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Kujo’s takes a bite out of Pokémon collectable market

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Krystle Sanchez has joined a growing fraternity of niche store owners in Dallas catering to the collectables crowd. Her new store, Kujo’s Collectables, joined Everything Blaine Likes, Mythic Finds and Penny’s with a grand opening ribbon cutting on Jan. 25.

Each store offers something a little bit different from the other. For Sanchez, Kujo’s Collectables is an outgrowth of her own obsession with Pokémon. The thought of doing something with her growing collection had its seeds about four to five months ago, she said.

“I’m a pretty big Pokémon collector and there was nowhere in town, like, Walmart was always sold out. So, the next closest place you had to go to was Salem,” Sanchez said. “I had a huge collection myself, duplicates and things like that. Oh, what can I do to sell them? Then just decided to start my own business selling them.”

Huge for Sanchez, she admits, is over 10,000 cards.

“I kind of said it as a joke. ‘Maybe I should just open my own place. Cause there’s nowhere in town to get them. Next thing I know, within an hour I was registering a business. It came to this,” Sanchez said.



Krystle Sanchez makes her first sales to the rush of customers at the grand opening of her Pokémon centric store Kujo's Collectables.

As the co-owner of Jungle Pet Supply with her wife Gabriella Bumpus, she started small, offering up her duplicates on a stand in the pet store. Then she expanded by offering up little selections at Everything Blaine Likes. Then the suite next door to Jungle Pet came available and she decided to take a leap of faith.

“I kind of want to be the shop where everybody finds the things that I like. I love that Mythic Finds has the tables to go play on. Because a lot of people want a place to go learn to play games,” Sanchez said.

Bumpus will continue to operate Jungle Pet Supply next door, with Sanchez helping an hour in the morning and an hour to close. Then all day Monday.

“We’ll both be back and forth. It will definitely be a big change not

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DSD seeks community input for future of its elementary schools

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Dallas School District has launched an online poll to solicit the community’s input to help shape the future of its elementary schools.

To take the online survey, go to <https://bit.ly/3WBVNC9>. The survey will remain open until March 28, the end of spring break.

In addition, the district will host opportunities for open conversations, where the community can share feedback in person and ask questions. The schedule and location for these meetings are:

Lyle Elementary: 6-7 p.m. Feb. 3

Oakdale Elementary: 6-7 p.m. Feb. 18

Whitworth Elementary: 6-7 p.m. March 5

Dallas Superintendent Steve Spencer said the district is constantly striving to provide the best learning environments for its students while meeting the needs of families, staff and community.

He knows of no other districts that split their elementary school student populations like Dallas has for more than 15 years. Lyle and Oakdale enroll kindergarten through third graders while Whitworth has fourth and fifth graders.

Spencer said because of shifts district enrollment, the administration is conducting a needs assessment regarding their elementary school model.

“We have been experiencing significant changes post-COVID, namely a decline in student enrollment and increased behavioral challenges,” Spencer explained. “When combined with budget reductions the past two years, we want to make sure that we are utilizing our resources in the most effective and efficient manner.”

Currently, Lyle has 301 students, Oakdale has 315, and Whitworth has 368. Spencer said the district made a temporary adjustment this year to move two third grade classes, one from Lyle and one from Oakdale to Whitworth to balance out some student/teacher ratios.

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Robert Spivey selected to fill vacated Dallas City Council seat

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Robert Spivey began the evening of Jan. 14 applying to fill a vacant Dallas City Council seat. Not much later, he was rather surprised to not only be the near-unanimous selection, but in a whirlwind of action, to be sworn in and sitting in on important decisions.

“It was a pretty humbling experience to have them show that much confidence in me,” Spivey said.

The city found itself in need of a new councilor after Troy Hazelton, just chosen to one of five open seats in the November election, purchased his house outside city limits. This necessitated his stepping down from the council.

“Simply purchasing property outside the city limits does not disqualify someone from holding elected office in the city,” City Manager Brian Latta explained. “It is the act of moving your residence outside the city that disqualifies. It’s my understanding that Mr. Hazelton moved outside the city in December 2024.”

There were questions within the community about why the city didn’t just go with the candidate who received the next highest vote total in the November election. Latta said the City Council followed its charter to fill the vacancy.

“The city charter states, ‘vacancies in elective offices in the city shall be filled by vote of a majority of the incumbent members of the council,’” Latta explained. “The City Council decided by a majority vote to solicit applications to fill the vacancy, and a majority vote was also used to select the new councilor.”

Spivey and three others applied, including recent former city council members Nancy Adams and Kirsten Collins. The third was retiree Robert Greenway, who’d moved to Dallas a year ago.

Spivey, a 20-plus year resident of Dallas, said he didn’t run for the seat during the last election because he felt there was already a strong slate of candidates who’d put their name in the hat he could support.

He thought he had enough background to seriously be considered this go around.

Spivey is the human resource manager for Open Dental Software out of Salem, overseeing a team of 12, handling all the administrative aspects for a 430-person company. He is currently on the Dallas School District’s finance committee and had previously worked as director of administrative services for the city of Dallas.

Each candidate was given 16 questions to answer for the remaining City Council members to consider, then given three minutes each to sell why they should be selected.

Afterwards, Spivey said he was sure he was going to lose out to Adams.

“Nancy Adams is an amazing person. I might have voted for her,” he said.

He said he wasn’t sure why he was selected, adding “my presentation was enthusiastic. My answers were clear yet deep enough to map out my thought process.”

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Maps Community Foundation donates \$25,000 toward WOU student success

Maps Community Foundation, the community giving arm of Maps Credit Union, is proud to announce its generous donation of \$25,000 toward supporting the new Student Success Center at Western Oregon University. This vital support will enhance the student experience and provide essential resources for students on their journey from enrollment to graduation.

With approximately 50 percent of Western’s students being first-generation college students, many encounter challenges that can hinder their academic success. The support from Maps Community Foundation will play a crucial role in

addressing these needs, offering students the support and resources necessary to thrive throughout their college experience.

“At Maps, we believe in the power of education and the importance of giving back to our community,” said Kim Hanson, executive director of Maps Community Foundation. “We are thrilled to contribute to the Student Success Center and help foster an environment where all students can achieve their goals.”

VP of Advancement and Executive Director of the WOU Foundation at Western Oregon University Katie Wojke, expressed gratitude for the partnership. “Having community partners like

Maps Credit Union and Maps Community Foundation is invaluable. Their understanding of the importance of supporting students in college enhances our ability to provide essential resources. We are deeply thankful for their generous contribution, which will significantly impact the lives of our students.”

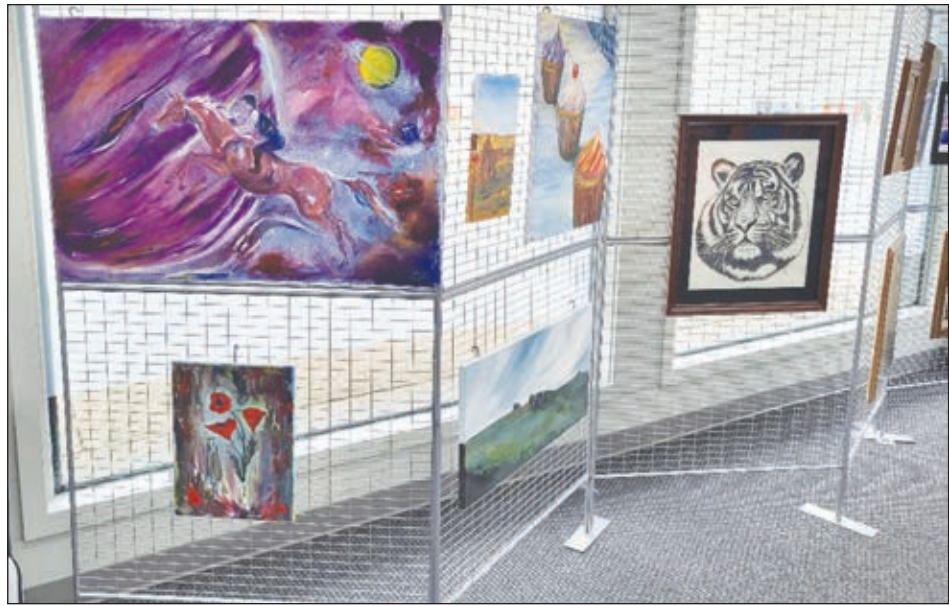
Completing a college degree enhances the quality of life for students and positively impacts their families and the wider community. The new Student Success Center is now open and will provide a welcoming space for students to access academic support and resources that empower them to succeed. Learn more about the Student Success Center.



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Helping with the donation of a \$25,000 Maps Community Foundation grant to Western Oregon University are (from left) Adry Clark, Director of the Center for Professional Pathways; Jen Koshnick, Director of Advising; Rian Gayle, Director of Disability Access Services; Paige Jackson, Assistant Provost of Enrollment Management; Bart Cedillo, Maps Community Foundation board member; Kim Hanson, executive director, Maps Community Foundation; Judy Beebe, Maps Community Foundation board member; Katie Wojke, VP of Advancement and Executive Director of the WOU Foundation.

DDA hosts 4-H pop up art show at Willamette Valley Fiber



The Dallas Arts Association is partnering with the Polk County 4-H clubs to exhibit the youth’s artwork. Normally their artwork is only displayed at the Polk County Fair in August, so this is an opportunity for it to be shown during the winter

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Artwork by 4-H members is on display through February at a pop-up exhibit at Willamette Valley Fiber.

months. The art is being shown through February at a Pop-Up Art Gallery inside the Willamette Valley Fiber building, located at 988 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. Polk County 4-H is a youth development program in Polk County, where young people engage in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of subjects like science, leadership, agriculture, arts, sewing and outdoor recreation. Youth and

families interested in joining Polk County 4-H can learn more about upcoming programs and opportunities by visiting <https://extension.oregon-state.edu/4h/polk> or contacting the Polk County Extension Office at (503) 623-8395.

If you are interested in having your artwork on display, contact Eddie Nelson at the Dallas Arts Association at dallasartsassociation@gmail.com.

Oregon sees decline of 3,700 jobs in December

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A key Oregon economic indicator illustrates a slowdown in job growth across the state.

Oregon’s seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment declined by 3,700 jobs in December, following a revised increase of 3,700 jobs in November, according to the latest Oregon Employment Department report.

GAINS AND LOSSES

December’s gains were largest in health care and social assistance (+1,900 jobs) and government (+700). Declines were largest in leisure and hospitality (-1,900 jobs); manufacturing (-1,800); financial activities (-1,000); and retail trade (-900).

Health care and social assistance continued its rapid, consistent pace of hiring, adding 18,100 jobs, or 6.2%, in the past 12 months. Within

this industry, social assistance added the most jobs, gaining 9,200 jobs, or 12.2%, since December 2023. The three health care industries each added between 3,300 and 4,400 jobs during that time.

December’s growth in government also capped off a year of strong performance. Its 7,000-job gain (+2.3%) was the second fastest growth over the year.

Leisure and hospitality cut 3,200 jobs in the past two months. It

employed 204,000 in December, which was 3,000 below its average during January 2023 through October 2024.

Cutbacks of 1,500 jobs within semiconductor and electronic component manufacturing contributed most of the December employment reductions in manufacturing.

Over the year, manufacturing dropped 2,500 jobs (-1.3%). Several durable goods manufacturing industries have shed jobs in the past 12

months: wood product manufacturing (-500 jobs, or -2.2%); machinery manufacturing (-300 jobs, or -2.2%); and transportation equipment manufacturing (-600 jobs, or -5.3%).

Oregon’s unemployment rate was 4.1% in December and 4.0%, as revised, in November. The rate has consistently remained between 4.0% and 4.2% since October 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in December and 4.2% in November.

Oregon courts purge 47,000 past evictions from people’s records

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The Oregon state courts system has sealed about 47,000 evictions from Oregonians’ records,

the Oregon Judicial Department said.

The department sealed the residential evictions from people’s records by mid-December to comply with House Bill 2001, a

2023 law the Legislature passed. The law was passed to address housing evictions that show up on people’s records and affect their ability to rent and access housing.

With the law, those 47,000 evictions do not show up in background checks and essentially disappear. In the past, those cases could have led to the denial of rental applications.

The law applies to cases where the court entered a judgment after Jan. 1, 2014. Evictions also have to meet other requirements

and timelines. For example, if the court ordered the eviction but the tenant did not owe money, five years need to have passed.

For cases with monetary awards, the judgement needs to be paid off, expired or discharged in bankruptcy court.

The law requires courts to start removing records that meet the criteria by the end of 2024.

As a result, judicial department staff manually reviewed about 160,000 evictions to determine eligibility.

The state still has a backlog of about 50,000 cases to review, with the goal of sealing eligible cases by the end of 2025.

New cases will be reviewed every year.

People can learn whether their past eviction was set aside and request a copy of their set-aside order on the judicial department’s eviction set-asides webpage.

Tenants can glean more information about the eviction process and their rights at Oregon Law Help, a free legal

information website from the Oregon State Bar.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/briefs/oregon-courts-purge-47000-past-evictions-from-peoples-records/>

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Center Market still recovering from near fatal incident

By DAVID HAYES
IO-Editor

Security camera footage posted to YouTube showed the stunning images of a Monmouth man who drove his pickup truck into the Center Market on Fairview Avenue in Dallas on Jan. 5.

Amrit Singh, director of operations for his family’s chain of 49 stores across the state, including three in Dallas, said what the footage doesn’t show is the moments before the incident.

“There was a family inside the store, with kids, a minute before. They were checking out,” Singh said. “If someone had decided to run in and get another ice cream or soda, realistically speaking, they probably would not have survived, with how hard the impact was. Luckily the family was out of the store and out of the parking lot before the individual showed up.”

The individual was John Marlas, who surrendered to Polk County Deputies after making several unsuccessful attempts to flee the interior of the store. He could not make it past a deputy’s patrol car parked across the entrance.

Marlas was charged with nine counts of reckless endangering, two counts of criminal mischief 1, reckless driving, robbery 1, driving under the influence of an intoxicant, theft 3, unlawful use of weapon, menacing and improper use of 911.

The incident is still under investigation for a hate crime. As of Jan. 27, the charges

have not been added to Marlas, who is being held in Polk County Jail.

Singh said Marlas had patroned the store in the past, from what the employees remembered. But nothing for months before the incident, Singh said. He dispelled rumors that Marlas was refused service and drove his truck into the store in retaliation. Rather, Singh surmised, Center Market was just the first store with lots of glass he could find driving into town.

He explained why the incident is being investigated as a hate crime.

“There were some slurs said. ... Whether it was intended or not, we don’t think they were intended toward us. I think mentally, he wasn’t all there. He was shouting a bunch of random things. Whether they were directed towards us or not, it’s still not okay to say those things, Singh said. “We’re satisfied with the district attorney, sheriff’s office and police are investigating. At the end of the day, we will respect whatever decision they decide to charge him with.”

Singh estimates more than \$200,000 in damage was done, both to the physical store and to inventory. He’s still waiting on some final bills to come in. Once the glass above the entry is replace and new doors to the beer cooler arrive (ironically on hold due to another disaster – the wildfires in Los Angeles), the total could be close to \$260,000.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Messages of hope and well wishes hang from the front windows of Center Market on Fairview Avenue in Dallas, a little over two weeks after a motorist drove his truck into the store causing more than \$200,000 in damage.

He added a little over two weeks after the incident, employees are still finding glass to clean up.

“He did break through the concrete blocks on either side of the glass doors where he made his way into the store. We’re still finding glass to this day. A lot around the store. When we moved shelves to clean, we’re finding glass we didn’t know we could find glass in.”

However, even with the extensive damage, the Singh’s were able to reopen the store to grand fanfare Jan. 13 with a well-attended ribbon cutting ceremony.

“We’re very fortunate to have such a strong support group behind us with community members, neighbors, city officials that all turned

out for that event,” Singh said. “It shows the support Dallas has given us. Not just over the last 19 years. We’re very grateful all the friendly faces that showed up offered encouragement and support.”

For example, Dorothy Bradshaw, Shabby Barn’s owner located across the street from the Center Market, and Jo Ann Beal from the Beal Gift Shop, teamed with nearby Ixtapa restaurant for a fundraiser to purchase the Center Market staff some gift cards for free meals.

“The community totally supported the fundraiser and our efforts, and we were able to purchase 17, \$10 Ixtapa gift cards, and present them to the Center Market at their grand re-opening,” Beal said.

“We have such a wonderful community.”

The store also received written well wishes and messages of support that Singh hung in the store’s front window.

“When you read them, you do realize Dallas is a great community. Every community has a bad apple, but actions of this individual does not represent the Dallas community we know, nor the values of the people of Polk County we know,” Singh said.

“Dallas is the reason we have the number of stores we’ve grown to,” he added. “Dallas is one of the main building blocks to the success of Center Market. Dallas will always hold a special place in our heart.”

THE NEWS BRIEF

Police performing focused seat belt, car seat enforcement

The Independence Police Department has joined agencies across the state for focused enforcement of proper seat belt and car seat use through Feb. 9.

Law enforcement agencies will use federally funded overtime to educate the public about safety-belt and child-seat laws including a law passed in 2017 requiring children to ride in a rear-facing safety seat until they are at least two years old.

FARS crash data for 2022 shows the lack of safety belt or child restraint use was a factor in 31% or 108 of a total of 346 motor vehicle occupant fatalities in Oregon. Of the 25,420 passenger vehicle occupants killed in the United States in 2022, 50% were not wearing seat belts.

This enforcement is made possible through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact.

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Spivey surmised Collins and Greenway weren’t so much there not to get selected, but rather to “press

to get a certain position across.”

In the end, Spivey was selected in an 8-1 vote, with Councilor Carlos Barrientos being the lone vote for Adams.

“It was kind of surreal. A lot of thoughts were going

through my head. It was a lot to take in. I was very surprised with the vote, with so much in my favor. Then getting right to work,” Spivey said.

Spivey had been attending meetings the past several weeks to stay up to speed on

council topics and be ready to go. In addition, he attended a work session, involving a presentation on polling regarding the proposed new police station.

He figures what put him over the top was repeatedly emphasizing to the city

council not coming into the process with an agenda.

“I actually think the city is trending in the right direction, and I just want to help with that, maybe help pick up the velocity. I just want to keep going that way,” Spivey said.

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having us both over there at the pet store,” Sanchez said. “It’s nice we’re right next to each other, so if we need each other, it’s easy for me to literally walk right next door. Very convenient.”

By the turnout at the grand opening, Sanchez tapped into a hidden need within the collectables community.

“Pokémon is one of the biggest trading cards out there right now. So, it is more popular than some of the other trading cards. A lot of people are into UVO (UniVerse), One Piece, Garbage Pail Kids, they’re still fun,” Sanchez said. “A new one that just came out are the Elestrals. It’s brand new to TCG (trading card games). A lot of people seem to like them. I’ll definitely be expanding. Eventually I want to have all the trading cards in.”

She filled out the rest of her shelf space with nostalgic candy (like candy cigarettes) and other items related to the trading card packs.

While she didn’t keep a head count of the number of customers she had in the grand opening rush, she did run out of the 150 or so free handout bags of little collectibles.

“It was crazy coming up, trying to get everything they wanted, get them all rung up,” Sanchez said.

The feedback from her new customers was all positive.

“They liked my selection. Liked how my store was open. There’s been a lot of card shops where everything is either very small or cramped. They loved that it’s not just trading cards; I also have candy, key chains, toys, and sell stuff for your cards, sleeves and binders and playmats,” Sanchez said.

Prismatic Evolutions was the newest collectable in the Pokémon universe that Kujo’s completely sold out.

“I was told I’m pretty much the only store in Oregon that had any. (The cards) came out last week, but I waited to put them up for sale until opening. They completely wiped me out of those,” Sanchez said. “I sold out of a lot of things. That’s awesome to know this community is that big into trading cards.”

If you missed out, she is still raffling off one of the Prismatic Evolutions Elite Trainer Boxes.

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He said around the 2007-08 school year, Dallas made similar adjustments to elementary schools to address a budget shortfall, but those changes no longer provide budgetary relief.

“We have not reached out to families or the community since and want to make sure we hear from them, as any

change impacts them,” Spencer said.

At this stage, the administration is just gathering information and feedback from staff and the Dallas community. Spencer said this input will help guide discussions and ensure that any future decisions are well-informed and reflective of community needs.

“The aim of this work will be to provide us with valuable feedback that may impact the 2026-27 school year,” he said.

“At this time, we expect 2025-26 to return to the K-3, 4-5 model.”

Spencer explained that declining enrollment required his administration to plan for potential model shifts, just like increasing enrollment requires them to plan for potential new school construction. Any changes to the configurations would involve physically moving classroom materials, staffing adjustments, redrawing busing routes, and more,

“which is why we are seeking this information to help us with decisions for the 2026-27 school year. This also gives us another data point to add to our enrollment projections when we add next year’s kindergarten enrollment figures,” Spencer said.

The community will be invited to participate via social media posts, news media and invitations through the Dallas Chamber to name a few ways to provide feedback.

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LaVerne C. Green
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LaVerne C. Green passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2025. She was 93 years old. LaVerne was born the youngest of six siblings on Feb. 1, 1931, to Annie Wallace Crume and James Charles Crume.

LaVerne was born in Portales, New Mexico, where she spent her childhood through her college years. She was always a high achiever. She earned valedictorian honors in junior high and high school. She was awarded Suma Cum Laude “highest honors” at Eastern New Mexico University, where she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English. She was very involved with the college newspaper at ENMU.

She was married to Beryl M. Green on June 21, 1952. They had been married 72 years. Their life

together began in Portales and led them to El Segundo and Reseda, California, before settling in Monmouth, Oregon.

In the early years of marriage and starting a family, LaVerne was a high school English teacher and yearbook advisor. She had three children: Beryl Dwayne [Sandy], Karen Diane, deceased [Pete], and Kerry Jay [Judy]. She had four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren she loved dearly.

LaVerne was of strong faith and always turned to God for answers. She was a member of the First Baptist Church Independence.

She will be missed for her smile and wit. A memorial service is scheduled for Jan. 30, 2025, at Farnstroms Mortuary, 410 Monmouth St., Independence, Oregon. Internment will be held at Willamette National Cemetery in Happy Valley, Oregon.

Joyce Cagle
Aug. 18, 1934 – Jan. 20, 2025

Joyce Cagle, a longtime resident of Dallas, passed away peacefully at her home. Surrounded by family and friends during the last few weeks, she maintained her sense of humor and brought much joy during such a hard time.

Many people shared with Joyce her love of quilting and game



playing. Joyce was an avid collector of angels and socks. One of her greatest loves was music and singing hymns with her siblings.

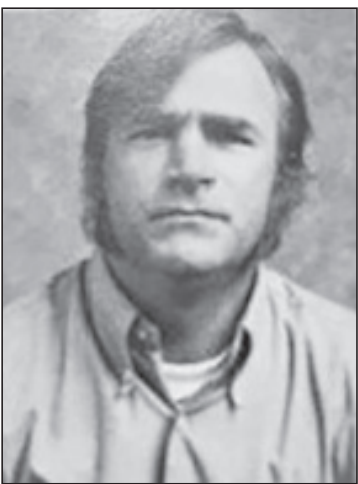
Joyce is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jesse Cagle. Being the oldest of nine children, she is also survived by her sister Rose and her brother Larry. She is also survived by several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Celebration of Life, with a reception to follow, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, at Dallas Alliance Church, 775 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, OR 97338.

If you wish, donations in Joyce’s name can be made to Weekday School of the Bible.

Earl Michael Jambura
Nov. 13, 1937 – Jan. 3, 2025

Earl Jambura died peacefully while sleeping in his home on the



Big Island of Hawaii on Friday Jan. 3, 2025. He was 87 years old.

Earl was born in Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin, on Nov. 13, 1937, to Florence and Earl Jambura, Sr. The family later moved to Oregon and settled in Pendleton where Earl attended high school. He was a standout football player in high school which led him to attend Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Earl played football at Willamette University and was a Small College All-American. He was later inducted into the Pendleton High School Football Hall of Fame.

Legislature working on budget, transportation and other issues

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon’s 90 lawmakers are beginning their work in earnest with about five months to pass a spending plan for the next two years, figure out how to plug a transportation funding hole and make progress on the state’s housing crisis.

Lawmakers have introduced nearly 2,300 bills so far, with more to come. A group of legislators spent the summer traveling the state to solicit ideas about transportation needs and funding, while Senate President Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego, drove thousands of miles to meet with senators at their homes in hopes that better relationships between lawmakers would lead to better laws and prevent a repeat of the six-week Republican-led walkout that derailed the 2023 session.

During a Thursday, Jan. 16, news conference, Gov. Tina Kotek and legislative leaders indicated that they generally agreed on the big issues facing Oregon — though not on the way to address those issues.

“We’ve got to make sure that our government is working, and that it’s working for everyday people,” said House Speaker Julie Fahey, D-Eugene. “What that means to me is that we’re moving forward on housing and health care and child care, and that there aren’t people sleeping on the streets, and that we’ve got an education system where students are showing up ready to learn and are getting a quality education and a transportation system that is safe and efficient.”



Gov. Tina Kotek answers questions from reporters during a press conference on Jan. 16, 2025.

Passing a budget

Lawmakers’ chief task each odd-numbered year is approving a spending plan for the next two years. They have a starting point in the \$39.3 billion budget Kotek proposed in December, but members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee will spend the next several months vetting requests from agencies, local governments and other lawmakers for a share of state funds.

The state’s latest economic forecast, released in November, estimated that lawmakers could spend up to \$37.8 billion. Lawmakers will see two more forecasts — one in February and one in May — before finalizing Oregon’s budget for the two years that begin July 1.

Democrats now hold three-fifths of seats in both the House and Senate, giving them more

flexibility to raise revenue. But they’ll face opposition from Republicans if they try to do so. Senate Minority Leader Daniel Bonham, R-The Dalles, pointed to a post-election newsletter from Portland Democratic Rep. Rob Nosse that said the supermajority meant Democrats wouldn’t be “held hostage” by Republican opposition to raising taxes.

“I’m struggling right now as a member of a minority party that doesn’t feel included to want to participate, especially when we have members of the Democrat leadership in the House saying they’re interested in going it alone, that they’re going to bypass any Republican feedback and pass taxes without us,” he said. “That’s just an absolute terrible approach to this conversation.”

Funding transportation

Along with the state’s budget for the next two years, lawmakers set themselves the task of coming up with a plan to sustainably fund Oregon’s transportation needs. The Oregon Department of Transportation estimates it needs \$1.8 billion more each year to pay for road maintenance and repairs, and that number doesn’t include expensive projects like the Interstate 5 bridge connecting Portland and Washington.

Transportation funding issues aren’t unique to Oregon. A recent report from the Pew Charitable Trusts noted transportation as one of five key debates expected in statehouses around the country this year as states deal with reduced gas tax revenue resulting from more electric and fuel-efficient vehicles. States including Maryland and Washington are looking at cutting transportation budgets, while Colorado has pulled more than \$1 billion from its general fund to pay for transportation needs.

Kotek rejected the idea of using the state’s general fund to pay for transportation, saying it wasn’t feasible.

“Unless someone wants to bring a bill that takes \$2 billion out of the general fund for transportation — that is \$2 billion out of education, that is \$2 billion out of mental services, that is \$2 billion out of housing — (the) general fund will not fill this gap,” she said. “We know how to fund these things. We’ve done it in the past, and we need to do it again.”

House Minority Leader Christine Drahan, R-Canby, said she didn’t trust the Oregon Department of Transportation to follow through on promises after it failed to complete projects that received funding from a 2017 transportation package.

“There were clear expectations in the legislation, there was clear

authority in the legislation and yet they didn’t perform,” Drahan said. “And so now they’ve got their hand out, and they’re saying, we need more. We want more, and from our perspective, we need them to succeed. What’s changed from the agency?”

Education

Education priorities for the year ahead look much like they did this time last year, centering on more money for the state’s 197 school districts, investments in programs and staff to improve student literacy and an urgent need for summer school funding.

Kotek said her primary education priority this session will be to make a few overdue tweaks to the school funding formula to add more than half-a-billion dollars to the biennial education budget. She is proposing a historic \$11.36 billion for the next two school years. She’s also called for nearly \$80 million in funding for summer learning programs, more than double what the Legislature passed in 2024.

Kotek said with more money comes more responsibility and accountability. She supports legislation that would give the Oregon Department of Education more authority to intervene in underperforming schools that have high absenteeism rates, low graduation rates and low student proficiency in key academic areas.

“That is something I want to see done in the legislative session, because we need more transparency and accountability. More money is just not enough,” she said.

Drahan said the shift should be toward giving the state education department less, not more, authority over student outcomes and to “move responsibility, to the extent that is possible, back to the students and the family, with supports from these larger education systems.” She said issues like high absenteeism rates are not a question of policy or how education is funded in Oregon, but a “culture question,” that needs to be answered at the school and family level.

“The pivot point shouldn’t be from small government to big government. The pivot point should be from the school to the family and the student,” she said.

Behavioral health care

Kotek and lawmakers are looking for ways to help Oregon’s behavioral health care system. Problems run throughout the system. Oregon has a shortage of beds for people who need mental health and addiction treatment in a residential setting. And Oregon State Hospital, the state-run psychiatric residential facility, struggles to admit people

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Merkley Monthly

Hitting the ground running



By SEN. JEFF MERKLEY

As the new Congress begins, I’m hitting the ground running in 2025 to fight for the four foundations that working families need to thrive: good health care, decent affordable housing, quality education and good-paying jobs.

My work starts with hearing directly from you. Every year, I host town hall meetings in all 36 Oregon counties, including down the coast from Clatsop to Curry, to hear about the issues that matter most in your communities. Then, I take your ideas back to Capitol Hill to craft effective legislation. I’m kicking-off my 2025 town hall meetings in January, and you can sign-up to receive announcements about when I’ll be hosting a town hall in your county on my website, www.merkley.senate.gov.

A large part of my work on Capitol Hill happens through committees, where bills get debated and administration nominees get hearings, before going to the full Senate for final votes. Here are the committees I’ll be serving on this Congress:

I’m taking the top Democratic spot on the Senate Budget Committee. In this new role, I’ll fight back against the massive tax loopholes that enable the mega-millionaires and billionaires to dodge paying their fair share in taxes. These loopholes drive a lot of well-justified cynicism about our tax structure, but they also are adding trillions a year to our national debt.

I’m staying on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee to ensure that Oregon has a strong voice in national spending decisions. I’ll fight for strengthening programs that Oregonians highlight

at my town halls, from forest management to reduce wildfires to investments in housing, mental health, fighting fentanyl and affordable health care.

In addition, I’ll use my Appropriations post to deliver projects highlighted as top priorities by our local leaders. Over the last three years, I’ve secured funding for 475 projects in all 36 counties. These investments have included \$1.9 million to help the city of Astoria replace century-old pipes to deliver clean drinking water; \$500,000 for Community Action Resource Enterprises, Inc. (CARE) to renovate a building to serve as Tillamook County’s navigation center for people experiencing homelessness; and over \$360,000 to repair the dock and pilings of the Newport International Terminal in Lincoln County.

In addition, I’ll continue to serve on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. We need bold action to protect Oregon from the threats of climate chaos, like warming waters off our coast and this year’s record-setting wildfires. I’ll keep fighting to ban toxic chemicals, like the tire additive 6PPD that is deadly to coho salmon and address PFAS “forever chemicals” found in many household items that are hazardous to humans. And I’ll keep raising the alarm about plastic pollution, from plastic trash choking our sea life and waterways to dangerous micro- and nano-plastics poisoning our blood and breastmilk.

I’ll also keep pushing our government to work better from the Senate Rules Committee. And I’m staying on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where I’ll continue to champion democracy, the rule of law, and human rights around the world.

These are just few ways I’m hitting the ground running in the new Congress – and I look forward to hearing from you in-person at one of my upcoming town halls about your top priorities and ideas.

Let’s keep working together to take on the powerful and deliver for the people!

Dallas City Council needs more transparency

Years ago, when I first became a city councilor, I suggested that transparency should be a priority when appointing a person to a vacant council seat. While councilors are required to identify who they voted for, they are not required to explain why they made that choice. I proposed that each councilor should share their reasoning behind their vote, just like any public hiring process. This would ensure that the decision was made based on qualifications, experience, and suitability for the role.

In a normal hiring process, committee members are expected to explain their choices, which helps build trust and fairness. Unfortunately, my suggestion with the council was not adopted, and the practice of appointing individuals without providing any explanation continues.

Transparency is essential to maintaining the public’s trust. When an individual is appointed to a position they didn’t campaign for or win through an election, the public deserves to understand why the council believes this person is the right fit. Without this explanation, the process can seem arbitrary and unfair.

To the people of Dallas, Oregon, I ask: Isn’t it reasonable to expect councilors to explain their decisions, especially when appointing someone to a four-year term without public input? I urge you to ask your councilors to provide clear and transparent reasons for their choices. Accountability is not just a good idea—it’s a responsibility they owe to the people they represent.

Kirsten Collins
Dallas

City Council replacement system worked as intended

Dallas City Council made the right decision, and this entire debate has been misguided from the start. The claim that the

“next-highest vote-getter” should be appointed to Dallas City Council is completely illogical.

Let’s stick to the facts. This was a seven-candidate race - it wasn’t just between Kirsten Collins and Troy Hazelton. All candidates were competing against each other and Kirsten was not selected at all. The voters made their choice. She wasn’t “next in line”; she was simply not elected.

The argument that Troy Hazelton “took votes away” from Kirsten is pure speculation. Without him in the race, his 3,637 votes could have gone anywhere - to Kirsten, to Lauren May (2,940 votes), or split among others. If anything, his presence may have helped Kirsten’s total rather than hurt it. Claiming she was the rightful replacement ignores how elections actually work.

More importantly, voters removed an incumbent - a sitting council member. That wasn’t just a passive choice; it was an active rejection. The people wanted change. Reinstating someone they explicitly voted out would be a direct insult to their decision.

Even worse, Kirsten Collins repeatedly voted for this appointment method while on the council. But now that she’s on the losing side, she suddenly calls it unfair? That’s blatant hypocrisy. The only thing that changed is her position in the outcome. Instead of accepting the results, she’s throwing a fit.

The math simply doesn’t support her entitlement to the seat. Elections don’t work that way - and neither should appointments.

Micky Garus
Dallas

Vacant council seat appointment is troubling

I am writing to express my profound disappointment with the recent decision to appoint an unknown individual to the vacant city council seat. This vacancy arose less than seven days after the election, following the withdrawal of the fifth-place vote-getter in our ranked-choice voting system. The council’s decision to fill

the vacancy through an open application process, rather than respecting the election results, is deeply troubling.

Coupled with comments such as “I know someone who would be interested,” this process raises serious concerns about collusion and a lack of transparency. Citizens of Dallas elect councilors to represent their interests through a fair and democratic process—not through backroom decisions that erode public trust.

This action undermines the will of the voters and places an unelected individual in a position of power without proper vetting by the public. How can citizens be confident that this appointee represents their views when they were not chosen through a democratic election?

While I understand this appointment cannot be undone, I urge the council to reflect on the consequences of this decision. Future vacancies must be handled with greater respect for democratic principles and transparency. The integrity of our city’s governance depends on honoring the will of the voters and maintaining accountability.

The citizens of Dallas deserve better. I call on you to restore trust by committing to fair and democratic processes moving forward.

Jason Dennis
Dallas

Trump abused pardon power with January Sixers

Uh,pardon me?

The New Patriot, I stormed the Capitol. I broke windows smashed doors and destroyed property. I harassed and scared the life out of elected representatives and their protectors. I threatened to hang the vice president and brought the gallows. I assaulted and caused bodily and psychological harm to police officers and others. I tried to stop the peaceful and legitimate

transfer of the presidency. I was involved in the death’s of innocent people. I am a violent anti government militant, a neo-nazi, a confederate apologist. A Proud Boy and I am free! WHY? Because the new president says it’s okay!

I have not felt this afraid of my government since the late 60’s and early 70’s. maybe even more so. If you are not a MAGA, be warned! Getting too old to fight like hell. hope some are not.

Louis Stuckey
Monmouth

President Trump's policies will contribute to global warming

This is just a reminder that global warming is real. Earth is warming at an increasing rate; sea level is rising at an increasing rate, and severe weather events are occurring at an increasing rate. Policies advocated by President Trump will only make things worse, much worse. “Drill baby drill”, to a person concerned about our environment, is an ignorant, offensive thing to say.

For those of you interested, a good source of climate data is the Goddard Institute for Space Science at giss.nasa.gov.

Don Ellingson
Dallas

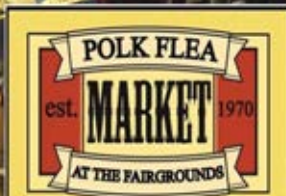
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Investigating the Bible: Overcoming discrimination

By **DAVID CARL-SON PASTOR**

Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored on Jan. 20. In one of his sermons he said, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

In the Old Testament is a story of racism and how a brave woman and man intervened with God’s help to stop the evil.

Esther was a young Jew who lived in Susa, the city of King Ahasuerus, who ruled over all of Persia and Media, which is now Iran. She ... “had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at...” (Esther 2:7, English Standard Version used throughout).

Her parents died and she was adopted by her close relative Mordecai. He and thousands of others were refugees from Israel.

The 10 chapters of Esther give the complete account. As the story begins, the rebellious queen of King Ahasuerus was removed, Esther was selected as the new queen, and Mordecai saved the king’s life by relaying to him through queen Esther details of a treasonous plot.

Haman, a Mede-Persian and the highest court official, became furious when Mordecai refused to bow down before him in the marketplace. He learned Mordecai was a Jew, so he sent an edict throughout the vast empire: On a certain day in the coming weeks people

were to “...destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children...” (Esther 3:13).

When Esther learned of the terrible plan, she bravely decided to take action: “...I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.” (Esther 4:16).

The king graciously received Esther and her invitation for a private banquet with Esther and Haman. The night before the meal, the king couldn’t sleep and was reminded that Mordecai was never rewarded for his action. Haman unwittingly gave the king suggestions for Mordecai’s public honor.

At the banquet, Esther revealed her request: “...[We have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to

be killed, and to be annihilated.”” The king is aghast and asked who dared to do this? Esther said, ‘A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!’” (Esther 7:6).

Haman was hung on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai, who was promoted to second in rank to King Ahasuerus. These events are celebrated by Jews each year in March at the Feast of Purim.

Racism is defeated when people stand up to its evil. Adam Makos wrote in, Devotion, of pilot Ensign Jesse L. Brown, an African-American aviator. Before Brown was deployed to fight Communists in Korea, he and his buddies went to a bar with their squadron leader, who they called, “Dad”, a tough combat veteran. Dad

believed what his father had taught him: “The color of a man’s skin makes no more difference than the color of his eyes.”

They all sat at the bar and the bartender took the drink orders. When he came to Jesse, he turned to leave without taking his order. Dad said loudly, pointing at Jesse, “Excuse me. You missed this gentleman’s order!”

The bartender explained, “Sir, I apologize, but we don’t serve Negroes.”

Dad angrily said, “Either you serve him, or you don’t serve any of us!”

The bartender refused again, so Dad got his crew and they marched out. At the door of the bar, Dad turned to all the bar patrons who had noticed the commotion and yelled: “Tomorrow, that

young man is leaving to fight the Reds”, gesturing toward Jesse. “And these people won’t even pour him a drink!”

Many other sailors sat at the bar and turned angry looks toward the bartender.

Ensign Jesse L. Brown was shot down in Korea. Even though his wingman crash-landed next to him in an attempt to save him, Ensign Brown died and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Purple Heart.

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



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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.

St. Philip Catholic Church — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor Pastor Email: mpjinpx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Phone: (503) 623.2440 - www.stphillorg.org.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday- Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Mass

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Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

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STATE

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who wait in jails and need care before facing criminal charges.

Kotek wants to see a new model of supportive housing — called “intensive permanent supportive housing” that helps people with serious mental health challenges live independently. It’s one way of helping people navigate beyond the streets and

shelters into a long-term solution.
Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, has introduced House Bill 3146 to create a pilot program that offers emergency shelter for people who are on a waitlist for residential addiction treatment. The proposal is intended to shelter homeless people while they wait for care, and enable providers to find them quickly when a bed opens up.

More housing
Kotek wants the Legislature to expand on one of her biggest legislative accomplishments, a 2019 law that allowed duplexes, triplexes, cottage clusters and other “middle housing” to be built in areas that could previously only have single-family homes. House Bill 2138 would allow middle housing to be built in more places, including unincorporated lands, and limit the ability of local governments or homeowners

associations to block those types of homes from being built.
“We still need lots of big apartments,” Kotek said. “We’re never going to stop building single family standalone homes. We have to have middle housing to fill in the gap, and I think we’re just at the cusp of seeing more of this happening because people are getting more comfortable with it. The bill I’m working on will make that easier.”

Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama, D-Portland, said that lawmakers have done a lot in recent years to try to keep Oregonians from becoming homeless, help those who are homeless back into housing and help more Oregonians manage to buy homes. But there’s a lot more to do, he said.

“We have been under-building for decades, and we have to acknowledge that we’re trying to catch up,” Jama said.

Civil commitment changes
Lawmakers will consider changes to how Oregon civilly commits people who face serious mental health challenges. Civil commitment puts people in care, usually a hospital, after a judge determines they pose a risk to themselves or others.

A state workgroup has suggested a slate of recommendations to lawmakers. The Oregon chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, in particular, wants to make it easier for a judge to civilly commit people.

It would make changes like allowing judges to consider prior suicide attempts and other factors, like how likely a person is to harm others within the next 30 days and not immediately.

Kotek said it’s important for people to have a place to go for care and for communities to have the resources they need.

Hospital discharges

This session lawmakers could pass changes aimed to helping people exit hospitals sooner when they are ready to be discharged.

Last year, a state task force made recommendations for improving the flow of patients through the state’s 7,135-bed hospital system.

They include changes to Medicaid to cut down on red tape and allow people to move to a long-term care facility sooner when they no longer need a hospital bed.

Oregon’s hospital system is strained. People who are ready to exit the hospital but have no place to go linger there while waiting for either a bed in a long-term care facility, Medicaid approval, or both. This means that patients who enter through the emergency rooms wait longer for a bed.

Environment

Kotek and her natural resources advisor Geoff Huntington told the Capital Chronicle that their primary environmental concerns for 2025 will be water quality and water quantity. Kotek is backing updates to the state’s Groundwater Quality Protection Act, which would modernize the state’s laws — including some more than 100 years old — around groundwater allocation. In less than a century, Oregon water officials have allocated all surface water under their purview, overallocated groundwater in several basins and have no clear accounting of how much water is still available in others.

Kotek and legislators also expressed a commitment to finding sustainable sources of wildfire funding for the years ahead. A wildfire funding committee convened by the Legislature in 2024, which met to discuss possible funding

solutions throughout the last year, shared a document Wednesday of ideas for the Legislature to consider. Among them are increasing the transient lodging tax and sending the revenues to the state’s wildfire fund, and a one-time investment of the state’s \$1.8 billion revenue surplus, known as the “kicker” tax rebate, into a fund where it would earn at least 5% interest per year. That investment would yield at least \$180 million per biennium for wildfire funding, according to Sen. Golden, D-Ashland, who proposed the idea. None of the proposals include new funding from insurance companies or private investor-owned electric utilities, responsible for some of the most expensive wildfires in Oregon history.

Companies disproportionately responsible for pumping out greenhouse gases that are fueling climate change could, however, be on the hook for the real-world costs of their pollution. Golden is proposing Senate Bill 682, modeled after similar climate superfund laws passed in Vermont and New York, which would allow the state to collect fees from fossil fuel companies to cover natural disaster expenses and climate adaptation.

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Daughter, father coaches team up to lead Perrydale basketball

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observ

Madi Hull remembers her disappointment when she learned she couldn't play on her father's basketball team.

"I remember when I was younger asking my mom, 'Can I play for my dad? I want to play on the boys team.' She said I had to be on the girls team, and I was heartbroken," said the new coach of the Perrydale girls varsity team.

The legendary Gary Hull is Madi's father. He coached Western Christian (Western Mennonite) for 38 years. He stepped aside last summer as coach. But not before winning four Class 2A state titles, playing in nine title games and amassing 786 wins. There's also his other-worldly winning percentage of almost .800, accrued over four decades.

Only one other coach, Mike Doherty, has more wins, 805, in Oregon prep history than Gary Hull.

Madi's wish eventually was granted. As her father coached her beginning in third grade when she played for his traveling youth team.

"He was my only coach until I reached high school," she said.

He has acted as Madi's hoops whisperer even longer.

"When he would go scout, while I was in middle school, high school, I tagged along. Then he would, during the game or on the ride back, ask

me, 'What did I see there?'" she said. "He was trying to get me to understand the IQ of the game. What was I reading, what was I not."

These conversations have proven invaluable to Madi as she follows in her father's footsteps. Madi is in her first year as head coach at Perrydale. It's the position of her dreams.

"I've wanted to be a coach ever since I was little," she said. "When I was a sixth grader I asked my dad if I could be on his bench as a towel girl. I just wanted to be involved."

Fatherly advice isn't far away for the Pirates coach. Gary is one of Madi's assistant coaches. Chris Thorson is her other assistant.

Madi is not one to mess with success. Lesson One in the Gary Hull primer: There's no substitute for sound fundamentals.

"So much of it was based on fundamentals. It was always fundamentals. We never scrimmaged," Gary said of his blueprint at Western. "I'm not a scrimmage guy. There's drills that we can do that mimic scrimmage."

Perrydale practices what Gary Hull preaches.

"We don't go through practice without doing either two-ball drills or passing, working on lay-ups, finishes, footwork, form shooting. It doesn't matter. We're always ... working on it. Typically, it's two or three things that



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Perrydale head coach Madi Hull follows the action during Friday's game against Falls City.

we're reviewing everyday," Madi said.

So far, the back to basics approach appears to be working. The Pirates were 2-18 two years ago, 11-13 last year and, with several weeks left this season, 4-1 in conference play, 11-7 overall.

Chapter Two in the primer is the importance of building a program from the bottom up. That's why the Hulls are starting a Little Tykes basketball program.

"Everything we teach the high school players we will teach the Littles," Madi said.

"I'm doing exactly what (my father) did when I was in third grade. What he's been teaching forever is what we're now teaching the young Perrydale girls."

Chapter Three is expecting maximum effort from your players.

"I don't care what the score is, but I do care about your effort. I do care about your attitude. I do care that you're going to be a great teammate," Gary said. "So use the gifts you've been given as far as the fundamentals we've been teaching."

Gary is no stranger to building a dynasty, as his early days at Western Mennonite suggest.

"What I was told by other ADs ... is that if you wanted a sure win, you played Western," he said of his first years. "If you wanted two, you played them home and away."

Though the roles are different, there's no place Gary Hull would rather be than on the sidelines.

"I've really enjoyed the journey," he said. "I still love doing this with my daughter."

Central wrestlers set sights on final weeks of season

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observ

As the high school wrestling season enters its final weeks and matches, the Panthers' goal for their head coach Arnold Garcia is fundamental - remain healthy.

Numbers are a concern because 15 wrestlers have quit the program since the season began. The roster once boasted 28 wrestlers.

Sickness and injury have played their part in this attrition, but so has not being able to bring the commitment the sport demands.

"It's a rough sport. If you're not ready for it, then you're not going to be ready for it. You actually have to love the sport to stay out," Garcia said. "So these few kids that we've got left are the ones that actually love the sport. They might not be the greatest athletes in the world,

but they're the ones that are trying."

In many cases, they're also the ones whose experience in wrestling predates high school.

"I don't think they wrestled in the past," senior Porter Keeney said of those who quit. "I've been wrestling since I was six. So I already kind of knew what the experience was."

Like the fact that intensity is present from day one.

"The first day in the mat room, we work hard, we push ourselves, and I don't think everyone's ready for that," Keeney added.

Still, Central's effort, and numbers, were enough to edge Crescent Valley for their first win of the season. Though the match ended tied at 42, the Panthers earned the tiebreaker last week due to having less forfeits.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Central's Porter Keeney works his opponent into a winning, pinning position during last week's dual meet against Crescent Valley.

The Raiders once dominated the conference in wrestling, but that's no longer the case as they are facing dwindling numbers themselves.

The goal now is to build on this success.

"We're hoping to end the season with two more wins," Garcia said.

Central's conference schedule concludes with a home match against South Albany today (Wednesday) and a match at Woodburn on Feb. 5.

The Panthers' strength is its heavier weights. Mauricio Meza, Mason Vela and Keeney won their matches last week by fall.

"They have a shot to get to state," Garcia said of the trio.

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DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Von Kinzie



Freshman Von Kinzie is one of Dallas' lead swimmers. He excels with the butterfly stroke where he routinely places in the top few in the conference. Von's coaches describe him as reliable, consistent and a bright spot on the team.

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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Jan 29, 1974
Smoke explained at Dallas Mill

Unusually heavy smoke emission from the Willamette Industries mill in Dallas last week reportedly caused some concern among area residents, resulting in a number of calls to the Mid-Willamette Valley Air Pollution Authority. Mill officials reported last Thursday that the smoke was caused when a blower bearing failed in one of the boilers threw an additional load on the second boiler. "We either had to send about 400 people home for several days, or send up a little smoke," stated Jack Crocker, production superintendent at the local mill.

Committee begins work to name new school

Community involvement was the main subject discussed to the first meeting

of the committee to name the new Dallas elementary school on Maple Street in the southwestern section of the city. The committee members agreed that every effort should be made to involve all segments of the community in naming the new elementary school.

Dragons dump Grizzlies

Four Dallas starters, Clare Buhler, Scott Cantonwine, Terry Kunke and Don Hiebenthal scored in double figures. That balanced scoring punch coupled with the Dragons dominance in all of the statistics that really count gave Dallas a relatively easy victory (62-54) over the hosting McMinnville Grizzlies Friday evening. Dallas has only one loss (Astoria) in the CVL while Mac dropped to .500 with a 3-3 record. "That was a good win for us" commented Dragon head coach Bob Cantonwine.

40 years ago

Jan. 30, 1985

Prevention unit honored

The Volunteer Crime Prevention Unit was named by the Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Organization for 1984. This is certainly a high honor but deserving for its accomplishments. The unit contributed 2,925 hours during 1984 doing the following: City patrols have found 112 unsecured premises, miscellaneous

property, suspicious persons and cars, persons in need of help, and looking out for fires.

Alcohol leading cause of youth driving denials

Nearly 1,000 Oregon youths between the ages of 13 and 17 were denied driving privileges in 1984. Denials are based on court convictions involving alcohol or drug possession, use or abuse under a law

passed in 1983. Most of the 952 denials ordered in 1984 were for alcohol offenses. Minors in possession of alcohol accounted for 713 of the total.

Dragon JVs use platoon to win 44-42

The Dallas boys junior varsity went to the platoon system for a 44-42 win over Silverton Friday and a split in its games last week. Earlier on Jan. 22, the JV's lost at Molalla,

59-52. It was against Silverton that JV coach Herb Tolbert decided to use the platoon system of substituting, which replaces all five players on the court with five new players on the same substitution. The system led to more younger players on the team seeing action, Tolbert said

Community Achievement

WOU announces fall 2024 Honor Roll

Western Oregon University recently announced the undergraduate students named to the Honor Roll and President's list for their academic honors for the fall 2024 term. To qualify, undergraduate students must earn 12 or more credits that are not of a pass/no pass nature and earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

The following students have been named to the Fall 2024 Honor Roll:

Dallas - Braden Bollman, Danielle Bosse, Rachel Boyce, Fatima Burger, Maria Camacho, Nikole Ceballos, Wyatt Connolly, Katelyn Cooley, Nicole Cox, Amity Deters, Sierra Freeman, Joey Guerra, Kristen Guerra, Luke Hagedorn, Daria Harris, Jake Hendrickson, Samuel Hogervorst, Brianna Howard, Clara Johnson, Kolby Johnson-Sallee, Berean Jones, Joseph Kinnaman, Elizabeth Kroeker, Morgan Kumnick, Jazmin Lopez Solis, Rachael Lund, Molly Lunsford, Vanya Martinez, Nicole McKinney, Justus Mikkelsen, Ryan Miller, Molly Moore, Wesley Mullins, Alex Neely, Brady Parkison, Justin Parnell, Riley Petersen, Angie Rodriguez, Becca Ronco, Heather Seals, Nic Smith, Kameron Spicer, Spencer Thiel, Kassidi Thompson, Tymberlynn Thompson, Jacob Worley, Seyna Wynn, Savanna Young Falls City - Brynn Abeling, Amber Houghtaling, Sarah Morlan-Sarver

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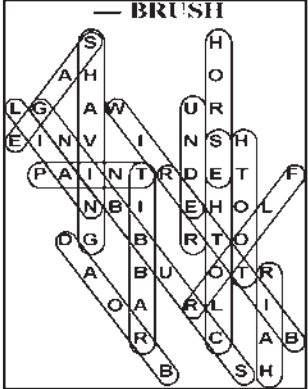
This week's flashback is from Jan. 30, 1984: Recent graduates of Chemeketa Community College's winter clown workshop included (lying down) Vicki "OG" Kortge, (front from left) Bill "Bingo" Alsdurf, Gloria "Calliope" Harter, Carol "Gigi" Dockweiler, and Jerry "JJ" Miller; (back, from left) Dorothy "Rosey" Burow, Tom "Beenie" Busch, Charlotte "Lavender" Templin, and Pat "Tapioca" Smith. Teachers for the 25-hour class at Oakdale Heights Elementary were Mike "Buster" Bednarek and Angel "Willy" Ocasio.

CryptoQuip answer

As homework, I'm supposed to read this book by writer Dahl in one day. Time to hit the Roald!

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TOWN CRIER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JAN. 29 - FEB. 5

Wednesday, Jan. 29

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:45 p.m. - Loneliness Solutions, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Manga and Anime Club meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence

Thursday, Jan. 30

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Friday, Jan. 31

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. – Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/ Listening Ear/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop/Drawing For Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5 p.m. - Teen Marvel Trivia Night, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

Saturday, Feb. 1

8 a.m. - New Bus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Community Center Pancake Breakfast, 180 S Warren St,
9:30 a.m. - Kiowa Fitness Open House, Youth Jiu Jitsu Seminar from 10:30-11 a.m. and Adult Jiu Jitsu Seminar from 11:30 a.m. - noon, 565 Lloyd Lane, Suite B, Independence
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
1 p.m. - Town Hall with Independence Mayor Schwarzler, Heritage Museum, 281 S 2nd St.
4 p.m. - All Ages Family Dance, free, Dallas Event Center, 995 S Main St.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Caught Dead Handed (Grateful Dead tribute), Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - 11th Annual Darkness Falls, sample at least 20 dark beers at Westside Taphouse & Growler

Fill, 1594 Edgewater St. NW, Ste 110, West Salem
7 p.m. - Live Music: Eric’s Rockin’ 50th Sock Hop, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St., Independence

Sunday, Feb. 2

2 p.m. - Live Music: Orvil Ivie, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Monday, Feb. 3

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games/caregiver support, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Hand & Foot/ cribbage/ASL class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi w/Cheryl/ Technology help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
7 p.m. - Independence Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - Dance: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:30 p.m. - Dance: Latin, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Wednesday, Feb. 5

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
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5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd St.
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OSU Extension hosts Spring Feed & Plant Swap Feb. 1

The OSU Extension - Polk County presents Spring Seed & Plant Swap from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 1 at Inspiration Garden, located at 799 F St. in Independence. All are welcome at this fun and free drop-in event. Bring your garden seeds, including veggies, flowers and herbs, to swap. Houseplants (cuttings or rooted plants) are also welcome. Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to answer your seed starting and gardening questions. For more information, go to : beav.es/Gm4.

Dallas Event Center hosts free family dance Feb. 1

Lora Michele and the Dallas Downtown Association present a free All Ages Family Dance from 4-6 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St., Dallas.

CHS hosts FAFSA Workshop Night Feb. 5

Central High School hosts an FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop Night, for students and their guardians learn how to make college funding more accessible, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the school library. Get expert guidance from financial aid professionals from Western Oregon University and one-on-one

assistance for completing FAFSA or ORSAA (Oregon Student Aid Application) applications. No need to sign in beforehand for this drop-in event. For more information, contact Crystal Larson, CHS College and Career Coordinator, at clarson@central.k12.or.us or (503) 838-0480, ext. 2550.

Rickreall Grange hosts 25 cent sale Feb. 7-9

The Rickreall Grange is hosts a huge 25 cent sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7-9, at 280 N. Pacific Highway W. All items for this sale will be 25 cents. They have so much, from household items, paparazzi jewelry, clothing, glass, scrapbooking, books, odds and ends, craft supplies and more. This sale does not include items from Jumble Junction upstairs but some vendors will be offering sale prices.

Benedetto hosts Pajama Party Fundraiser Feb. 8

Benedetto Vineyards hosts Pajamas for a Purpose: A Fundraiser for Sable House, from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 8. Wear your favorite pajamas and bring a pair of new pajamas (any size) or a new throw blanket to donate to Sable House. Every donation gets you a raffle ticket, and the more pajamas or blankets you bring, the more chances you’ll have to win. Located at 14020 Orchard Knob

Road, the event will feature games, a raffle, snacks and more.

Dallas Senior Center hosts Super Bowl party Feb. 9

The Dallas Area Senior Center hosts a Super Bowl party at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 at 817 SW Church St. Come enjoy food, games, raffle, prizes. Watch game on 65” big screen TV. Entrance fee is \$25 a person. Limited space so come by and sign up.

Ugo’s Pizza hosts Veterans fundraiser Feb. 11

Ugo’s Pizza, located at 967 Main St, in Dallas, is honoring our Veterans with a fundraising event Feb. 11, from 4-8:30 p.m. Ugo’s Pizza will donate a portion of the proceeds from every in-store purchase (does not include internet orders or delivery), to Carl B. Fenton Post 20 of the American Legion.

Polk County Democrats meet Feb. 13

The Polk County Democrats now meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join them Feb. 13. The agenda will be announced next week. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on their email reminders list for future events, go to www.polkdems.org. Scroll down to sign up under “Newsletter.” For

further information, contact the office at (971) 612-0040”

Moonfall Theatre hosts Valentines event Feb. 14

Moonfall Theatre presents A Romantical Valentine’s Evening, featuring music and hors d’oeuvres, at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Dallas Events Center, 939 Main St. Tickets are available online at bit.ly/4heiBUa.

DTW hosts CHS fundraiser concert Feb. 15

DTW hosts The Video Game Concert - a Fundraiser for Central High School, at 7 p.m. Feb. 15. DWT is returning to CHS, 1490 Monmouth St., to play video game music and support the CHS Band programs. Come jam to your favorite game tunes while supporting the next generation of musicians. General admission is \$15, kids are \$5.

Lions Club hosts crab feed Feb. 15

The Central Lions Club of Monmouth and Independence hosts its annual All You Can Eat Crab Feed Feb. 15 at Eola Winery in Rickreall, with a Valentines Day theme, and live music. Service is 5-8 p.m.
Tickets are available online now at \$50 for the meal, which includes all you can eat crab, corn, coleslaw and French bread.
The proceeds benefit numerous Lions charities,

emphasizing vision and hearing, hunger, diabetes, children and food security.

Dinners are Purchased dinners through Feb. 7 online at the Central Lions website www.mi-lions.org, and following the Crab Feed link in the upper right.

Salem Philharmonia presents Re-discovering Marie Jaëll Feb. 15-16

The Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion counties, presents Re-Discovering Jaëll at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 and 2 p.m. Feb. 16 at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE, Salem. There will be a pre-concert talk 45 minutes before each performance. The concert, directed by Jonathan DeBuryn, includes Jaëll’s Concerto for Cello, featuring soloist Diane Chaplin; Bizet’s Petite Suite d’Orchestre; Mozart’s Symphony No. 38 “Prague”; and Rimsky-Korsakov’s Capriccio Espagnole. For ticket information, go to www.salmemphil.org.

Climate Cafe returns Feb. 27

The Monmouth-Independence Climate Action Group hosts Climate Cafe from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 Warren St. S. Join this opportunity community members,

students and citizens of all ages to engage in meaningful dialog about environmental challenges and exploring ways to make a difference locally.

WOU hosts annual Family Weekend Feb. 28

Western Oregon University welcomes students and their families to campus for the return of Family Weekend, an annual celebration of connection, community and fun, Feb. 28 through March 2. This year’s weekend features a new all-inclusive pass, providing families with a convenient way to access all activities and meals with one purchase.

The weekend will feature a variety of events and activities for all ages, including:

- Welcome dinner with special guest WOU President Jesse Peters
 - Winter play: Nora: A Doll’s House
 - Two brunches at The Sippery
 - Exclusive Family Weekend t-shirt (available with early registration)
 - Men’s & Women’s basketball game tickets
 - Cornhole tournament entry
 - And much more!
- Tickets for Family Weekend, including the all-inclusive pass, are available online at <https://wou.edu/business/family-week-end-registration>. Registration closes on Feb. 20.

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By Patti Diamond

Skip the Takeout: Make Sesame Chicken at Home for a Frugal Feast!

Chinese New Year (Jan. 29) is a time to celebrate fresh beginnings and cherished traditions. Making sesame chicken at home is a delicious way to honor the occasion with a dish that's both festive and satisfying.

If you don't celebrate the Lunar New Year, this recipe is still a winner. It's a fantastic takeout favorite you can easily re-create at home.

Sesame Chicken is a dish that brings the perfect balance of crispy chicken and a glossy, savory-sweet sauce, and when you make it at home, you're in charge. You decide the ingredients, whether to add veggies or not, and the sodium level. No MSG (unless you want it), and the best part? You'll have bragging rights when your sesame chicken rivals your favorite restaurant's version.

Cooking your takeout favorites at home doesn't just save you money — it's a chance to learn, experiment, and create. Plus, the process of cooking can be a celebration in itself, filled with aromas and textures that make it more than just a meal — it's an experience.

SESAME CHICKEN
Yield: 4-6 servings
Total Time: 1 hour
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup packed brown sugar

2 tablespoons soy sauce or tamari
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
1/3 cup plus 2 teaspoons cornstarch, divided
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
2 teaspoons fresh garlic, minced
1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
1 green onion, thinly sliced
Cooked rice, for serving
Optional vegetables: steamed broccoli, red pepper, celery, onion

Crispy, saucy sesame chicken that's budget-friendly and totally irresistible.

Whisk the water, brown sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil and 2 teaspoons of the cornstarch together in a small bowl; set aside.

Slice the chicken into bite-size pieces. This is the most time-consuming part of this whole recipe. Place the chicken in a medium bowl and season with salt. Sprinkle the remaining 1/3 cup cornstarch over the chicken and toss with your hands until the pieces are separated and evenly coated.

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a large nonstick or cast-iron frying pan over medium-high heat until shimmering.

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Add half the chicken and spread into an even layer. Cook without stirring until golden brown on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Turn the pieces and cook until the chicken is browned on the second side and cooked through, about 4 minutes more. Transfer to a platter and keep warm. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan and repeat cooking the remaining chicken.

Optional — Sauté the Vegetables: If you'd like to sauté the vegetables instead of steaming them, add them to the skillet now. Cook to your desired doneness, then proceed with the recipe as written. No specific quantities are suggested, as the choice and amount depend on your household's preferences. Adding extra veggies is also a great way to stretch the meal and feed more people without greatly increasing costs.

Return all the chicken to the pan, add the garlic and ginger, and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Give the sauce another whisk, then pour the sauce into the pan. Cook, tossing constantly, until the sauce thickens, is glossy and coats the chicken, about 30 seconds.

Sprinkle with sesame seeds and toss to coat. Garnish with green onion and serve over rice if desired.

With this simple, frugal and fabulous recipe, you can bring the joy of sesame chicken to your table — no takeout menu required. Here's to celebrating deliciously and affordably!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1036 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The Planning Commission will hold public hearing at 6:00 pm Thursday, February 13, 2025 on the following: Conditional Use #CUP-25-02 Establish a short-term vacation rental within the existing structure at 272 SE Stone Street. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.4 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The city will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria listed above. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call Chase Ballew, City Planner (503) 831-3570

PCIO25-1035 WEXCO INCORPORATED NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION Articles of Dissolution for Wexco Incorporated, an Oregon corporation (the "Corporation"), have been filed with the Oregon Secretary of State. Any person with a claim against the Corporation must notify the Corporation of such claim, including the claim amount and the date incurred. Notice should be sent to the Corporation at the following address: Wexco Incorporated, c/o Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP, 189 SW Academy Street, Dallas, OR 97338. Failing to commence a proceeding to enforce such a claim within five years after the publication of this notice will cause the claim to be barred as described in Oregon Revised Statutes 60.644. This Notice of Dissolution supersedes and replaces the Notice of Dissolution for Wexco Incorporated that was published on January 1, 2025.

PCIO25-1034 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON In the Matter of Fair Housing RESOLUTION 16-06 WHEREAS, discrimination in the sale, rental, lease, advertising of sale, rental, or lease, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, of in the provision of brokerage or rental services because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (children) or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988; and WHEREAS, it is the policy of Polk County to support the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, and to implement a Fair Housing Program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental),

familial status (children and actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members) or national origin; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF POLK COUNTY: Section 1. Within the resources available to Polk County through county, state, federal and community volunteer sources, Polk County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), (physical status (children and actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status or its members) or national origin in the process of filing a complaint with the Oregon Civil Rights Division or the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Officer Compliance Division, that they may seek equity under federal and state laws. Section 2. Polk County shall publicize this Resolution, and through this publicity, shall cause real estate brokers and sellers, private home sellers, rental owners, rental property managers, real estate and rental advertisers, lenders, builders, developers, home buyers and home or apartment renters to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances. Section 3. The County's Fair Housing Program, for the purpose of informing those affected of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning Fair Housing law and complaint procedures, will at a minimum include, but not be limited to, the printing, publicizing and distribution of this Resolution; the distribution of posters, flyers, pamphlets and other applicable Fair Housing information provided by local, state and federal sources, through local media or community contacts; and the publicizing of a location where assistance will be provided to those seeking to file a discrimination complaint. Section 4. This resolution shall be effective upon its passage. Dated this 20th day of April 2016, at Dallas, Oregon. POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANTES DE QUE LA CONSEJO DEL CONDADO DE POLK, ESTADO DE OREGON En el asunto de Vivienda Justa) RESOLUCIÓN NÚMERO 16-06 CONSIDERANDO, SE LE AVISE A TODAS LAS PERSONAS en el condado de Polk, que discriminación en venta, alquiler, arrendamiento, publicidad de venta, alquiler o arrendamiento, financiación de viviendas o terrenos destinados a ser utilizados para el desarrollo de viviendas, o en el proviso de servicios de bienes y raíces O alquiler, debido a raza o color de piel, religión, sexo, incapacidad (física o mental), condición familiar (niños) u origen nacional está prohibida por el Título VIII de la Ley Federal de de Equidad de Viviendas del 1988, Es la póliza de la ciudad de Dallas apoyar la Ley Federal de Enmiendas de Equidad de Viviendas del 1988 asegurando la provisión de equidad de vivienda e igualdad de oportunidades para todas las personas independientemente de su

raza o color de piel, religión, sexo, incapacidad (física o mental), condición familiar (niños) SE RESUELVE POR CIUDAD DE DALLAS, OREGON LO SIGUIENTE: dentro los recursos disponibles para el condado de Polk a través de fuentes de condado, estado, federal y voluntarios comunitarios, el condado ayudara a todas las personas cual sientan sido objeto de discriminación por motivos de raza o color de piel, religión, sexo, incapacidad (física o mental), condición familiar (niños) u origen nacional en el proceso de presentar una queja con la División de Derechos Civiles de Oregon o el departamento de Estados Unidos de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, División de Oficina Regional de Cumplimiento de Seattle, que puedan adquirir equidad bajo leyes federales y estatales. SE RESUELVE: que el condado deberá dar a conocer esta resolución y a través de esta publicidad hará que prestamistas, agentes de bienes y raíces, vendedores, vendedores privados, los propietarios de casas de alquiler, los administradores de propiedades de alquiler, anunciantes de inmobiliaria y alquiler, constructores, desarrolladores, compradores de viviendas, o inquilinos de apartamentos o viviendas, estén cociente de sus responsabilidades respectivas y derechos bajo la Ley de Enmiendas de Equidad de Vivienda de 1988 y ley O ordenanza estatal o local que sean aplicables. EL PROGRAMA DE EQUITAD DE VIVIENDAS, con el propósito de informar a aquellos afectados sobre sus responsabilidades y derechos respectivos en cuanto a la Ley de Equidad de Vivienda y procedimientos de denuncia, incluirá al mínimo, sin limitarse a: 1) la impresión, publicación y distribución de la resolución actual; 2) la distribución de carteles, volantes, folletos y cualquier otra información aplicable de equidad de vivienda proporcionada por fuentes locales, estatales y federales, a través de medios de comunicación locales de contactos de la comunidad; y 3) la difusión y publicación de los lugares donde se prestará ayuda a aquellos que buscan presentar una queja de discriminación. Aprobada por el Consejo de el Condado de Polk: 7 de abril del 2016 en Dallas, Oregon. EL CONSEJO DEL CONDADO DE POLK

PCIO25-1028 Salt Creek Cemetery District Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6 pm until 7 pm. Location will be the Salt Creek Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Those residing within the district are invited to attend. Agenda will include discussion of recent business, plans for the future, income, expenditures, and recent burials.

PCIO25-1021 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 24-70181 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by DAVID L. SALTVICK III and SARAH D. SALTVICK, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to TICOR TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for PINNACLE CAPITAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, beneficiary

of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/5/2013, recorded 11/8/2013, as Instrument No. 2013-011746, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 64, PIONEER HEIGHTS, CITY OF WILLAMINA, COULTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 64, PIONEER HEIGHTS, CITY OF WILLAMINA, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 750 SW PIONEER COURT AKA 750 PIONEER CT SW WILLAMINA, OREGON 97396 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 549350 / 06701-CC-06600 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 4/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 4/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$8,353.29 Late Charges: \$96.48 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,898.19 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,132.00 Total necessary to cure: \$11,479.96 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owed on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$102,775.76 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 4/18/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any

lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/3/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4830377 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025

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

PCIO25-1026 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by Jesse J. Evans and Samira Evans, husband and wife as grantor, to Ticor Title, as trustee, in favor of Maps Credit Union as beneficiary, dated October 28, 2022, and recorded on November 2, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-011835, in the mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon. The Trust Deed covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit: Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in the OAKS ADD. TO DALLAS, Polk County, Oregon, (Plat Volume 1, Page 76) according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of said county; thence North 68° 24' West 115.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66°

10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Arrearage in the sum of \$10,281.04 as of October 28, 2024, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs, and interest due at the time of reinstatement or sale. By reason of said defaults, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: Payoff in the sum of \$128,113.37 as of October 28, 2024, plus taxes, liens, assessments, property expenditures, insurance, accruing interest, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on April 9, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: Northwest Front Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the above-described Property, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sum or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is incorporated herein by reference. Exhibit A, NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, is not published pursuant to ORS 86.774(2)(b). DATED: October 28, 2024. Michelle M. Bertolino, Successor Trustee Farleigh Wada Witt 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97204 Phone: 503-228-6044; fax: 503-228-1741

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing to discuss a proposed supplemental budget for the City of Monmouth for the current fiscal year 2024-25 will be held at Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, Oregon, and online through GoToMeeting coordinates to be provided on the City Council agenda to be posted on the City's website. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30pm.

A copy of the supplemental budget documents may be inspected or obtained from the City's website or by calling 503-838-0722 on or after January 29, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THE FUND BEING MODIFIED

FUND: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Resource	Amount	Expenditure - Category	Amount
Miscellaneous Grants	\$80,000	Professional Services	\$80,000

Revised Total Fund Resources: \$377,002 Revised Total Fund Requirements: \$377,002

Explanation of changes:

The supplemental budget appropriates grant funds awarded to the City in December, 2024, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to be used for conducting a market feasibility study for a year-round indoor artisan and farmers market supported by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) farmers in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Publish: January 29, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
MONMOUTH URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

As per ORS 457.460, the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency published the FY 2023-24 annual report, which is on file and available to all interested persons at Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, OR 97361, and the City's website at https://www.ci.monmouth.or.us. Please note, this is a notice only and not part of the official annual report.

In FY 2023-24, the Agency received \$847,671 in revenue from tax increments. Expenditures totaled \$1,725,855. The estimated tax revenues for FY 2024-25 are \$956,610. The FY 2024-25 adopted budget includes \$1,304,706 in resources and requirements. The estimated impact of carrying out the urban renewal plan on the tax collections for the preceding year for all taxing districts is shown in the table below:

Monmouth Urban Renewal Plan Area	2023-24 Tax Year
Taxing District	Impact
Polk County	\$116,545
Chemeketa Community College	42,475
Chemeketa Regional Library	5,506
Willamette Education Service District	20,123
City of Monmouth	245,282
Polk County Fire District #1	102,124
Fir Crest CD	3,146
Polk Soil/Water CD	3,343
Ash Creek WCD	1,896
Central School District 13J	331,806
4-H/M Garden/AG/Forest Ext District	5,047
Grand Total	\$877,293

Posted: 01/24/2025 (City website)
Public Date: 1/29/2025 & 2/5/2025 (Itemizer-Observer)
2 consecutive weeks within the filing year before March 1st

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1025 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of LOUIS A. FOWLER, Deceased. Case No. 25PB00144 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Donnell M. Fowler has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Louis A. Fowler. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative at: PO Box 12814, Salem OR 97309, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or from the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: JANUARY 22, 2025. s/ Andrew W. Sprauer Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB #081245 Attorney for Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Donnell M. Fowler, 3030 River Bend Road NW Salem OR 97304 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Andrew W. Sprauer, OSB No. 081245 Andrew Sprauer Law PO Box 12814; Salem, OR 97309 Telephone: (503) 910-2050 Email: andrew@awsawyer.com

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

PCIO25-1020 TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 170954 APN: 394309 and 570498 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Jimmy M David, an unmarried man as Grantor to Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for The Federal Savings Bank as Beneficiary, dated 11/06/2017, recorded 11/15/2017, in the official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2017-013617 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: See attached Exhibit A Commonly known as: 4650 Hart Rd, Dallas, OR 97338 The current beneficiary is ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB SERBANK pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 12/04/2023 as Inst No. 2023-008861 in the records of Polk, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 05/01/2023 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust.1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of: \$196,659.32; 2. Interest through 01/06/2025 in the amount of: \$12,139.68 3. Suspense Balance in the amount of: \$(275.00) 4. Corporate Advances balance in the amount of: \$2,095.23 5. Late Charges in the Amount of: \$2,332.56 6. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$8,516.89 7. Total NSF Charges in the amount of: \$25.00 8. Total Fee Amount in the amount of: \$190.00 9. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.5000000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$196,659.32 together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.5000000% per annum from 04/01/2023 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 05/20/2025 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section

187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, 97338, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 05/20/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: • 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR • AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure

sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: • Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; • Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and • Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: • You do not owe rent; • The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and • You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org> NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Dated: 01/09/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Tecumela, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A-4832490 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025

PCIO25-1010 TS No. OR07000160-24-1 APN 246206 To No 3226692 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, LINDA SWANSON, NOT MARRIED as Grantor to

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NE CORP. as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of January 22, 2020 and recorded on January 28, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-001221 and the beneficial interest was assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded July 8, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-005065 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 246206 LOT NUMBER (12) GRIER ADDITION, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 650 DIAN AVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the Beneficiary, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7(A)(i) under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 7(A)(j) of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$88,148.06 together with interest thereon from April 30, 2024 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 23, 2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/05/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468647 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1009 TS No. OR09000034-24-1 APN 141901 To No DEF-649170 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JESSE J. EVANS AND SAMIRA EVANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of July 12, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019-007545 and beneficial interest

was assigned to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING and recorded May 30, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-004048 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 141901 SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF Beginning 5.2 feet South 26° West from the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in the Oaks Add. To Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, (Plat Volume 1, Page 76) according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of said County; thence North 68°24' West 115.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North 26° East 67.2 feet to an iron pin; thence South 66° 10' East 115.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 4 (to an iron pin 4 feet South 26° West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 4); thence South 26° West 68.4 feet to the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as: 1075 SW FAIRVIEW AVE, DALLAS, OR 97338-2117 Both the Beneficiary, NewRez LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 9 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2024 to 11/01/2024 at \$1,084.80 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$143,920.81 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from February 1, 2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 8, 2025 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 11/21/2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0468428 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

PCIO25-1006 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 129390-OR Loan No.: *****8012 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MATTHEW HALLEMAN, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED N O M I N E E F O R QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT,

ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/22/2021, recorded 3/17/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-004764, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 14, LA CREOLE HOMES ADDITION TO DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 4, PAGE 4). APN: 137599 / 07532-BD-02600 Commonly known as: 890 SW WASHINGTON ST DALLAS, OR 97338-3416 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 11/1/2023 - 12/1/2024 Total:\$16,523.47 Late Charges: \$90.78 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,108.69 Total Required to Reinstat: \$17,722.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$197,020.84 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$184,969.76 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.25 % per annum, from 10/1/2023 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 5/6/2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE MAIN STREET PLAZA, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/18/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1005 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 02-07-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at No Situs - Yamhill River Road, Map/ Tax Lot: 06716A000600 & 06716A000700 Willamina, OR. 97396. The court case number is 22CV40624, where SHELLY PEACOCK is plaintiff, and GARTH TALLMAN; JOSEPH H. KRIZ AND JOHN E. LOONEY, DBA WLK APT; AND ESTATE OF ODIS MCCLELLAN is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

Thursday, January 16
At 8:19 a.m., a report of trespassing on Ana Avenue. It was a civil issue regarding a property line.
At 8:26 a.m., a report of theft on Main Street. The store chose not to press charges after a homeless person ate some product.
At 9:22 a.m., a report of fraud on Academy Street. A bank is reimbursing unauthorized charges.
At 10:27 a.m., a report of harassment on Holman Avenue. A juvenile had been knocked down and hit after school.
At 12:44 p.m., a report of trespassing on Main Street. A homeless person left when the officer arrived.
At 1:38 p.m., a report of a disturbance on Main Street. A homeless person was causing issues at the food bank but left when an officer arrived.
At 1:26 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on Uglow Avenue. A homeless person was in the alley heating up food and was told to leave and not return.
At 4:35 p.m., a report of theft on Kings Valley Highway. The suspect attempted a “return fraud,” then stole a shopping cart.
At 10:21 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Levens Street. There were four juveniles playing basketball in the fenced area of the school.
Friday, Jan. 17
At 12:07 a.m., a report of a suspicious person on Court Street. The subject that had been causing problems left as officers arrived.
At 10:57 a.m., a report of a disturbance on Ellendale Avenue. The homeless person left without a problem.
At 11:51 a.m., a report of theft from Walmart on Kings Valley Highway.
At 12:49 p.m., a report of trespassing on Church Street. The Senior Center had offered a homeless person coffee. The subject eventually left after being asked several times.
At 6:07 p.m., a report of theft on Ellendale Avenue.
At 10:30 p.m., a juvenile motorist was cited for no operator’s license, failure to obey a traffic control device and careless driving. The driver was picked up by a relative.
Saturday, Jan. 18
At 3:08 a.m., a noise complaint on Ellendale Avenue. An officer spoke with the subject cleaning the Safeway parking lot regarding the complaint and noise ordinances.
At 12:42 p.m., a report of a homeless person with a crack pipe. An officer advised the subject to not smoke the marijuana pipe in public.
At 1:05 p.m., a motorist was cited on Jefferson Street for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

At 5:41 p.m., a report of a suspicious person on Main Street. A homeless person was trespassed from the location.
At 9:29 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured on Washington Street.
Sunday, Jan. 19
At 2:57 a.m., an officer contacted two juveniles walking home from a friend’s house and gave them a ride home.
At 5 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25-mph zone on Miller Avenue.
At 1:32 a.m., a report of theft on Main Street. Three homeless people were trying to remove carpet from a dumpster and were trespassed from the location.
At 5:20 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for failing to renew their registration.
At 6:35 p.m., Kimberly Fouse was arrested and charged with theft on Ellendale Avenue. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.
Monday, Jan. 20
At 2 a.m., a report of a suspicious person walking around acting strange on Ellendale Avenue. The person the officer contacted said they were just walking.
At 11:08 a.m., a report of a suspicious person on Hayter Street. The subject was advised to stay off private property even though they were looking for a cat in distress.
At 1:49 p.m., an officer responded to an alarm on Reed Avenue. It was likely an accidental activation and everything appeared secure.
At 2:08 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25-mph zone on Reed Lane.
At 8:53 p.m., a motorist was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device on Main Street.
At 9:36 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25-mph zone on La Creole Drive.
At 10:49 p.m., a motorist was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device on Godsey Road.
At 11:56 p.m., a motorist was cited for failure to register their vehicle and warned for driving while suspended.
Tuesday, Jan. 21
At 5:10 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 36 mph in a 20-mph zone on Main Street.
At 8:25 a.m., Cathy Allen was cited for theft on Stephanie Street.
At 9:11 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using a mobile device.
At 9:53 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Orrs Corner Road.
At 10:17 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Orrs Corner Road.
At 12:18 p.m., a report of a theft of a chair on Church Street.
At 1:31 p.m., Zach Perry was cited for theft of a shopping cart on Kings Valley Highway.
At 3:17 p.m., Grant Frink was arrested, charged with criminal mistreatment and lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 3:25 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Ellendale. It was a minor physical disturbance.
At 3:31 p.m., Henry Yeager Jr. was arrested on Dimick Street and charged with sex abuse and unlawful sexual penetration. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 3:45 p.m., Laren Garner was arrested on an outstanding warrant issued by Jefferson County for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.
At 3:50 p.m., a report of harassment on Dimick Street. It was a civil issue.
At 5:55 p.m., a report of theft from Walmart on Kings Valley Highway.
At 8:58 a.m., a report of fraud on Kersey Drive. The victim was scammed out of money via TikTok.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
At 4:51 a.m., a report of an alarm on Ellendale Avenue. The alarm had been activated by a delivery driver.
At 8:39 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving while using a mobile device on Ellendale Avenue.
At 8:44 a.m., Charlotte Roberts was arrested for theft on Kings Valley Highway.
At 8:55 a.m., a motorist was cited on Ellendale Avenue for driving while using a mobile device.
At 11:23 a.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for driving while using a mobile device – second offense.
At 12:47 p.m., a report of a suspicious person trying to sell jewelry from a vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. Several officers searched for the vehicle and were unable to locate it.
At 3:15 p.m., a report of a theft from Walmart on Kings Valley Highway.
At 8:59 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for driving while suspended and failure to carry proof of insurance.
Independence Police Department
Thursday, Jan. 16
Joseph Dakota Mierau was arrested on Gun Club Road and charged with harassment.
Friday, Jan. 17
At 6:04 a.m., a report of items taken from a truck on Deann Drive.
At 11:58 .m., a motorist was stopped for rolling through a stop sign on Ash Street. The driver was cited for driving uninsured and warned for not carrying registration and failure to obey a traffic control device.
At 1:32 p.m., a report of criminal mischief on Grand Street. Juveniles were damaging outdoor equipment.
Sunday, Jan. 19
At 12:58 a.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags on Monmouth Street. They were cited for driving while suspended and warned for expired tags. They were given a fix-it ticket for failure to carry proof of insurance.
At 1:29 a.m., a motorist was stopped for expired tags on Riddell Road. They were cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended. They were given a warning for expired tags and failure to carry and present identification.
At 8:57 a.m., a report of assault on Maple Court. It was found the juvenile had lied about injuries.
At 11:55 p.m., a motorist was stopped for failure to maintain their lane on Deann Drive. The driver passed the standard field sobriety tests and was warned for driving without a license.
Monday, Jan. 20
Merlin Emery Goddard was arrested on an outstanding probation

violation warrant and was also charged with possession of unlawful controlled substance. An officer recognized Goddard out walking and found that he had a warrant out of Florence Municipal Court. Upon searching Goddard, the officer discovered drug paraphernalia, and a substance suspected of being fentanyl.
Edward Mark Desmarteau was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver in an accident with property damage. A car was struck in a parking lot and a witness identified the vehicle that left the scene. The officer contacted the suspect and the victim’s information was given to Desmarteau who denied that the incident had taken place. Camera footage from the business was obtained clearly showing the suspect’s vehicle hitting the victim’s vehicle.
At 3:30 p.m., a report of fraud on G Street. The individual had received a scam call.
Tuesday, January 21
At 12:37 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a local business on Monmouth Street. An officer did not see signs of a disturbance and notified the business owner.
Monmouth Police Department
Tyler Corbin Dunn, 25, was arrested Jan. 21 and charged with disorderly conduct 2, criminal mischief 2 and resisting arrest.
Dayson Maeda, 24, was arrested Jan. 18 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.
Aiden J Melendrez, 22, was arrested Jan. 19 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.
Ramon M Patitz, 31, was arrested Jan. 19 and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.
Polk County Sheriff’s Office
Wednesday, Jan. 15
At 6:46 a.m., a report of a single vehicle crash on Red Prairie Road. The driver had hit an icy spot and continued off the road. There were no injuries, but a curved road sign had been taken out.
At 7:08 a.m., a deputy came across a single vehicle crash on Highway 223. A semi-truck had crashed and was partially blocking the southbound lane. The deputy performed traffic control and Oregon State Police handled the investigation.
At 7:46 a.m., a report of telephonic harassment on Church Street. The deputy called the subject but had to leave a voicemail.
At 3:40 p.m., Vannidy Yem turned himself in to a deputy in the jail parking lot. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 3:44 p.m., a report of a theft of prescription medication on Ballston Road. There were three people in the home regularly and the victim requested an investigation.
At 4:08 p.m., a report of a disturbance on West Boulevard. It was an ongoing civil issue.
At 4:35 p.m., inmates at Polk County Jail, Zackarie House and Carl Bradbury, were charged with initiating a false report and conspiracy. They had conspired to initiate a false

report by putting water on the floor and making it look like Carl had fallen and hit his head so he could be put on medical furlough.
Thursday, Jan. 16
At 7 a.m., a report of a four-vehicle crash on Perrydale Road. One person was injured and another was declared deceased at the scene. Three of the four vehicles involved were towed, two for damage and one for driving without insurance. Oregon State Policed performed a reconstruction of the scene. A deputy notified the next of kin.
At 2:36 p.m., a report of a theft of timber on Teal Creek Road. A deputy contacted a suspect, who had a truck bed of recently cut timber. The subject did not have a permit to cut but stated the wood had fallen four years ago. It was confirmed that he had cut wood on Weyerhaeuser land, and he was cited for theft of special forest products and trespassing.
At 4:15 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Oakdale Road. It was a verbal domestic disturbance over beer and both parties were heavily intoxicated.
At 9:30 p.m., a report of trespassing on Prospect Road. The subject was at the end of the driveway when a deputy arrived. The subject was told they would be arrested for trespassing if they returned.
At 11:33 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Oakdale Road. Zachary Moore was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after he broke a screen door. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.
Friday, Jan. 17
At 9:31 a.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on 31st Court Northwest. There was video evidence of the incident and there was no probable cause for charges.
At 10:31 a.m., a report of tires being dumped on Clow Corner Road. The complainant had a video of a truck with tires in the bed but the vehicle was not found.
At 10:49 a.m., a resident of Doaks Ferry Road requested increased patrols at night as there was an increase of prowlers and porch pirates and their dog had been barking more at night.
At 11:38 a.m., a report of two horses running on the complainant’s property. The deputy was able to contact the owner to collect their horses.
At 3:09 p.m., a report of a violation of a restraining order on Rock Creek Road. The suspect was arrested, charged with violating a restraining order and lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 6:13 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Main Street, called in by a third party. Both parties denied the reports and neither had any signs of injury.
At 6:40 p.m., a report of theft of mislaid property. It was a civil matter.
At 11:42 p.m., a deputy noticed a vehicle in a field off the road on Airlie Road. There were no notes on the vehicle and the deputy marked it for a tow.
Saturday, Jan. 18
At 3 a.m., a report of two dogs that had killed eight chickens on the complainant’s property on Salem Dallas Highway. The deputy scanned one of the dogs for a microchip and contacted the owner.

The owner was cited for dogs as a public nuisance and was given two weeks to register the dogs with Polk County.
At 4:53 p.m., a driving complaint of a vehicle not maintaining its lane on Highway 22. The driver stated they did not have a license and was found to be driving while suspended.
Sunday, Jan. 19
At 6:37 a.m., a deputy assisted Oregon State Police at the scene of a DUII crash. The deputy provided cover while the field sobriety tests were performed and stayed until the tow truck arrived.
At 11:49 a.m., a report of a stolen vehicle on Sawtell Road.
At 10:27 p.m., a noise complaint on Ellendale Avenue. The music had stopped when the deputy arrived. The deputy informed the complainant that there was not a noise ordinance in the county.
Monday, Jan. 20
At 8:20 a.m., a deputy observed a vehicle passing in the center lane on Highway 22 and initiated a stop for reckless driving. The driver had multiple outstanding warrants and was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 1:51 p.m., a report of a goat found on Ellendale Avenue. The complainant was unable to contact the owner. A deputy contacted the owner and helped return the goat.
At 2:26 p.m., a report of suspicious activity on 34th Avenue Northwest. A bike had been left by the back gate and the homeowners were not home according to the complainant. The daughter of the homeowners was there and there was no need for law enforcement assistance.
At 2:39 p.m., an old grenade was found in a field on Brush College Road by someone using a metal detector. A deputy took photos of the grenade using a drone. The Salem Bomb Squad arrived later and removed the grenade.
At 8:45 p.m., a caller reported hitting a pig on Rickreall Road. The pig did not have anything identifying it and no one in the area had pigs.
At 8:50 p.m., a report of a suspicious person knocking on doors in the area on Lakeview Court Northwest. A deputy was unable to locate anyone in the area.
At 9:48 p.m., a report of a vehicle parked in the road on Morrow Road. The deputy did not find anyone in the road but did contact a vehicle south of the area. The driver was driving while suspended and was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.
Tuesday, Jan. 21
At 9:51 a.m., a report of a theft on Salmon River Highway. There was video footage of the suspect.
At 9:55 a.m., at Polk County Jail an inmate broke a TV, a TV remote and some wall phones and was charged with criminal mischief.
At 1:35 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Rueben Boise Road. Samuel Richardson was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and assault. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.
At 10:10 p.m., a report of a domestic disturbance on Salmon River Highway. Jacob Kline was arrested, charged with harassment and lodged at Polk County Jail.

Fourth quarter surge lifts Pirates to win

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Perrydale took control in the fourth quarter to finally put away a pesky Falls City varsity girls' basketball team. The Pirates led by two points entering the final frame but pulled away late for the 38-28 win.

"Our focus, as always, is just rebounding and playing great defense," Pirates coach Madi Hull said.

Isabelle Arthur and Kaila Gibson netted nine points each for the Pirates, who also got eight rebounds

from Mallory Gunther, and three steals from Sophia Jackson-Roteman.

"Mallory played hard; she's been rebounding well for us. Playing a good inside game for us," Hull said.

"Greta (Fillible) did a good job as well putting pressure up defensively. Sophie had a great game as well."

Hull also had praise for the Pirates' cross-county neighbor. The two teams met Dec. 11, with the Pirates prevailing, 57-25.

"Falls City improved immensely compared to the

first time we played them," she said. "They were ready for our press and had a great press break. They also shot the ball really well and attacked."

Perrydale (4-1, 11-7 overall) is in second place in the Casco League, trailing only St. Paul (4-0, 8-8). They are at Willamette Valley Christian tonight (Jan. 29), and host the Buckaroos at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31.

As for Falls City, the Mountaineers (2-3, 7-8) are at C.S. Lewis Academy on Friday, with tipoff at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Nadia McKee of Falls City applies the defensive pressure against Andi Jones of Perrydale.

Pirates power past Mountaineers

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For Pirates coach Brian Domes, Friday's win over Falls City went as expected. The Pirates jumped out early in the varsity boys' basketball game, were never really threatened the rest of the way, and left the home gym with a 56-26 win over the Mountaineers.

"We did the things we needed to do to get the win comfortably," Domes said.

Gavin Graber netted 13 points for the victors while Holden Williams added 10.

Brayden Leslie and Malakai Stevens grabbed six rebounds each.

"Brayden has made the biggest improvements throughout the season," Domes said, "while Dylan Walley has played his way up to the varsity level after starting at JV only."

The win improved the Pirates' record to 3-3 in Casco League, 4-14 overall. They are at Willamette Valley Christian tonight (Wednesday), and host league-leading St. Paul (5-0, 14-4, as of Jan. 25) at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31.



Panther Kids wrap final tourney before state

When the final regular season tournament rolled around this weekend, 12 Panther Kids wrestled. Most will be heading to state next weekend in Redmond. Others will hang up their shoes until next season.

"Several kids got the mat time they needed in preparation for state. Other kids like Arik (Trujillo) finished their season on a high note, placing first and Tyler (Fields) getting his first pin of the season," said head coach Vidal Pena. "Having those types of last matches keeps them hungry for next season."

Pena said the kids going to the championships have a few practices left to fine tune their techniques and get in more conditioning before they face the best in the state.

"All of us coaches have high hopes and faith for this team next week to bring home some championship medals," Pena said.

The Panther Kids placing in Redmond were:

1st place - Arik Trujillo, Spencer Raymond and Vienna Diehm.

2nd place - Ricky Ascencio, Ezekiel and Josiah Boldt.

3rd place - Vincent Baguley.

Panther Kids on the mat



PHOTO BY CHERIE TRUJILLO
Arik Trujillo pins his opponent.



PHOTO BY BRANDY PETERS
Vienna Diehm's opponent's face tells the story of how strong she is.



PHOTO BY JOHANNA COOK
Tyler Field controls his opponent.

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WRESTLERS

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Top four finishers in each weight class at districts advance to state.

Carrying the flag for the lower weights was Lili Alvarez, who also won by fall against Crescent Valley. She is 16-1 on the season. Her loss came against a wrestler from Thurston High School, a perennial state powerhouse.

The sophomore is seeded third in conference, and appears destined for another trip to the state tournament, where she was fifth a year ago. Opponents beware. Alvarez is not the same wrestler.

"I got better this year," she said in assessing her growth. "Don't hold my knees. Keep on moving. Take more shots. Grab hold of their hand; you get control that way."

One thing's for certain, Alvarez is no stranger to winning. She won numerous prestigious titles while a junior wrestler and, earlier this season, placed first at the Battle for the Capital, and at the Kenny Cox Memorial.

Keeney is in a similar position as Alvarez. He's 21-10 on the season, seeded top four in district and wrestled at state previously. But on this day he's practicing by himself because Vela, his partner, was on an excused absence.

"It's not that effective," Keeney said of going solo.

This is Keeney's fourth year with the Panthers wrestling team.

But Keeney presses onward. His strategy for the final weeks of his senior season?

"Just trust in my best, and practice hard every day," he said.

Being able to duplicate last week's performance at district will certainly help his chances. He pinned his opponent in the first round.

"I just wanted to get off fast, wrestle strong, not make any mistakes. I wrestled up a weight class at 285, so I just wanted to make sure he didn't land on me and squish me," Keeney said. "So I took advantage of my height and

locked him with a bear hug and took him to his back."

The last invitational of the season, the Tod Surmon/Mid-Valley Classic, is Feb. 1 in Albany.

District finals are at the Salem Armory, with the boys scheduled for Feb. 14-15 and the girls on Feb. 21-22.

"We have to prepare. I mean, a lot of these mistakes that we're making, we're still making them. You can't keep making mistakes over and over if you intend to improve. So that's what we're working on," Garcia said.

Qualifying wrestlers advance to the Class 5A OSAA state tournament, set for Feb. 27 through March 1 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.