Moreno is a singer-songwriter and producer whose warm, soulful sound bridges English and Spanish. Since moving to Los Angeles from her native Guatemala, she has released nine albums and earned major honors, including a Grammy win for X Mí (Vol. 1) (Best Latin Pop Album, 2024). For tickets, go to https://smithfinearts.vivenushop.com.

BIGFOOTSTOCK COMES TO DALLAS SEPT. 26

Come to the Dallas City Park for BigfootStock Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for a day of legendary community, fun and flavor. It features vendors, food and live entertainment from. Stay tuned for more details.

IDA HOSTS 25TH ANNUAL HOP & HERITAGE FESTIVAL SEPT. 26

The Independence Downtown Association hosts the Hop & Heritage Festival and 25th Annual

Harvest Celebration at noon, Sept. 26. The day features the Fresh Hop Fiesta at Parallel 45 Brewing - the only weekend in Oregon where fresh hop beers are poured all in one place, in the town that grew them - alongside the Downtown Passport, a Vendor Marketplace, buskers, and a cornhole tournament. Tickets are available at https://hopandheritage.com.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SYMPHONY KICKS OFF 2026 SEASON CONCERTS SEPT. 26-27

Willamette Valley Symphony, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion counties, presents its 2026-27 season opening concert, Nature & Community, at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 and 4 p.m. Sept. 27 at Ashbrook Independent School, 4045 SW Research Way, in Corvallis. The symphony welcomes composer Chris Thomas, who will talk about his work, "Malheur Symphony," which will be performed

by the Willamette Valley Symphony. Tickets are \$20 for seniors ages 65 and up, \$22 for adults ages 18-65 and free for ages 17 and under. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.willamettevalleysymphony.org/#concerts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help keep Hunter Arboretum on Park Street in Dallas looking good for visitors on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the work you want to do and take a break with us at 10:30. All are welcome. NorthWest Senior and Disability Service needs volunteers at their Dallas and Monmouth meal sites for their Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers help prepare and package meals, assist at the meal site, and deliver meals to older adults in Dallas and Monmouth and the surrounding community. Their service provides more than nutritious meals. For more information, contact Elijah Friday at elijah.friday@nwsds.org.

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PCIO26-389 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk County Case No. 26PB05944 In the Matter of the Estate of Anita Marie Hoerner, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Anita Marie Hoerner died March 1, 2026, and that by order of the above-entitled Court, the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative at 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-3732 / Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or said claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Leann Light Personal Representative 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP Attorneys for the Personal Representative 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-3732 / Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247 Date of publication: September 16, 2026

PCIO26-390 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: CORY VON BEHLING, Deceased. Case No.: 26PB07534 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Wendy Malinda Cerdena as Personal Representative of the Estate of Cory Von Behling, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published September 16, 2026. Wendy Malinda Cerdena, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com 09/16/26

PCIO26-391 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: FRED LYNN DOKE, Deceased. Case No.: 26PB07607 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Kimberly Marie Bedortha as Personal Representative of the Estate of Fred Lynn Doke, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published September 16, 2026. Kimberly Marie Bedortha, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com 09/16/26

PCIO26-392 Notice of Hearing for the Sale of City Property Pursuant to ORS 221.725(1) & (2), the City of Independence will hold a public hearing to consider the sale of the Heritage Museum property, located at 281 Second Street, Independence, OR 97351. The hearing will be held at the Independence Civic Center 555 South Main Street, Independence, OR 97351 on September 22nd at 6:30 pm. The property to be sold is a former commercial building of approximately 6,000 sq. ft. in size which has been renovated to house a museum. The property is zoned Mixed-Use Pedestrian Friendly Commercial and will be used in a manner consistent with the zoning designation. The sale of the property is necessary to restore city financial reserves. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by September 21, 2026, at 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon 97351. Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the city council. The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please let Myra Russell, City Recorder at 503-837-1174 know if you need any special accommodation to attend or participate in the hearing. 09/16/26

PCIO26-366 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-26-1055681-BF Reference is made to that certain deed made by, JOYCE LYNN SMITH, A SINGLE WOMAN as Grantor to TICOR TITLE, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/2/2017, recorded 11/13/2017, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2017-013513 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC covering the following described real

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property situated in said County, and State. APN: 312561 07321-AD-02600 BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE WHICH IS NORTH 89°41' EAST 618.80 FEET AND NORTH 175.50 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE JESSE HARRITT DONATION LAND CLAIM NO. 67 IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE NORTH 89°41' EAST, 66.45 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 190 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89°41' WEST, 132.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 95 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 89°41' EAST, 66.45 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 1166 Belaire Dr Nw, Salem, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$17,709.14 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$153,582.93 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

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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 the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to- wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 1/1/2026, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 12/29/2026 at the hour of 9:00am, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the Front Entrance to the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the

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Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest Joyce Smith 1166 Belaire Dr Nw Salem, OR 97304 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, 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 has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. 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 holders right's 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 report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer

of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO 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 THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT 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. TS No: OR-26-1055681-BF Dated: 8/4/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Daniel Lazos, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0316456 9/9/2026 9/16/2026 9/23/2026 9/30/2026

PCIO26-382 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.storagetreasures.com on 9/24/2026 at 12:00PM. Jacob Lacroix Unit #16. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 09/09/26, 09/16/26



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

Independence Police Department

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4
At 2:42 p.m., two Talmadge Middle School students were referred for minor in possession of marijuana charges. A vape pen was seized.
At 2:59 p.m., police received a welfare check request on a subject on 17th Street. No one was home.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5
At 7:52 a.m., a report of items stolen from a parked vehicle on Alder Street. Some surveillance video was received.
Miguel Trujillo was spotted out walking on G Street at South 5th Street. He was cited and released on a failure to appear warrant out of Salem Municipal Court.

At 11:04 a.m., officers responded to a report of animal complaint on Falcon Loop. They found the animal in fine shape.
At 2:35 p.m., a motorist was stopped in the 500 block of North 16th Street for using his cell phone while driving. The driver was cited for no identification and driving while suspended - violation. He was also cited for driving uninsured and operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device. The vehicle was towed as it was parked in the bike lane.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6
At 12:07 p.m., officers received a report of a large dog loose on White Oak Circle. The owners responded later in the day to pay the impound fee and retrieve it from the IPD.

At 3:38 p.m., Independence and Monmouth officers investigated a report of a hit and run where a motorist hit a mailbox on Monmouth Street. They located the driver who didn't realize he had hit something, thinking he just went over the curb. The driver was cited for careless driving.
At 10:15 p.m., officers attempted to arrest Joseph Lindley on Main Street. After he attempted to flee, officers used force to reaprehend him. He was lodged at Polk County Jail, after a medical evaluation, and charged with robbery 3, strangulation, criminal mischief 2, theft 2, harassment, resisting arrest and escape 3.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7
At 10:54 a.m., a youth on an Ebike/scooter took the corner too wide on Brier Road and crashed into a parked car, damaging it. An officer educated the child and parent on pertinent laws.
At 3:35 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Hoffman Road for his car's window tint being too dark. The driver was cited for no license, no ignition interlock device and no insurance. The car's owner was cited for allowing unlawful operation of a motor vehicle and was told the window tint was illegally dark. The vehicle was

towed as a hazard.
At 3:44 p.m., law enforcement responded to a report of a physical domestic disturbance on Dale Court. The wife said the husband had left and was intoxicated after drinking all day. Polk County deputies located the husband and arrested and charged him with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10
A disturbance at an apartment complex in the 600 block of South Sixth Street led to Jose Sandoval being taken into custody on a probation violation.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3
Found Property: Prescription glasses in a case were found on the road and placed at the service desk.
Citizen Contact: An individual called to ask about police presence at their residence. They were informed an officer needed to speak with them.
Animal: A lost shepherd mix was found near an intersection. It was held in the kennels and subsequently returned to its owner.
Citizen Contact: An individual contacted the office to voice frustrations regarding previous incidents. The individual appeared to be intoxicated and was advised to attend their court date to speak with a judge.
Open: A resident found their door cracked open upon returning home. Officers checked the property, but nothing was missing or out of place.
Domestic Disturbance: A verbal domestic dispute occurred. An individual involved was causing a disturbance, and after contacting their parole officer, they were arrested for a parole violation.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4
Trespass: A resident reported their former partner was asleep on the couch while intoxicated and in possession of a firearm. Police arrested the partner on an outstanding warrant and seized the firearm.
Citizen Contact: An individual reported a phone was stolen by a family member. Previous searches of the home had yielded nothing. The individual was advised of their civil options and warned not to enter the home without permission.
House: Officers investigated a report of an apartment fire. An alarm was sounding, but no fire was found.
Domestic Disturbance: Officers responded to a domestic dispute where both parties admitted to a physical altercation. A follow-up was planned for one of the parties.
Harassment: A resident reported that a neighbor and the neighbor's family member pounded on their door and yelled about a barking dog. One neighbor made a threatening comment about escalating the situation. The incident was documented for future reference.
Citizen Contact: An individual requested that another person stop following them. The person following agreed to cease contact.
Information: A report was made regarding a lost

wallet containing identification and financial cards.
Citizen Contact: Assistance was provided to unlock a vehicle.
Missing Property: A report was taken for a lost wallet. No suspicious activity was noted on the financial cards.
Citizen Contact: An individual attempted to retrieve property from safekeeping outside of regular business hours.
Emotional Distress: A report was received regarding individuals accessing private internet. The caller made concerning comments about drones and safety.
Arrest: An individual was arrested and charged with harassment after directing a flashlight at drivers and officers for an extended period.
Disturbance: A report of people arguing and screaming was investigated, but no one was located.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5
Agency Assistance: An officer assisted another department with a stop involving a juvenile on a small bike.
Welfare Check: A grandmother was reported as unresponsive, but she was later confirmed to be safe.
Welfare Check: A neighbor reported hearing screaming and a comment about someone being killed. It was determined to be residents playing video games and watching a movie.
Crime: A report was made regarding a new social media profile containing explicit content and offers for services.
Driving: A complaint regarding erratic driving was received, but the vehicle was not located.
Agency Assistance: An officer covered a domestic disturbance and trespass call for another agency regarding a parenting time disagreement.
Fraud: A resident reported a credit card had been opened in their name without their knowledge.

Welfare Check: A report of a female screaming in a group home was investigated. A client was having a behavioral episode, but all were safe.
Suspicious Activity: A report of children yelling for help was investigated. The group was scared after hearing a loud noise, but no one was injured.
Arrest: An individual was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and harassment after an incident involving a flashlight.
Suspicious Activity: An individual was reported looking into vehicles. The area was searched, but no one was found.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6
Arrest: An individual was located and arrested on an outstanding warrant.
Arrest: An individual was cited and released for driving without a license and failing to use lights.
Harassment: An individual reported a former partner was repeatedly sending messages and creating new accounts to contact them after being blocked.
Emotional Distress: A welfare check was requested for an individual who made concerning comments. The individual declined assistance and was safe.
Domestic Disturbance: Officers responded to a verbal argument between two people in the street.

The parties were advised to stop fighting in public.
Lost Property: An inquiry was made regarding a lost wallet.
Disturbance: A dispute between neighbors regarding pets was mediated.
Attempt to Locate: Officers located a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run incident reported by another agency.
Welfare Check: A resident was reported missing after not being seen for several days. Entry was made to the apartment, and the resident was later confirmed to be safe and on a trip.
Traffic Assistance: A request to assist a wild animal in the road was declined, and the caller was advised to contact the appropriate wildlife agency.
Suspicious Activity: A report of an individual naked in an apartment was investigated. No one was located.
Noise: A dispute regarding a downstairs neighbor hitting the ceiling was addressed.
Arrest: An individual was arrested and charged with robbery, strangulation, criminal mischief, and resisting arrest.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7
Citizen Contact: An officer answered an inquiry regarding regulations for electric and gas-powered scooters.
Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated a report from a hotline regarding alleged child trafficking and drug activity. The allegations were found to be unsubstantiated and part of an ongoing neighbor dispute.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8
Agency Assistance: An officer assisted another agency with an investigation into a physical domestic incident.
Citizen Contact: An inquiry was made regarding an incident involving a student on a school bus. Information was documented.

Animal: A dog found without a collar was taken into custody and held at the office.
Emotional Distress: A report of a suicidal individual was received. The individual was not escalating and agreed to take medication.
Missing Person: Two children who walked home from school were reported missing but were located safely at home.
Welfare Check: A report of a child screaming was investigated. The child was found safe and was just upset over a locked electronic device.
Lost Property: An inquiry was made regarding a lost phone.
Agency Assistance: Officers assisted another agency with two juveniles who appeared to be impaired.
Animal: A report of a loose dog was investigated, but the animal was not located.
Animal: A report of a loose dog was resolved by returning the animal to its owner.

Suspicious Activity: A flashing green light reported in a backyard was determined to be a fallen drone.
Suspicious Activity: A report of an individual posing as an officer to check on a barking dog was taken. The individual left when confronted.
Found Property: An iPhone, found on the road after a crash alert, was

returned to its owner.
Driving: A vehicle was observed failing to maintain a lane. The driver was stopped and warned.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9
Citizen Contact: An individual inquired about the whereabouts of another person. The office explained that location information could not be disclosed without consent.
Littering: A resident reported a former owner had discarded furniture and trash in a drainage area. The former owner agreed to clean it up.
Agency Assistance: An officer assisted another agency with a disturbance at a business.
Animal: A citation was issued for a dog running at large.
Animal: Two loose dogs were collected by their owner, and a citation was issued.
Driving: A complaint about juveniles riding small bikes was investigated, but the juveniles were not located.
Sex Offense: A report of a sex offense was initiated.

Run: A resident reported that a person in their care had run away. The person was located and returned.
DUII: An impaired driver was arrested after showing signs of intoxication and refusing to cooperate with tests.
Citizen Contact: An individual sought an update on a person's location. Officers could not confirm a hospital admission.
Domestic Disturbance: A verbal and physical domestic dispute was reported. The aggressor was identified, but neither party wished to pursue charges.
Citizen Contact: A resident complained about a neighbor slamming doors in retaliation. The resident was advised that the office lacks authority over such disputes and was encouraged to contact property management.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2
At 12:41 a.m., deputies assisted Dallas police on a report of a dog bite on Allgood Street. When they arrived, a resident reportedly had the dog, Loki, a 4-year-old pitbull, in a headlock and was laying across him to prevent him from biting further. The resident had been bitten and the owner had been bitten several times in the past. The resident and the owner completed animal bite and surrender forms for the deputies. Loki was surrendered and transported to the Polk County dog kennel.
At 6:22 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle on the side of Brown Road partially blocking the roadway. They were unable to contact the owner. The vehicle was towed.
At 12:03 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash near Corvallis and Stapleton roads. They found a vehicle in the ditch. Speaking with the driver, it appeared there may be some intoxicants involved. The driver consented to a field sobriety test and performed poorly. A passenger reported the driver had at least one alcoholic beverage while at a bar prior to the crash. The driver was taken into custody but refused a breath test. Blood was

taken under exigency draw and will submit for warrant and testing. The driver was lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 2:10 p.m., an initial hall-up call turned out to be a possible crash alert. Tribal police arrived first on the scene on Hebo Road and found a vehicle on its side with no injuries. A deputy responded and shortly cleared.
At 2:31 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a deer hit by a vehicle and in need of dispatching on East Avenue in Falls City. The deputy located the deer lying on the side of the road and was still breathing. The deputy dispatched the deer after notifying dispatch he'd be utilizing his firearm.
At 3:13 p.m., a deputy spotted a dog in the road that was almost struck on Highway 22. After turning around, the deputy learned of a nearby rollover accident on Sawtell Road where the dog may have escaped from. The deputy helped gather information while Oregon State Police conducted their investigation. A driver was taken to Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. A passenger refused transport by medics because she did not want to leave her two dogs (she had two more loose dogs running around the highway). The deputy transported the female passenger to the casino to be picked up by family.
At 3:24 p.m., deputies responded to Gage and Wildwood roads to investigate a report of a possible crash. They located a Dodge Ram 2500 partially on the side of the road (in the ditch). The sole occupant of the vehicle had been extracted by fire/medical personnel, and life-saving measures were being performed on the male. The male was pronounced deceased on scene. Polk County medical examiner was dispatched to the scene and released the deceased to Bowman's Funeral Home.
At 6:18 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a road struck deer on Airlie Road but was unable to locate it.
At 8:19 p.m., a deputy spotted a male subject outside the Sheriff's Office dancing and holding something in each hand. The deputy contacted the subject and learned he was holding a feather in one hand and burning sage in the other. He said he's a healer and was blessing the Sheriff's Office through burning sage. He had to throw the sage down as it was going to burn his hand, and the deputy later stomped on it to make sure the embers were out. Dispatch advised the Dallas Police Department had just contacted the male subject as he was blessing their office. The deputy explained to the subject that the next time he wanted to bless something to let them know first.
At 8:25 p.m., a deputy investigated a single vehicle crash on Farmer Road where the driver ended up in a ditch to avoid hitting a cat. The driver, Richard Verburg, exhibited signs of intoxication and performed poorly on a field sobriety test. Blood was taken at West Valley Hospital. He was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving.

POLICE

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

At 12:31 a.m., deputies investigated a report of several vehicles parked off Independence Highway and approximately eight people walking around with flashlights and some screaming. They found one vehicle disabled and two other vehicles there to help. The deputies facilitated getting the cars out of the road so they could work on it on the shoulder.

At 10:03 a.m., an inmate on Clay Street Jail was charged with harassment after spitting another inmate.

At 11:38 a.m., a resident on Clay Street reported being the target of a kidnapping scam. He said a caller reported having his daughter and was demanding \$2,500 in payment and would meet in Dallas to facilitate the exchange. The deputy said due to resources, the PCSO could not set something up. The resident was slightly adamant about finding who these people were. The deputy informed him it would not be a good idea to try something on his own as these people could be armed and dangerous. The deputy promised to write a report and refer it to the FBI.

At 2:49 p.m., a resident on Barnhart Road reported two males on his property and that this was an ongoing issue. Deputies found two utility workers working on a Century Link box that was located on what appeared to be the comp's property. They provided the complainant with the supervisor's name and phone number so he could contact them about what can happen going forward.

At 6:08 p.m., a deputy spoke to a male walking on the side of Clow Corner Road walking his dog. The dog was on a leash, but the dog was walking in the roadway causing traffic to have to slow down. The deputy advised the male to keep his dog off the roadway so it wouldn't get hit.

At 6:19 p.m., a resident reported several juveniles entered an abandoned trailer at Wandering Spirits RV Park off Salmon River Highway. The complainant told the juveniles they were breaking and entering before the juveniles moved on and looked under two other abandoned trailers. The complainant said the juveniles were no longer on scene. The subject also wanted to remain anonymous but wanted the incident documented.

At 8:27 p.m., a resident on Falls City Road reported two dogs, one German shepherd and one husky, came into her garage. The husky ran off, and the German shepherd initially stayed, but later escaped. The two dogs are likely the two involved in another case where two similarly described dogs killed sheep in the area. No known owners for the dogs still.

At 8:27 p.m., a deputy contacted a male walking around the museum on Pacific Highway near the fairgrounds. The subject said he was the vice president of the museum and was there to check on some lighting issues.

At 9:10 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Corvallis Road with a child and woman screaming. A 71-year-old driver had been travelling westbound on Corvallis Road when he failed to negotiate the curve and went straight off the road into the ditch. A toddler in the front seat and an adult in the backseat were uninjured, while the driver received a small injury to the chin from bumping into the steering wheel. There were no signs of impairment. The pickup truck was towed.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

At 7:09 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 96 mph on Corvallis Road. The driver was cited for speeding 31+mph in a 55-mph zone and for careless driving due to the road conditions being wet in conjunction with the curves in the road and her speed making her driving likely to cause her to crash and cause property damage or injury to herself.

At 8:23 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 45-mph reduced speed zone near Rickreall.

At 9:45 a.m., a resident on Falls City Road reported a German shepherd and a smaller, lighter-colored dog (husky) attacked his sheep overnight and this was not the first incident and heavily believed that it's been the same two dogs every time. He believed the dogs belonged to a resident in the 18000 block of Falls City Road. A deputy observed multiple dogs at the location and two of them looked to be the ones in the victim's photo. The deputy spoke with the property owner who admitted two of his dogs did get out last night. He said he was willing to assist the victim, but did not have a lot of money. The deputy exchanged their information so they could figure out something civilly, but will have to follow up

with the dog owner on citations.

At 3:45 p.m., a dog found loose near Grace Community Church on Main Street in Dallas was taken into custody and lodged at Polk County dog kennel.

At 7:41 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Highway 99 after passing multiple vehicles in a no-passing zone. The driver had an outstanding warrant out of Marion County for ID theft. She was cited and released with a new court date.

At 9:42 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle that broke down at the corner of Beck Road and Highway 99. The deputy helped push it away from the highway. The driver called AAA.

At 11:55 p.m., a resident on Versatz Road reported he woke up to lots of gunfire outside his house. He reported he heard two vehicles slowly drive down the road, park very close to his house, where he heard arguing and then more gunshots, before the vehicles slowly drove back to Falls City. A deputy located a very fresh spent roman candle exactly where the caller described the shots were coming from. No shell casings were located or anything to suggest shooting was occurring.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

At 11:44 a.m., a deputy covered Dallas Police on Main Street on a domestic violence investigation involving a child exchange between divorced parents.

At 2:07 p.m., a resident on Buena Vista Road reported a late hit and run at the location. A deputy noticed vehicle tire marks going from the road way into the resident's fence and onto his property. The tire marks looked as if the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate the turn in the road. Damages were estimated at \$1,000.

At 6:55 p.m., security contracted by PGE reported a female crossed PGE property to get underneath the bridge on Grand Ronde Road. A deputy contacted the female under the bridge and advised her security did not want her cutting through the property. She was reasonable and appeared to understand.

At 9:32 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a missing 9-year-old who hadn't returned home. While en route, she was found at the market on Harrington Road.

At 11:25 p.m., a deputy spoke with two female hikers from New Zealand and Australia who were hiking around Oregon and found a quiet place to sleep off Highway 22.

The deputy explained to them most city, county and state parks close at sunset. He added that since they are leaving tomorrow tonight would be fine.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

At 2:17 a.m., deputies responded to a fight between friends on Court Street. One of the subjects was gone upon deputies arrival.

At 9:07 a.m., a deputy came upon a tree branch in the road way on Ash Street in Dallas. The deputy got a chainsaw and cleared the roadway.

At 11:39 a.m., a resident on Corvallis Road reported a suspect had underpaid again for a carton of eggs from her egg stand. She followed the suspect this time to Independence. A deputy contacted the subject who explained she didn't understand the price. She paid the stand owner, who also wanted her trespassing from the property and told not to return.

At 5:38 p.m., a deputy was westbound on Salem Dallas Highway when another vehicle left a parking lot, entered the center median and immediately entered the deputy's lane of travel. To avoid a crash, the deputy applied brakes, horn and swerved to the right. The driver said that she was trying to enter the center lane only and did not see the deputy. The driver was polite but had an atrocious driving record. She was cited for careless driving.

At 7:45 p.m., a deputy observed a green Subaru on the side of Pacific Highway with hazards on. The driver stated they were looking at the sky and the sunset. All is good.

At 10:42 p.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

At 5:17 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Commercial Street for no headlights. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 8:14 a.m., a motorist was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 9:15 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of CPR needed on 35th Avenue. The deputy was first on the scene. The subject was breathing but non responsive with a slight pulse. However, the deputy did not want to hurt the male by moving him from his chair as the only one on scene. When Medics arrived, they moved the male and started CPR. After

two rounds of CPR, the patient then was talking with the medics. Medics transported him to Salem Hospital.

At 10:16 a.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was stopped for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving uninsured.

At 12:33 p.m., a report of a purse found on Ellendale Avenue. A deputy picked up the purse and contacted the owner. The owner authorized a trusted friend to retrieve the purse.

At 12:59 p.m., an anonymous complaint was received about vehicles speeding and doing burnouts on Yamhill River Road. The caller asked for more patrols in the area.

At 11:33 p.m., a deputy pursued a vehicle speeding 104 mph eastbound on Highway 223. The vehicle came within 10-12 feet of a Salem police vehicle before slamming on its brakes, and cutting in front of a vehicle in the other lane. The deputy stopped the motorist, who was very distraught and in crisis. She repeatedly saying she wanted to die, that she wished she had crashed, talked about wanting to drive head on into a semi, jump into traffic, jump off a bridge and suicide by cop. The deputy took her into custody and transported her to Salem Hospital.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

At 12:55 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 21-30 mph over the speed limit.

At 1:27 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a motorist driving 20 mph well above 70 mph while southbound on Highway 99 but was unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

At 2:53 a.m., a resident reported a suspect with a flashlight near a barn in the 4300 block of Mistletoe Road. The owners of the property were concerned about an unlocked barn and RV. We walked the property and cleared the barn/RV and found nothing. The resident added the male suspect was a known person who had done this in the past, knew the nearby trail system very well and was known to carry a firearm. The deputies drove the area some more and checked where the suspect might come out from. They were unable to locate him.

At 3:44 a.m., deputies assisted Independence Police on a physical domestic report on Dale Court. The husband left in a vehicle prior to law enforcement arrival. The wife reported he was intoxicated after drinking all day. Deputies located the vehicle and

arrested the husband and charged him with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 3:50 a.m., Davi Neves was arrested on Stadium Drive for suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant. Neves refused to take a breath test. A warrant was granted for a blood draw. Neves was booked into Polk County Jail.

At 4:18 a.m., a deputy removed three dead raccoons and a part of a car from the roadway on Briedwell Road.

At 10:38 a.m., a resident from Falls City Road came into the Sheriff's Office requesting to report a late theft of his valid passport and one gold coin that is approximately worth \$1,000. He told the deputy he believed two juveniles stole the items from his house while they were at his residence working. He said he gave the two juveniles work every so often like mowing his lawn or building fences for his dogs.

At 11:32 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle roll over crash off Pacific Highway. They cut a trail in the bushes for medics. They helped medics and held the scene until Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation.

At 12:13 p.m., a parent came into the Sheriff's Office to report that her son was punched repeatedly in the face and bit on the hand by another student while they were together on the school bus. She shared a photo of her son's hand with a visible red bite mark on it. She primarily wanted this documented into a report as she worried that the school was not taking her seriously, because that the school gave the other student no disciplinary action.

At 8:22 p.m., deputies were dispatched on a wrong-way driver after tribal police asked for a cover unit. A deputy assisted a tribal officer take the driver, Raymond Duran, into custody who was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. The deputy stayed behind and waited for OK Towing to tow the vehicle.

At 8:31 p.m., a deputy removed a tree branch from the middle of Highway 99 near milepost 62.

At 9 p.m., a motorist on Highway 18 was stopped for no rear lights. The motorist showed her license was suspended out of Alaska. She was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for failure to present and the lighting violation.

CALENDAR

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

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Wrap Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
3 p.m. - Clay Creations, for ages 1-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas



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Football
From Page B1

our hearts broken in the last second for a league title.”

Jackson expects the Dragons to be ready with-out allowing their emotions to take over.

“I’m going to do my best to make sure we all stay even-keeled and approach this game the way we approach any-body,” he said.

Dallas enters the matchup with a 2-0 record after defeating Central and Newberg in non-league play.

The Dragons earned a 34-7 home victory over Newberg on Sept. 11, building a 27-point lead before rotating players and taking a more conservative approach, especially on offense.

That allowed several Dragon players to gain needed varsity experience. Dallas also emerged healthy from a physical matchup against a Class 6A opponent.

Still, Jackson noted room for improvement.

“We came out hot right off the bat. Newberg is a good opponent,” he said. “All in all, I was really happy with our performance. But make no mistake about it, we have a lot to improve on.”

Dallas scored only seven points after its fast start. Maintaining intensity throughout the game will be much more important moving forward.

The Dragons also must eliminate procedural penalties. False starts and

offsidess penalties stalled drives against Newberg.

“We pride ourselves on being a disciplined program, and we have to get better in that area,” Jackson said. “When we play a big-time opponent in a big game, those things will kill us.”

Dallas otherwise controlled the line of scrimmage.

The offensive line created consistent movement and gave the Dragons’ running backs room to operate. Max Pittman rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns, while Aidan Galusha added 47 yards and two scores.

Evan Wagner continued his strong start on defense. He returned interceptions for touchdowns during each of Dallas’ first two games. He also had an interception at the jamboree.

Quarterback Tommy Hess completed 15 of 20 passes for 111 yards and one touchdown against Newberg.

The defense allowed seven points and delivered several stops near the end zone.

“As they got closer to scoring, our kids stood tall,” Jackson said. “I was very pleased with that. All in all, defensively, I thought we played well.”

The Dragons will need another strong defensive performance against Lebanon. Jackson described the Warriors as a physical team similar to Dallas and expects an “absolute dogfight.”

Friday also begins a demanding conference schedule in which every

game impacts the playoff race.

“If you have an off week, you will get beat by somebody you probably shouldn’t get beat by on paper,” Jackson said. “That’s because the quality of our league is so good. There are no off weeks.”

A victory against the Warriors would give Dallas an important early advantage and help replace a painful memory from last season. The Dragons cannot change how that game ended. They can, however, determine what happens Friday.

“My boys will be ready to go because of who they are and what type of competitors they are,” Jackson said. “They will go out and play a great football game.”

STATS
DALLAS OFFENSE
Passing: Thomas Hess, 15-20, 111 yards, 1 TD
Rushing: Aidan Galusha, 8 carries, 47 yards, 2 TDs; Max Pittman, 9 carries, 132 yards, 2 TDs.
Receiving: Cayden Bice, 5 catches, 39 yards; Thomas Loughary, 2 catches, 20 yards, 1 TD.
DALLAS DEFENSE
Tackles: Galusha 11, Jace Mosely 9, Jace Coleman 8; Pitman 8; Nathan Cunningham, 6.
Sacks: Galusha, Mosely, Cunningham, Peter Nicol, 1 each.
Fumble Recovery: Mosely.
Interception: Evan Wagner.

Roundup
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the basics, devoting more practice time to serving. Fruit from that labor was on display during Thursday’s match. More importantly, the performance against Gladstone reflected the players’ willingness to address an early weakness.

“Rather than allowing inconsistent serving to become a lasting problem, the team used practice repetitions to build confidence and improve their execution,” Baker said. “It was encouraging to see that work translate into the game.”

The team understands the season is young and more difficult tests are ahead. The trick now is to keep building on early successes.

“Although we’ve had early success, the girls are anxious for continued challenges and to turn some heads doing it,” the coach said.

Central had been scheduled to compete in



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Lining up for action Sept. 10 on either side of the net are (from left) Mackenzie Pelzer and Addison Parr for Perrydale, and Abby Crabb for Falls City.

a tournament at Sprague over the weekend. But the team did not make the trip due to a scheduling miscommunication. Sprague did not host a tournament.

Central opened the season with five straight match wins. All were sweeps except for a 3-1

win against Corvallis on Sept. 3.

No. 10 Central hosted No. 3 Scappoose Sept. 17.

The girls won’t play again until they travel to Cascade Thursday, Sept. 24. This is the Oregon West Conference opener for the Panthers.

Loss
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“Can we do this?” assistant head coach Jeff Centoni said. “We faced some adversity in the first half, and it felt like momentum was against us. Then we started building momentum.”

Quarterback Tyler Olafson provided the spark for Central.

Olafson entered during the second quarter and immediately marched Central down the field for a score. The offense continued to click and so Olafson remained behind center.

“We needed a spark, and we started moving the ball after Tyler entered the game,” Centoni said. “We stayed with him because we were having success.”

Olafson, who scored both of his team’s touchdowns, understood what the Panthers needed from him.

“I knew I had to step up in a big moment,” he said. “It takes a team, but sometimes one play can get everyone going.”

Central carried that momentum into the second half.

The defense opened with a fourth-down stop. The offense followed with another touchdown, thereby cutting Banks’ lead to four points.

“Our mentality was, ‘Why not us?’” Olafson said. “That is what our program lives by. We carry that into every play.”

Change in momentum coincided with Central winning the battle at the line of scrimmage. The Panthers ran effectively between the tackles while relying on their depth and conditioning. Olafson led the Panthers in rushing, with many of his yards coming right up the gut.

Conditioning also played a factor. Banks used several players on both



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Central coach Joel Everett returned to the sideline for Friday’s game against sixth-ranked Banks.

sides of the ball. Central’s ability to rotate players became an advantage as the game progressed.

“We condition every day after practice, and you could see that showing,” Olafson said. “A lot of their defensive linemen played both ways, while we were able to stay fresh.”

The Panthers’ defense also dominated in the second half.

Centoni said players corrected technical mistakes and gained confidence as the game progressed. Which ultimately gave Central that short-lived lead in the final minutes.

The Panthers crossed the goal line, but officials called Central for aiding the runner. The rule allows teammates to push a pile but prevents them from directly pushing the ball carrier forward, Centoni said.

“As a defensive coach, I’ve tried to get that call against other teams for years, and then it was called against us,” he said. “I think the officials probably made the correct call.”

The Panthers host top-ranked Cascade at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Cascade coach Shane Hedrick, who guided the Cougars to a state championship last season, is a

former long-time Central coach. His son, Grant Hedrick, a star quarterback at Central, is one of his assistants.

Cascade defeated Crescent Valley and Sandy to open the season. Both Class 5A opponents are ranked in the top 10.

Friday’s matchup is the Oregon West Conference opener for both teams and the third of four consecutive home games for Central.

The Cougars have not lost a game in more than a year.

STAT LEADERS
Panthers Offense
Passing: T. Olafson, 7-10, 84 yards.
Rushing: Olafson, 24 carries, 100 yards, 2 TDs; Austin Cobaugh, 9 carries, 34 yards.
Receiving: Issac Wakkure, 1 reception, 20 yards; Ryan Perkins, 3 receptions, 18 yards.
Panthers Defense
Tackles: Aiden Dunigan, 9 tackles, 5 assists; Adam Menke, 4 assists, 2 sacks, 2 tackles for loss.
Braves Offense
Passing: Nate Lyda, 7-16, 46 yards, 1 interception.
Rushing: Jaic Lamb, 18 carries, 86 yards.
Receptions: Conor Bergin, 2 receptions, 21 yards.

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