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Dallas debuts challenging, lesser known tale from Anne Frank

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Most audiences within the theater and literary world are familiar with the tale of Anne Frank thanks to her diaries that survived World War II that went on to detail a normal teenager’s life before and during occupied Nazi Germany.

However, few have heard the tale as told by her two best friends. Dallas High School’s Theater Program is bringing that story to its stage this week with “And Then They Come For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank” by James Still.

“We’ve wanted to do this play for a really long time. I think I saw this play 15 years ago at the Oregon State Thespian Conference performed by Ashland High School. It took my breath away,” said Blair Cromwell, DHS theater program director.

In 1996 producers filmed interviews with two holocaust survivors, both with connections to Anne Frank - Ed Silverberg, Anne’s boyfriend who she nicknamed Hello, and Ava Schloss, both survived the holocaust. During the war, Cromwell explained, the three were all just friends, 15-year-olds, hanging out.

The interviews were transformed into a play, interspersed with video footage of the survivors speaking.

“Then as they’re telling the story of what it was like in that part of



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The cast of Dallas High School’s theater program rehearse a scene from “And Then They Come For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank” debuting this week.

history, the play takes off. We see those stories with the actors. It keeps going back and forth between the two,” Cromwell said.

She said the Dallas theater program has wanted to do it for a long time, but couldn’t due to a limitation in the school’s ability to deal with some technological demands.

“You have to have all this video footage, and you’ve got to time it and have to have the right projection system,” Cromwell.

In addition, it took a confluence of the right technology and a troupe of actors who had leveled up their skills to take on the serious story set amidst the holocaust.

Sophomores Jayden Chancery portrays Ava and Eli Nunez is Ed during their younger years.

Chancery said it took a lot of research by the cast and personally to properly bring the true story of the three youths and their families to the stage.

“I think everything about her (Eva) is fascinating. She’s incredibly strong. It’s really impressive to hear her talk about it and realize

she went through so much trauma and was still able to talk about it, not scared. She’s ready to tell her story, make it known,” Chancery said.

Nunez said the audience should really enjoy the production as it will leave them something to think about when it’s over.

“I think it is a little bit tricky, obviously because it covers a very hard subject. So it is a very

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Homelessness count highlights urgent challenge, clear signs of progress

Staff REPORT

The Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance has released results from the 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, offering a detailed snapshot of homelessness across Marion and Polk Counties — and showing both rising need and real gains in housing outcomes.

This year’s count identified 2,166 individuals experiencing homelessness, including 953 unsheltered residents. One of the most urgent findings: 47% of those counted were experiencing homelessness for the first time, underscoring the growing pressure on working families, youth, and seniors amid a housing market that continues to strain household budgets and community resources.

Yet despite these challenges, the region has made substantial progress. In the past year alone, over 600 households have

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Sun shines down on second year of Dallas Farmers Market

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

What a difference a year makes for the Dallas Farmers Market. Last year, it debuted during a downpour of rain and blustery winds. This year, the sun was out with only a hint of cool breeze to greet a wider selection of vendors stretched down the courthouse square.

“It’s so exciting. There’s sunshine. You can actually see shadows. I’m very much looking forward to having to wash our produce in the sink rather than before we get it back in the car,” said Mikayla Slawosky, Dallas community development coordinator. She was decked

out in a sugar pea costume, because “Pretty Peas, we want people to come to the market.”

For the kickoff on May 3, there were 17 vendors, six new, which Slawosky plans to keep consistent throughout the season. She said they’re keeping the application process open throughout the season as there’s plenty of space to expand for more vendors.

Overall, the Dallas Farmers Market will have 12 new vendors joining as the season progresses, including some local farms.

“Last year, people were really excited, they were just hoping to see some more veggies,”

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Nikita Vincent and Monmouth Mayor Cecilia Koontz cut the ribbon May 3 at Main Street Park to kick off the inaugural Cultural Harvest Collective, a farmers market catering to BIPOC vendors.

Monmouth’s Cultural Harvest Collective debuts new home for BIPOC vendors

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Nikita Vincent, raised by her grandmother, a business teacher, remembers growing up in church.

“For me, I grew up in Tigard and Tualitan, there was this feeling every Sunday of getting out of church and being with community,” Vincent said.

She wanted to recreate that sense of community within her latest project, Cultural Harvest Collective, that debuted May 4 at Main Street Park in Monmouth. It’s a vendor’s market designed to attract underrepresented people of color a place to sell their wares.

“That’s why I wanted to do a BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) vendor market

because I really feel when I moved down here to the Mid Willamette Valley that there was really good opportunity to get people of color in the area we could all gather and all come together in a community on a Sunday,” Vincent said.

The Cultural Harvest Collective kicked off with a ribbon cutting with Vincent and Monmouth Mayor Cecilia Koontz holding the oversized scissors.

Koontz said it was great to see the inaugural event after a test run of “pop up” events last year.

“Last year, (Vicent) did a pilot just to see how it would go. A small group but really

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Rick Ogle pitches his locally churned Cream Honey to potential buyers at the Dallas Farmers Market that saw its second season kick off May 3.

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been successfully housed through coordinated local programs — thanks to a wide-reaching network of service providers, local governments, and community partners working together to expand access to housing and shelter.

“This year’s numbers confirm what we’re seeing on the ground — an increasing number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time,” said Misty Sorte, Interim Director of the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance. “At the same time, the data also reflects the effectiveness of our local response. Investments in shelter, outreach, and housing are working, and they are helping us meet this challenge with real, measurable progress.”

The 2025 PIT Count also reflects expanded rural outreach in Polk County and North Marion, where improved visibility and

provider coordination led to more comprehensive data. Meanwhile, in Salem, unsheltered homelessness declined for the second year in a row — driven by increased shelter capacity and improved pathways to permanent housing.

The number of people in shelter rose to 1,213, a 38% increase from 2024, bolstered by emergency state funding and significant investments in shelter beds across the region. These emergency placements have provided life-saving safety for many, especially children and families, as well as people living with disabilities and chronic health needs.

“Our community has made enormous investments in shelter done the right way, prioritizing low-barrier, critical-time interventions that our neighbors need, when they need it, said Jimmy Jones, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency Director. “While we have more shelter beds than ever before, working better than

ever, Oregon’s homeless crisis remains grave and acute, triggered by rising rents, general inflation, and the long economic consequences of the pandemic. We are making great progress in ending suffering on our streets and poverty in our communities. Now is the time to redouble our efforts, and sustain the great progress we have made so far.”

While national and statewide data for 2025 are not yet finalized, the most recent figures showed a 12% increase in homelessness nationally and a 15.5% increase across Oregon between 2023 and 2024 — the highest in the country. By comparison, the Mid-Willamette Valley’s increase in total homelessness from 2023 to 2025 appears more moderate, reflecting the impact of expanded shelter capacity and strong local coordination.

The Point-in-Time Count, conducted on Jan. 22, is a federally required effort used to guide HUD funding, state budget priorities,

and local planning. It combines shelter data with in-person interviews by outreach workers and volunteers throughout the region.

With the data now in hand, Alliance leadership is emphasizing the importance of continued support from the State of Oregon.

“We have built strong, coordinated systems that are successfully helping hundreds of individuals and families exit homelessness each year, including in underserved rural areas. This progress is the result of deep collaboration among local providers, counties, and cities—and it demonstrates what’s possible when we invest in proven solutions,” said County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon. “Given the level of need and the demonstrated effectiveness of our regional programs, continued state investment in shelter and housing is not only justified—it’s essential to sustaining this momentum and meeting our shared goal of ending homelessness.”

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Slawosky said. “We heard that, and today we have about five vendors selling produce.

Eden Olsen of Lucky Grow Farm, out of Monmouth, was one of the local farmers to answer to call for more veggie options.

“I had heard there was a need for vegetables. So I joined to provide that to our county,” Olsen said. Her specialty? “You name one, I’ve got it.”

She expects her salad mix, heirloom tomatoes and carrots to go the fastest.

Other vendors were back, including Oregon Cream Honey, Norris Bread Company, which features

sourdough bread and cookies, Double E Ranch with edible plant starts and Frankie Farm Goat Milk Soap, to name a few.

“Most of our vendors are local to Polk County. We have Tapestry Hills Nursery based out of Canby. But for the most part, it is Rickreall, Independence, Monmouth and Dallas here filing up,” Slawosky said.

Tiffany Unverdruss wanted to open a stall last season, but being “very pregnant” upset the timing of the hope baking venture going public at the market. But that didn’t stop her from attending.

“It was great. I loved being able to get the honey, get the bread, flowers. It was a lot of fun,” Unverdruss said.

For her business, Simply Joyful Cookies, she specializes in custom sugar cookies. But for the market’s debut, she featured drop cookies, including larger snickerdoodles, peanut butter and butter cream sugar and lemon drop.

Returning for his second year is Rick Ogle’s Oregon Cream Honey who’s home churned, unique blend of honey is processed just 10 miles outside Dallas. He said Dallas quickly became one of their favorite markets.

“This is one of our favorite markets, to be honest. It’s one of the smallest markets we do, but we really enjoy it. I mean the town is so, I mean, you’re right outside the historic courthouse. It’s beautiful,” Ogle said, adding they also attend farmers markets in McMinnville, Independence during the summer and the casino’s Health and Wellness fair once a year. “And people in Dallas, if you’re from around here, you know they’re all good folks.”

The farmers market runs through Oct. 18, every first

and third Saturday of the month.

For those shoppers looking for alternative shopping methods, Slawosky said there are vendors who accept SNAP and Double Up Food Buck, and accept Farm Direct Nutrition Food Vouchers.

“We’re open for ideas. We really hope that people see their requests reflected in the market. We hoping it’s a good community event that continues to grow,” Slawosky said.

The city of Dallas runs the farmers market for now with the aid of the Dallas Downtown Association and Chamber of Commerce. Slawosky said the DDA and the CoC have reached an agreement to team up to take over running it next year.

To keep track of the market, go to the Dallas Oregon Farmers Market Facebook or go to www.dallasdowntownassociation.org/dallasfarmersmarket.

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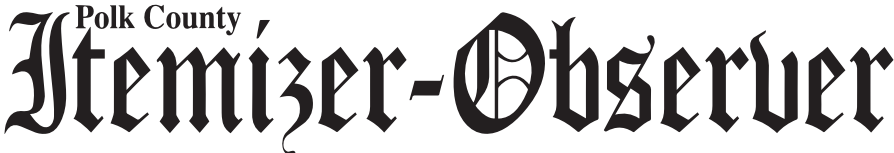
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committed vendors The key was Nikita’s big vision,” Koontz said. “The community is ready to do this, support this and make this happen.”

Vincent knows the struggles of being a small farmer trying to find an outlet for home-grown edibles.

“It definitely has been a big aspiration of mine. Being a small food farmer trying to get into market places that feel, you know, different maybe, create something a little more focused, for black and brown, people of color and small businesses, small entrepreneurship,” Vincent said, a little flower and fruit farmer out of West Salem. “Not being a big scale farmer, it’s really difficult to obtain land when you’re a small farmer.”

She’s tried to link up with other farmers and find space to run her own micro farm. Then she came upon the idea of a collective and found a gracious host in the city of Monmouth.

“There’s all sorts of stuff happening down here in Willamette Valley. We just saw that Monmouth had a great opportunity with Western Oregon University there. And just the city in general.

The community loved the pop ups last year. That’s why we decided to go full seasonal. We had nothing but welcoming arms and a lot of openness to the concept,” she said.

Last year, the Cultural Harvest Collective began with seven vendors that participated in two pop ups. That’s grown to 10 at this year’s kickoff. And they’re leaving the application process open throughout the season to allow

people to come in and get a feel for being in Monmouth.”

The response from the vendors was positive at the enthusiastic first weekend.

Krysten Adachi, who brought her business Dachi out from Salem to offer Hawaiian desserts, based on her childhood favorites.

“I think it’s really cool how everybody can come together from different places and share an experience,” Adachi said.

The Cultural Harvest Collective will be every Sunday through Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Main Street Park. Vincent plans to add other activities throughout the season, including car meets and a skate parade. She said they’re still looking for artists and fresh produce vendors. To apply for a vendor’s table at the market, go to Cultural Harvest Collective’s Instagram page and click on the link for the application.

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emotionally intense play,” Nunez said. “As a whole it is going to be an enjoyable experience, even in the little moments there is happiness or they’re able to make joy out of a situation.”

One snag Cromwell said they had to overcome was converting the original interview footage from CD format to the digital age.

“The projection and sound students have just done a phenomenal job with that. That’s the exciting piece of the play for us was we

were able to finally do that,” Cromwell said.

Then another sign the timing was right was in January they learned 2025 was the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the infamous concentration camp Auschwitz. Then two weeks ago was the 80th anniversary of Bergan-Belson and this week is the liberation of Mauthausen.

“So, all through spring was the anniversary of liberation of these concentration camps, and we wanted to honor that,” Cromwell added. “And because it’s a story of people who are largely high school aged, it really resonates with our actors and population.”

“And Then They Come For Me” has a cast of 12 with another 12 technicians for stage management and technology.

“It’s a tale of these families who try to figure out the best way to survive,” Cromwell said. “There are these conversations between families about how do we navigate ever changing circumstances in this world.”

“And Then They Come For Me” starts at 6:30 p.m. May 7-10 with a 2 p.m. matinee May 10 and has a runtime of 75 minutes with no intermission. For tickets or more information, go to www.dhs-theatre.org/buy-tickets.

Falls City receives LOC’s Excellence Award

Resource Center Project highlighted

The League of Oregon Cities presented its 2025 Award for Excellence to the city of Falls City for the Falls City Resource Center project. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Scappoose and Oregon City also winning, during its 2025 local government spring conference May 2.

The center is the realization of a vision to bring medical and wellness resources to a rural community that lacked these services for years. For residents, one of the biggest ongoing barriers to healthcare had been the distance between Falls City and available medical facilities. An initial partner in the project was the Willamette Health Council, which pledged financial backing for a facility that would house regular service providers on site.

Another partner, Polk County Family & Community Outreach, provided coordination staff to help with client scheduling and facility management. The city donated the land, and last September, the facility opened its doors. Since then, the Resource Center has serviced nearly 200 individuals per month. From the initial planning conversations in the spring of 2022, to the opening ceremony, this public/private partnership was fully executed in just over two years, proving that when there’s a need in a community, partners will step up and rise to the challenge.



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Falls City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Councilor Amy Houghtaling accept the League of Oregon Cities 2025 Award for Excellence.

Dallas Library presents Celtic harpists concert and workshop


The Dallas Library will host a free musical performance by Celtic Harpists and Instrumentalists Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter at 7 p.m. May 8 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. Lynne and Frankfurter perform with Celtic harps, the rare Swedish Nyckelharpa, Ukrainian Bandura, Cittern and more. The audience will hear traditional instrumental music from Sweden and Ireland as well as original compositions blended with stories of humor and adventure.

They both share a background as progressive rock musicians who later discovered a love for Celtic, Renaissance and Swedish music on unique acoustic instruments. They tour extensively playing performing arts centers, theaters and intimate venues around the US and Europe.

Lynne is widely acclaimed for composing memorable and heartwarming melodies on the Windham Hill/ Sony music labels. Frankfurter is a renowned Celtic harper who went from virtuosic progressive rock violin to intricate Swedish folk and Celtic Music.

Lynne also hosts a free pre-concert Celtic harp workshop at 2 p.m. at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St. Lynne’s pioneering “Hands-on-harps” workshops are a unique interactive musical event. Lisa provides 20 beautiful Celtic harps. Participants are shown how easy it is to create music on this beginner friendly instrument. Together they learn some well-known melodies and how to freely improvise their own music. Her “Hands-on-Harps” programs have gained national recognition from NBC, CNN, and numerous newspaper and magazine articles including Wall Street Journal. This workshop is limited to 20 participants. Advanced signups are required.

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OBITUARIES



Eunice Margaret Harvey Heil Walton
March 22, 1926 - March 30, 2025

Eunice Walton passed away peacefully in Salem at the age of 99. The eldest of four sisters, Eunice was born in Wainwright, Alberta, Canada, to Charles and Ethel Harvey. The family moved several times during Eunice’s early childhood, living in Penticton, Kaledan, and Princeton, before settling in Summerland, British Columbia. She told stories of picking fruit atop tall ladders in the orchards, swimming off the old wharf, and walking fearlessly across the lower girders of the high Trout Creek trestle. Eunice came to the Salem area in 1944 to attend Willamette University, returning to Canada to teach home economics in Oliver, B.C. Several years later she came back for her Junior year at Willamette while tutoring at the Oregon State School

for the Blind (OSSB) and recording ‘talking books’. After her marriage to Bob Heil the couple spent a year in St. Louis where Eunice taught kindergarten. Returning to Salem, Eunice taught again at OSSB, this time grades 5 and 6, while Bob attended Willamette Law School. Upon settling in Dallas, Oregon, Eunice cultivated beautiful gardens while teaching her three children a respect for nature. She taught Sunday school and served on the Altar Guild at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and was a leader for both Cub Scouts and 4-H. Eunice was one of the first teacher assistants hired in Dallas, working at Whitworth Elementary School with students and as the librarian aide for 25 years. In 1999 Eunice married her high school sweetheart, Edward Walton, and moved back to British Columbia where she enjoyed morning swims in Okanagan Lake, gathering with her sisters, and tending a garden into her 90s. Following Ed’s passing and years of living on her own again, she moved back to Oregon in 2021 to be closer to her children. Eunice was a woman of faith who cared deeply for her family, friends, and neighbors. She will always be remembered for her love of flowers and gardening, her interest in birds, her energetic and adventurous spirit, and her passion for reading. Lucky was the child or grandchild who sat at her side as she read aloud. Eunice is survived by her three children Cathy Griswold, David Heil and Barbara Twombly. She was affectionately known as Grammy to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in Eunice’s name to the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Dallas. Eunice was an eager volunteer during the inception of this wonderful place. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on June 21, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dallas, Oregon.



Louise Winchell
1933 - April 9, 2025

Our sweet momma, Anna “Louise” Winchell, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the age of 92. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry Edward Winchell and daughter Tanya Winchell Stuntz, and is survived by her son Daniel Winchell of Dallas, Oregon; daughters Terri Winchell and Lisa Blythe, and son-in-law William Blythe, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico; granddaughters Marissa Ables Dawson and Dana Corder; great-grandson Malcom Corder; her siblings Dale McQuown and wife Micki, and Betty (Chris) Blood and husband Barry; as well as many nieces and nephews. A long-time resident of Dallas, Oregon, Louise was a lifelong devoted Catholic and part of the St. Phillip’s church family and worked as a registered nurse, retiring from Salem General Hospital in Salem, Oregon. She loved to make beautiful cards, bead jewelry, participate in church functions and the Altar society, and spend time with her many friends, especially her gang of girls known as the “Seven Wild Oats”. In the spring of 2021, “Weezy”, as her daughters lovingly called her, moved to Albuquerque to live with her children. She will forever be remembered as a wonderful mother,

sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend, and will be deeply missed by all. Services at St. Phillip’s church in Dallas, Oregon, and interment at Dallas Cemetery will occur later this year, date to be determined.



Donald King
Oct. 4, 1932 - March 25, 2025

Donald Lee King was born on Oct. 4, 1932, and passed on March 25, 2025. He was born in Yamhill, Oregon, went to school in Kings Valley and graduated from Independence High School. He continued his education by attending college in Klamath Falls for farming and dairyman. He then started a dairy in Independence before moving it to Bridgeport and then to Frost Road. He also worked at Boise Cascade Plywood Mill. He married Burla June Richter on May 24, 1959. They would have been married for 66 years. They had three children. Don was preceded in death by his two oldest children, Alan and Donita. Don is survived by his wife Burla, son Adam, seven grandkids - Bethany, Amanda, Jaclyn, Hali, Kayla, Savannah and Brian; as well as nine great grandkids - Madisyn, Makynzie, Weston, Esme, Alice, Mathias, Abigail, Shawn and Roarin. Services will be held at 11 a.m. May 9 at Restlawn Funeral Home.

David Peter DeBusk
Aug. 19, 1959 - April 30, 2025
David Peter DeBusk died April 30, 2025, at his home in Monmouth, Oregon. Born Aug. 19, 1959, in Dallas, Oregon, he was the fifth of six children that grew up in Dallas. David attended Bridgeport Elementary School, La Creole Middle School and Dallas High School. He enjoyed music and played the trombone in stage band in high school. In his early years he worked on a fishing boat for a time, also lived for a while in Alaska at a logging camp. Most of his career was in the timber industry. He worked for Mary’s River Lumber Company in Philomath, Oregon, for over 30 years prior to them shutting down. Preceding him in death were his father, Peter Adam DeBusk, mother Dorothy Janet DeBusk and brother Raymond Dickey. David is survived by his wife Dianna DeBusk; daughters Laura DeBusk, Nicole and Kyle Wright; four grandchildren Tristen, Nathen, Savannah, and Damien Wright; siblings Judy and Scott Smith, Sharon and Fred Aguinaga, Timothy and Lisa DeBusk and Theresa and Charlie McDonald; as well as many nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held May 8 at Bollman’s Tribute Center 287 SW Washington Street, Dallas, Oregon, with chapel Service at 1 p.m. and graveside service to follow.

Death Notices

Wayne Scott
June 29, 1940 - March 14, 2025
Wayne Scott died March 14, 2025. There will be a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. May 17 at the Falls City Park. Lunch provided. Bring a chair and join us.

Benny Vega
July 30, 1960 - March 13, 2025
Benny Vega died March 13, 2025. A Celebration of Life will at 12 p .m. May 17, 2025, at the Falls City Park. Lunch will be provided. Bring a chair and join us.

Guest Column

A Word, Please

By JUNE CASAGRANDE
The dictionary is gas-lighting me. I know I sound crazy, but that’s just proof of gaslighting, right? Let me explain. For years I’ve been telling people that they never have to agonize over whether to use “swam” or “swum,” “laid” or “lain,” “drank” or “drunk,” or “dreamed” or “dreamt” because the answers are in the dictionary. But only if you know how to find them. Most dictionaries contain instructions on how to use the dictionary. Of course, no one ever reads this section because they think they already know how to use a dictionary: Look up the word you want. Ignore those weird little schwas and other

stuff after the word. Read its definition. Then continue to wonder what mysterious corner of the universe contains the answers to the “laid” vs. “lain” mystery. Not so fast, I say. Turn to the front of a physical dictionary or look under the Help section of an online dictionary, and you’ll find information about “inflected forms.” That term means the different forms of a word for different situations, like past tense. “Thought,” for example, is an inflected form of “think.” Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary tells you inflected forms “are covered explicitly or by implication at the main entry for the base form. These are the plurals of nouns, the principal parts of verbs (the past tense, the

past participle when it differs from the past tense, and the present participle), and the comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs. In general, it may be said that when these inflected forms are created in a manner considered regular in English (as by adding -s or -es to nouns, -ed and -ing to verbs, and -er and -est to adjectives and adverbs) and when it seems that there is nothing about the formation likely to give the dictionary user doubts, the inflected form is not shown in order to save space.” Catch that? For regular verbs, past forms are not shown. So an irregular verb like “swim” will have after it “swam,” indicating the simple past tense, then “swum,” the past participle. But a regular verb like “walk,” which everyone knows takes -ed for both its past tense forms, doesn’t mention it. The dictionary tells you this “by implication” — if nothing’s there, you know to use -ed. Over the years, I’ve noticed this multiple times. When I look up regular verbs like “walk,” there are no past tense forms listed. At least, there weren’t. But suddenly, in Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary, under “walk” it says “walked.” After “talk” it says “talked.” After “call” it says “called.” After “realize” it says “realized.” Those weren’t there before. That’s all the evidence I need to prove that Merriam’s is trying to drive

me crazy by making me think I’m crazy. But I am not a crackpot. Confronted with this puzzling information, I did what any former reporter who lacked the chops to cut it as a long-term reporter would do: I contacted the source through social media asking what’s up with that? I got no answer and, true to my didn’t-cut-it-as-a-long-term-reporter skills, I gave up. But Merriam made one fatal error. They left in that stuff in the Help section about inflected forms of regular verbs being covered “by implication” — evidence of a hasty cover-up of their gaslighting campaign. Busted. What does all this mean for you? Two things. First, you can easily find out that the simple past tense of “swim” is “swam,” and the past participle (the one that goes after a form of “have”) is “swum.” “Laid” is the past tense and past participle of the transitive verb “lay,” while “lain” is the past participle of the intransitive verb “lie.” It’s correct to say “yesterday he drank” but “in the past he has drunk.” Also, “dreamed” is correct but “dreamt” is also an option. And second, your humble grammar columnist is not crazy (in any way relevant to this column). June Casagrande is the author of “The Joy of Syntax: A Simple Guide to All the Grammar You Know You Should Know.”



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Letters to the Editor

Why vote yes on the Dallas Police Station Bond

My husband and I have lived in Polk County all our lives and have been involved with law enforcement for over 30 years. We are committed to the safety of Dallas police officers and citizens. Our town lacks a police station, making conditions difficult and unsafe for both officers and citizens. Sensitive interviews occur in hallways without privacy. Officers process evidence, including hazardous materials, fentanyl and meth, on tables used for briefings and meals. The current building has minimal security, is not ADA compliant and could collapse during an earthquake, burying equipment and evidence.

There have been inquiries regarding why we are demolishing the Itemizer-Observer building to construct the police station instead of remodeling it to fit the needs of our officers. Upon inspection, the building is found to be in a deplorable condition and poses health risks. The cost of retrofitting this building would exceed the expenses associated with tearing it down and constructing a new facility.

The city councilors and manager, with support from Dallas citizens, are ensuring efficient use of tax dollars to build a new police station. For most Dallas residents, this investment in the community and its police will cost less than \$9 a month. If you have any doubts, please tour the current police department or attend a forum to ask questions and learn more. For more information, go to www.dallasor.gov/policestationbond.

Vote YES on this important bond.
Sue Dunham
Dallas

Thank you for generous donation to senior all night party

On behalf of parents of seniors of Central High School, we'd like to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) for their generous donation of \$1,000 towards the Senior All Night Party after graduation. The Senior All Night Party is a time for seniors to gather with their classmates to celebrate their success. This is a drug/alcohol free event.



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Angie Gilbert
Monmouth

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police so that they will be there for our calls for service. Please vote yes on the bond.
Gary Weis
Dallas

In tumultuous times, remember wise words

As we find a path forward in this dystopian time in which we find ourselves,

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: LIFE IS A BED OF —

Affection Candy Card Celebration
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

FEJY XZ EF XGPAXVXFPU
IGXUYVNGY IYGZXGJYV BAYF
JXMEGQ EGY PXX UMXQY
PXSYPAYG: PYYPA BKVYFKFS.

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Moments in time

- On May 19, 1536, Anne Boleyn, the unfortunate second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded at the Tower of London on charges including adultery, incest and conspiracy against the king, after just three years of marriage.
- On May 20, 1992, in an attempt to end the blight of graffiti vandalism, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance banning the retail sale of spray paint and large markers within city limits, describing them as "weapons of terror."
- On May 21, 1758, 10-year-old Mary Campbell was abducted from her home in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, by members of the Lenape tribe and ended up becoming an icon of the French and Indian War. At age 16, she was returned to a European settlement in the captive release orchestrated by Colonel Henry Bouquet at the conclusion of Pontiac's War.
- On May 22, 1802, Martha Dandridge Custis Washington, widow of President George Washington, died of a "severe fever" at her Mount Vernon home at the age of 70. Though she was a devoted wife, she did not entirely enjoy her role as "Lady Washington" and once confessed that she felt "more like a state prisoner than anything else."
- On May 23, 1979, rocker Tom Petty declared bankruptcy in an effort to free himself from his contract with Shelter Records.
- On May 24, 1964, a referee's call in the last minutes of a close soccer match between Peru and Argentina at the National Stadium in Lima, Peru, sparked a riot that resulted in the deaths of more than 300 fans. Another 500 people were injured.
- On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by Derek Chauvin, a white Minneapolis policeman who knelt on his neck for nearly 10 minutes. Floyd's death was recorded by bystanders and incited nationwide protests resulting in the imposition of curfews in more than 200 American cities and the activation of the National Guard throughout half the country. Chauvin was arrested on multiple charges and eventually sentenced to more than two decades in prison.

Super Crossword

SEASONAL CINEMA

ACROSS

1 Spicy cured brisket

9 Competitive cowboy contests, informally

17 Roads: Abbr.

20 Trash-filled lots, e.g.

21 Distinctive feature of "DeVito"

22 The "Simpsons" barkeeper

23 2021 animated film featuring search-and-rescue dogs

25 Veneration

26 Light-splitting thing

27 Roman 901

28 That lady

29 Ticked off

31 Jillian of TV

32 High-end retail chain, informally

36 Shaq's sport

37 2022 Marvel film with Chris Hemsworth

43 Last part of some plays

46 It's close to Cedar Rapids

47 Ear Prefix

48 2017 superhero film with Gal Gadot

52 Top of a "I" for short

54 First-aid plants

55 — out a living

56 2013 superhero film with Henry Cavill

59 Goes bad

60 Navratilova of tennis

63 Texter's hugs

64 Previous to

65 2015 sci-fi film with a dinosaur theme

69 "NCIS" airer

72 Brooch

73 Rescued person's cry

74 Like times

75 2014 fantasy film with Angelina Jolie

81 Brit. mil. fliers

82 Old Aegean region

83 Ever and —

84 Pub potable

85 2019 animated musical film set in Pride Rock

88 NBC show since '75

89 Lie out to tan

92 Just so

93 2018 space Western film with Alden Ehrenreich

98 Chicken — masala

99 Dressed with a cookie crust

100 Pic that may be on a pec

103 Slip up a bit

104 "That hurts"

107 [not my type]

108 Bluish purple

110 Skater Mdori

111 What each of eight long answers in this puzzle was

117 Agent, briefly

118 Heighten

119 Ballet casters

120 Radio spots

121 Not crying

122 Fish that swims upright

DOWN

1 Pig in a kids' TV series

2 Spin — (do some tale-telling)

3 Attach, as a coat lining

4 Dosage qlys.

5 Gad about

6 Craft

7 "Laura" lyricist Johnny

8 Brand of infant formula

9 Tax rate fig.

10 Rally cheer

11 Unlock, to a bard

12 Cup edges

13 "Conversely," to a letter

14 Foo Fighters guitarist

15 Manning of the gridiron

16 Purchase in excess

17 Little bit of medicine

18 Wet wipe

19 Fruit core bit

24 Car for a VIP

30 Filmmaker's McKellen

32 The Mallase Falcon" genre

33 Athletic shoe brand

34 An inert gas

35 Wood cutter

36 Food preservative abbr.

37 Ocean motions

38 Goes fast, old-style

39 Zip, in Spain

40 Brand of rodenticide

41 Latin jazz great Puate

42 Muddy up

43 Clued in

44 Palette option

45 Govt.-issued bond

49 Erode (away)

50 Cajun veggie

51 1986 Series winners

53 — Z (the gamut)

56 Non-PC computers

57 Organi feature

58 Apply turf to

60 Local bond, for short

61 "That so?"

62 Takeaway logic game

65 Brand of peanut butter

66 Ending for silver or stem

67 Ellipsoidal

68 Mortgage deal, for short

69 "Zip your lips!"

70 Pickling wine

71 Theater part

72 Writer's tool

74 Fine sweet

75 Swarm

76 Marked with comments

77 Suckers

78 Is unable to

79 Idios of "The Dark Tower"

80 Close at hand

82 "Are you — out?"

85 "There's gold in them — hills!"

86 At this spot

87 Siouan people

89 Group of vessels for serving rice

90 D.C.'s home

91 Binary base

94 Approves of

95 Midding

96 Livers (up)

97 Stir to laughter

100 Private teacher

101 States boldly

102 Curt

103 Pre-euro coin

104 Community rec center

105 Shark of film

106 In line health need

108 A lot

109 In re

112 Purpose

113 "Norma —"

114 "Butler"

115 The, in Arles

116 Arthur of "Maude"

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GO FIGURE!

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

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×		-		×				
	+		+		= 20			
=		=		=				
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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7		6					4	
3			2			5		6
5	8	4		9		2		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is last, alphabetically?
- MOVIES: What does the acronym S.H.I.E.L.D. stand for in movies about Marvel characters?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"?
- GAMES: How many cards are in a standard deck?
- TELEVISION: On which sitcom did the character Harry the Hat appear?
- BUSINESS: When did the first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise open?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many Nobel prizes are awarded every year?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the shortest at 5 foot 4 inches tall?
- ASTRONOMY: Who was the first woman to travel into space?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby platypus called?

Answers

- Wyoming.
- Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division.
- James Thurber.
- 52.
- "Cheers."
- 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Six.
- James Madison.
- Valentina Tereshkova.
- A platypup or puggle.

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

SONG LYRICS COFFEE TALK

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? WHAT'S LOVE BUT A SECOND-HAND EMOTION...

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE... ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE, LOVE, LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

WHOA, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE. I THINK HE'S SIGNALING US TO PLAY THROUGH...OOH WAIT NOPE THAT'S DEFINITELY A DIFFERENT GESTURE.

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Americanisms

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are."

— Cheryl Lacey Donovan

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Amber Waves

HEY OWEN, LOOK HERE! THERE ARE TWO MORE FISH RIGHT BELOW THE BOAT.

MUST BE WEIRD BEING A FISH. THEY'RE ALWAYS DOING EVERYTHING SIDE BY SIDE.

THEY SWIM, EAT, SLEEP...HECK EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM NEXT TO EACH OTHER.

WOW, THOSE TWO SURE TOOK OFF IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS!

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May 7-13

Baseball
May 7
Dallas at Crescent Valley, 4 p.m.
May 9
Central at Corvallis, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at McKay, 4:30 p.m.
May 12
Corvallis at Central, 5 p.m.
McKay at Dallas, 5 p.m.

Softball
May 7
Central at Woodburn (JV) 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Crescent Valley, 5 p.m.
Perrydale at Yamhill-Carlton, 4:30 p.m.
May 9
South Albany at Central, 5 p.m.
West Albany at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Kennedy at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.
May 12
St. Paul at Perrydale double header, 3&5 p.m.
Central at McKay, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Crescent Valley, 5 p.m.

Track & Field
May 8
Central at Woodburn
May 9
Falls City at Kennedy Twilight
Kennedy High School, Mt. Angel, 4 p.m.
May 10
Perrydale, Falls City at Watchmen Invitational
George Fox University, Newberg, 2 p.m.
May 13
Lebanon, South Albany at Central
Falls City at Austin Smith Thrower's Invite, St. Paul

Golf
May 12-13
Boys, Girls at District Finals
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Springfield

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Red hot Dragons roll past Panthers
County rivals tied for first in MWC

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

This one was over early. The Dragons (7-1, 12-5 overall) scored seven runs in the second inning en route to a 12-2 win over Central in varsity softball May 1.

The Dragons have now won seven straight games. None of which have been close, as Dallas has outscored their opponents 81-8 during this stretch.

The loss ended the Panthers' own win-streak at nine games. Central was undefeated in conference play heading into last week's contest.

At 7-1, the teams are tied for first place in the Mid-Willamette Conference. Heading into the week, six games remained on the conference schedule. The Dragons are at Corvallis today (May 7) at 4 p.m. and host West Albany Friday at 4:30 p.m.

This marked the second game between the two teams, with Central edging the Dragons 6-3 in the conference opener.

The day before the Polk County schools met, the Panthers edged defending league champion Silverton, 1-0, in a nail-biter.

"We were coming off an emotional win over Silverton the night before and there was



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

The Dragons' Madison Ruman is safe at home against the Panthers. Ruman delivered a two-run base hit in the pivotal second inning, en route to her team's 12-2 victory. The teams were tied for first place in the Mid-Willamette Conference standings as of Thursday. Also pictured: Panthers catcher Kayden Pairan.

some obvious fatigue from that game," Panthers coach Wesley Seidel said.

His starting pitcher, Lily McCormick, didn't have her usual stuff.

"Lily was fighting an illness ... and we did not help her by making a couple of uncharacteristic errors," Seidel added. "Dallas was ready to play and (Madison) Ruman pitched better than

anyone we had seen so far this year."

Ruman also delivered one of the game's bigger hits, as she circled the bases and drove in two runs on an inside-the-park liner in the second inning.

The loss shouldn't derail the Panthers' express, Seidel said.

"I think that we have some big goals for the year and I was very impressed with our

team's ability to keep their energy and focus even in a game that we struggled," he added. "This will be big for us as we move forward in the league season and hopefully into the playoffs."

Seidel expects a return to form as his squad positions itself for a playoff berth.

"I hope to see our team continue to play with emotion and energy. I want to see our players settle back into the

rhythm of hitting and continue to concentrate on making solid contact and moving our runners around the bases," Seidel said. "We want to continue to do the little things that will put us in a place to compete no matter who the opponent is."

The Panthers (7-1, 12-5) are at Woodburn JV today (Wednesday), host South Albany Friday at 5 p.m., and are at McKay on Monday.

King tabbed as Dragons new varsity boys basketball coach

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Alex King is the new head coach of the Dallas High School varsity boys basketball team. It's a title he hopes to hold onto for years, if not a couple decades.

King's confidence is buoyed by the fact he sees the position as a perfect fit.

"I've always wanted to have my own program, and ever since I married my wife, I wanted it to be in Dallas. She went to high school here. We knew we were going to live here," he said.

King's wife is the former Amanda Dankenbring. The family lives in Dallas, where he is a physical education teacher at LaCreole Middle School.

"I want to be that 20-year head coach, and I thought Dallas was the perfect job for that," he said. "The community of Dallas seems like the perfect fit for being that guy, the head coach that wants to be here a while."

Former coach Ray Williams was never going to be that



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Alex King is the new varsity boys basketball coach at Dallas High School. King is pictured here coaching the Gervais basketball team.

guy, having already put in his time. He was hired here after some 30 years in the coaching ranks, and coached the Dragons for less than two years. He abruptly stepped

away from the program earlier this year.

The timing of Williams' decision has the program playing catch-up. One of King's first tasks is to salvage

what he can of the sport's spring and summer seasons.

"My plan is to get a full summer league schedule for the varsity and junior varsity teams. So, yes, I'm working the phone lines, trying to find out what tournaments are available, or what team camps are still open," he said. "Trying to get as many games in as we can get in. Just to get the kids in the gym together. So I can build a relationship with them."

Poor timing isn't helping him. Team camps and summer league schedules are usually finalized by April. So, King immediately finds himself at a disadvantage.

"I'm just trying to get whatever I can; whatever's best for the kids," he said.

Any time he has with his players is valuable, especially given the newness of their relationship. As to what they'll work on this preseason: "... shooting fundamentals. Learning a new system, offensively and defensively. Building camaraderie," King said.

Dallas will field two junior varsity teams if they have enough players. Coach and players met for the first time Friday. It's the first indication as to how much interest there is in the program.

King was varsity head coach at Gervais High School for one year. He coached another five or so years in other capacities. He took last year off following the birth of his daughter, but still made his way to the gym as a fan.

"I got to know what the players were like playing, and just chatting with the community members at the games, and just seeing how they interacted at games. The support they gave their athletes, no matter if they were winning or losing," King said. "So I'd say I know the program quite well."

Last year's Dallas squad went 0-18 in the Mid-Willamette Conference, 1-24 overall. A core of four freshmen - Lukas Lawless, Griffin Brown, Tristan Porter

See COACH B6

CHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

George Chavez-Perez



George is a Junior on the Central Boys Tennis team. He has been making steady progress and working hard. He is kind to his teammates and a friend to all. He picked up a two set win against Lebanon (6-3, 6-4)

Congratulations George!



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DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nerea Acosta-Ruiz



Nerea Acosta-Ruiz is our Athlete of the week. She finished 2nd in the Mid-Willamette Conference as an individual and earned an automatic bid into the State Tournament. Nerea is a visiting foreign exchange student from Spain!

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PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago
April 30, 1975

Impasse called over contract negotiations

An impasse in negotiations between the Dallas School Board and the Dallas Education Association was called by DEA last week. The board and negotiations committee of DEA have not reached an agreement on a number of items including: grievance procedure, teacher work year, teaching hours and teaching load, contracted services, teaching conditions, non-teaching duties, vacancies, transfers and promotions, reduction in staff, teacher evaluation, complaint procedure, association membership, fringe benefits, specialists, miscellaneous provisions, duration of agreement and management rights.

Polk supports Greenway bill

During their regular Tuesday board meeting, Polk County Commissioners this

week passed a resolution endorsing Governor Staub’s Willamette Greenway bill HB 3225. In their resolution the commissioners stated that “the segment of the Willamette River bordering Polk County and the riparian (riverbank) property related... to the ‘Greenway’ represents a vital scenic and recreational resource.” The resolution also pointed out that existing agricultural use on the Greenway is “consistent with the preservation of scenic resources and also deserving of protection as an economic resource.

Dallas girls win again

Although rain fell throughout most of the track meet Thursday, April 24, it didn’t dampen the girls track team performances. The lady Dragons beat the female Fisherman 61-47. A fine first place performance was turned in by the Dallas girls 440 relay team, composed of Nellie Metcalf, Carolyn Hodge, Melinda Hulse, and Dena Turner.

40 years ago
May 1, 1985

CSD, pastor offer views on hearing

Almost six months later, a custody case involving 15 children taken from a West Salem religious establishment concluded last week. Judge Darrell Williams placed eight of those children under the jurisdiction of the Polk County juvenile court, which means they will remain in foster care. The case began

after a child from the Good Shepherd Tabernacle alleged parents there were inflicting harsh discipline on their children.

Local wineries ask county for signs to attract tourists

It’s “tantamount to a scavenger hunt” when tourists try to find local wineries, says Thomas Dumm of Glen Creek Winery. Dumm and other area winery owners have started an effort to correct that problem by putting up “tourist-oriented

direction signs” on county roads. With representatives from two other Polk County wineries, Dumm told county commissioners at their April 24 meeting that people are “getting lost up in the hills” looking for wineries. Commissioners didn’t approve the request, but asked County Surveyor Ralph Blanchard to work with the county’s Planning Department and county Legal Counsel to draw up an ordinance within the next two weeks.

Eighth-grade girls triumph

The eighth-grade girls took first place over Talmadge 43-47. Marilyn Berry won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes and Deloni Haskins won the shot put and discus. Tyna Holgate won the blue ribbon in the long jump and Dawn Bennett captured the 1,500-meter run. Kim Burton also scored points in the 65-meter hurdles, 800-meter run and long jump.

FLASHBACK

Today’s flashback is from May 8, 1985: Remembering the Nifty Fifties - DRAMA STUDENTS at Dallas High School perform in “Grease,” a musical with the sights and sounds of the 1950s. The production, directed by Corby Ward, plays today (Wednesday) and Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the cafetorium (Photo by Julia Strong).

Community Achievement



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Oregon State Credit Union donates \$50,000 to WOU’s Student Success Center
Oregon State Credit Union has pledged a donation of \$50,000 over five years to support Western Oregon University’s new Student Success Center, with naming rights reserved for the First-Generation Center. The donation will be allocated at \$10,000 per year. The First-Generation Center aims to provide essential resources for students who are the first in their families to attend college. This center will serve as a hub for academic and social support, allowing first-generation students to connect with peers and access robust assistance throughout their time at Western. Oregon State Credit Union also annually contributes a scholarship for students with financial need and Wolves Athletics, ensuring that students have the support they need to complete their college education.



PHOTO BY TARA TOWNLEY

The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and the other members of the community welcome newest members, One Realty agents Suzanne Toepfer and Jaimie Sanchez, joined by Ty Hildebrand of One Realty - One Group of Willamette Valley, during a ribbon cutting ceremony May 3.

CryptoQuip answer

Name of an orthodontic procedure performed when molars are too close together: Teeth widening.

Go Figure!

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MOTHER'S DAY

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Super Crossword

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TOWN CRIER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 7 - MAY 14

Wednesday, May 7
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Volunteer Appreciation Dessert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget Committee meeting, Heritage Room, Event Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St W

Thursday, May 8
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Cetner
10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes, ages 2 and under, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing/Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - Celtic Harp Workshop with Celtic harpists and instrumentalists Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter (sign ups required), Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
3 p.m. - Succulent Suncatcher for ages 6-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.S.
6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Independence Days Commission meeting, City Hall
555 South Main St.
7 p.m. - Live Music: Friends of the Dallas Public Library present a free concert by Celtic harpists and instrumentalists Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter, Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St.

Friday, May 9

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Polk County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. – Six handed Pinochle/Art Workshop/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Writer’s Workshop/Drawing for Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Lunch & Learn, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
6:30 p.m. - Unbelievable: Rockets, Scallywags, and a Fish, an evening with storyteller Alton Takiyam-Chung, Monmouth Public Library, 168n Ecols St. S.

Saturday, May 10
9 a.m. - Dallas Farmers Market, County Courthouse Square
9 a.m. - Polk County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale, Polk County Fairgrounds
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umqua Bank parking lot
9 a.m. - Touch-a-Truck, Riverview Park, Independence, admission is free, but food donations accepted for the Ella Curran Food Bank
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW

11 a.m. - New Horizons Willamette Valley Orchestra: Stories of Our Streets, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Northwest Tranxit Authority, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Live Music: Jessie O’Neill, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C. St., Independence

Sunday, May 11
10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
12 p.m. - Live Music: Country Mama’s Day with The Boondock Boys at Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, for tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/4cXZ9di>
2 p.m. - Live Music: Orvil Ivie, Red Gate Winery, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

Monday, May 12
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/table games/5 Crowns Game, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Dallas Public Works Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 Court St.

4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Live music: Seventh Day Slumber: The Variety Tour, 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas

Tuesday, May 13
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 a.m. - Cooking Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m., - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11 a.m. - Caring for Caregiver Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Kids Painted Flower Pots, for ages 6-10, sing-ups required at Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Wednesday, May 14
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
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.
6 p.m. - Monmouth Parks & Recreation Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Works, 401 Hogan Road
6 p.m. - Dallas Budget Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget Committee meeting, Heritage Room, Event Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.

Community Briefs

Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom May 8
The Polk County Democrats meet at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom on May 8 for an informative and educational meeting. The specific agenda will be announced here next week. To receive the link to this meeting and be put on their email announcements list for future events, go to: www.polkdems.org. Scroll down to sign up under “Newsletter.”

CHS performing arts presents “The Lightning Thief” May 8-17
The Central High School Performing Arts Center presents “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” at 7 p.m. May 8-10 and 15-17 and 2 p.m. May 10 and 17. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students under age 18 and area available at <https://chsperformingarts.net>. The Performing Arts Center is located at 1530 Monmouth St, Independence. For more information, contact CentralPABC2@gmail.com.

Monmouth Library hosts storyteller Alton Takiyama-Chung May 9
The Monmouth Public Library presents Unbelievable: Rockets,

Scallywags and a Fish, a night new tales created by award-winning storyteller Alton Takiyama-Chung, at 6:30 p.m., May 9, at 168 Ecols St S.

Master gardeners host plant sale May 9-10
The Polk County Master Gardener Association hosts a plant sale from 9 am. to 4 p.m. May 9 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10 at the Polk County Fairgrounds. There will be There will be lots of annual flowers and hanging baskets.Kids can pot up a marigold and collect a packet of seeds. The first marigold is free, additional pots are \$1 each.

The Gate hosts annual gala May 9
The Gate Community Youth Center’s annual Gala Event is from 5:45 - 8 p.m. May 9. Join their largest fundraising event of the year as staff recaps the past year and take a look at future projects and clubs.

New Horizons orchestra performs May 10
The New Horizons Willamette Valley Orchestra presents “Stories of Our Streets: Introducing the History of Southwest Heights,” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

The performance features selections from the 1970s and 80s movie soundtracks and an assortment of classical favorites. Admission is free.

Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum seeks volunteers May 10
Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum invites volunteers to help maintain the arboretum grounds from 8 a.m. to noon May 10. Join in a variety of tasks, big and small, and stay for as long as you want. Meet at the arboretum center on Park Street.

Touch a Truck event returns to Independence May 10
Touch-a-Truck is rolling back into Riverview Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10. Get up close and personal with all your favorite vehicles, from construction behemoths to emergency service heroes. You’ll even be able to see a helicopter land in the park. The city of Independence will be offering a quiet hour sensory (no horns or sirens) from 1 - 2 p.m. for anyone with sensory sensitivities. Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring food donations for the Ella Curran Food Bank.

4-H Polk County hosts Livestock Learning Day May 10
Oregon 4-H Polk County presents Livestock Learning Day at 9 a.m. May 10 at the Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Highway. The event, for 4-H members and non-4-H youth, offers more than 30 sessions to teach participants about all thing’s livestock, such as meat grading, wool evaluation, cheese making, Q & A with a vet, mock swine showmanship, nutrition and feed, and more. Pre-registration and day of registration available. For registration, schedule, and more information go to <https://bit.ly/4jbE2GL>.

Elks Lodge hosts pro wrestling May 11
The Independence Elks Lodge hosts DOA Wrestling’s “Mama Said Knock You Out” event May 11 at 280 S. Main St. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with first bell at 5 p.m. VIP row tickets (which in include early access meet & greet plus an event poster) are \$30 General admission is \$20. For more information, go to www.doaprowrestling.com.

Dallas Library hosts plant sale fundraiser May 16-17
The Rounds Farm presents a Dallas Public

Library plant sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 16-17 at 950 Main St. Plant starts will include a wide variety of flowers, herbs, tomatoes, squashes, melons, cucumbers, hot and sweet peppers, and more. Please bring your own box if possible to carry plants home. All plant sales will be donated to the library. If you can’t make it during that time, come directly to their self-serve farm stand anytime, located at 1935 S. Church St. in Dallas.

Dallas Community Food Drive is May 17
Dallas Rotary Club will be collecting food and funds for Dallas Food Bank during its Saturday, May 17, Epic Day of Service.

4-H Polk County hosts Trotting into Summer Tack Sale May 17
The Polk County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee presents the second annual Trotting into Summer Tack Sale, at 9 a.m. May 17 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Proceeds from the sale of Horse Tack, livestock tack, Western wear, Jewelry, and Art goes toward the Polk County 4-H Youth Equestrians. Reach out to Jeremy Anderson at

and3rs45@gmail.com for questions.

In the Garden Faire returns May 17
The Dallas Garden Club’s fifth annual In The Garden Faire is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 17 at 1175 SE Howe St. Proceeds of the vendor fees go back into the Dallas community. We have supported the Kindness Club, provided 4H scholarships for their Jr Master Gardener Program, provided prize money for junior flower/gardening county fair entries, and more.

Dallas Rotary seeks volunteers for food bank benefit
The Dallas Rotary Club is seeking volunteers for their Epic Day of Service, a community-wide food and funds drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17 to benefit the Dallas Food Bank.
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rotarians and Dallas Food Bank volunteers will be outside Grocery Outlet, Safeway, Walmart and the Dallas Les Schwab Tire Center to accept donations. Most needed non-perishable foods include canned fish, meats, fruits and

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO25-1162 Public Auction, being sold to highest bidder to help satisfy a towing and storage debt. Auction commences at 8AM on 04/26/25. Closes 05/21/2025 at 8AM. Minimum reserve.1999 Peterbilt 385 Dump Truck, opening bid \$20,000.00. 2000 Talbert Heavy Equipment trailer opening bid \$5,000.00. Asphalt Spreader opening bid \$4,000.00. Asphalt Roller opening bid \$4,000.00. Items will be available to view at 12815 Westview DR, Dallas, OR 97338 upon request. 503-269-6619

PCIO25-1169 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING Oregon Department of Revenue Form OR-LB-NBC A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Fir Crest Cemetery Maintenance District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held in the conference room at 401 N. Hogan Rd., Monmouth, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 20, 2025, by calling (503)485-2446, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

PCIO25-1174 Notice of Regular Meeting Community Advisory Council Thursday, May 15, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Community Advisory Council advises the Marion-Polk CCO on how to be responsive to Oregon Health Plan members' needs and preferences and is a chartered committee of the Willamette Health Council. The CAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97302) as well as online via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/more/meetings-events/>. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to bjennett@willamettehealthcouncil.org. Bethany Wilt, Community Advisory Council Manager (503) 584-1303 / bwilt@willamettehealthcouncil.org

PCIO25-1164 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Monmouth Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., to consider amendments to the Monmouth City Code. Legislative Amendment 25-01 would amend Title 18: Zoning of the Monmouth City Code, the Comprehensive Plan, and adopt the findings of the Economic Opportunities Analysis.

These amendments are an update to the Economic Opportunities analysis last conducted in 2007. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Monmouth City Council regarding the adoption. The City Council then makes the final decision. A second public hearing will be scheduled before the Monmouth City Council to consider this request. That public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Individuals may attend the meeting virtually or in person. Additional information regarding how to attend the meeting will be posted with the agenda on the City's website at: www.ci.monmouth.or.us. The public hearings will be conducted in a manner that permits testimony from interested parties. Any person desiring to speak either for or against the proposal may do so in person or by authorized representative at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Written comments must be received by the City 48 hours in advance of the meeting and may be submitted by mail (151 Main St. E., Monmouth, OR 97361), or email to: ccraig@ci.monmouth.or.us. A copy of the amendment is available for inspection at City Hall. For more information, contact Carter Craig at (503) 751-0148.

PCIO25-1165 Notice of City of Dallas Budget Committee Meeting A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court Street, Dallas, OR. The meeting will take place on Monday, May 12, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and receive comment from the public on the budget and state revenue sharing. All testimony is electronically streamed and recorded via the City of Dallas YouTube Channel: <https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/dallasyoutube>. To submit public comment by live telephone, please call: +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 213 855 0622 This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may participate in the public hearing and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be obtained from the City Manager's Office by calling 503-831-3502 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or viewed on the City's website at www.dallasor.gov. The document will be available on May 6, 2025. Dallas City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the City Manager's Office, 503-831-3502. Published May 7, 2025. BRIAN LATTA City Manager and Budget Officer

PCIO25-1172 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the SW Polk Fire District, Polk County of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at the SW Polk Fire District Salt Creek Station, 15455

Salt Creek Road, Dallas, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 15, 2025, at 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget committee will take place. Virtual attendance for this meeting is available. Please contact the district office 24 hours in advance at 503-925-4275. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained on or after May 22, 2025, at the district office located at 15455 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, Oregon, between the hours of 8am to 4:30pm, or online at www.swpolkfd.org.

OCIO25-1166 NOTICE
OF CITY OF DALLAS
C O M M U N I T Y
D E V E L O P M E N T
COMMISSION URBAN
RENEWAL AGENCY
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING A public
meeting of the Budget
Committee of the City
of Dallas Community
Development Commission
Urban Renewal Agency,
Polk County, Oregon, to
discuss the budget for
fiscal year July 1, 2025 to
June 30, 2026, will be held
at Dallas City Hall, 187
SE Court Street, Dallas,
OR. The meeting will take
place on Monday, May
12, 2025, beginning at
6:00 p.m. The purpose of
the meeting is to receive
the budget message and
receive comment from the
public on the budget and
state revenue sharing. All
testimony is electronically
streamed and recorded via
the City of Dallas YouTube
Channel: <https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/dallasyoutube>. To
submit public comment by
live telephone, please call:
+1 253 215 8782 Meeting
ID: 213 855 0622 This is
a public meeting where
deliberation of the Budget
Committee will take
place. Any person may
participate in the public
hearing and discuss the
proposed programs with
the Budget Committee.
A copy of the budget
document may be obtained
from the City Manager's
Office by calling 503-831-
3502 between the hours
of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
or viewed on the City's
website at www.dallasor.gov. The document will
be available on May 6,
2025. Dallas City Hall is
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with disabilities. A request
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should be made at
least 48 hours before
the meeting to the City
Manager's Office, 503-831-
3502. Published May 7,
2025. BRIAN LATTA City
Manager & Budget Officer

PCIO25-1167 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF POLK
PROBATE DEPARTMENT
Case No. 25PB03786 In
the Matter of the Estate
of ANTHONY TODISCO,
Deceased. NOTICE TO
INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Paul Todisco has
been appointed Personal
Representative of the
Estate of Anthony Todisco.
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 the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: May 7, 2025. s/ Andrew W. Sprauer
Andrew W. Sprauer
Attorney for Personal Representative
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Paul Todisco 2350
Gibsonwoods Ct NW Salem
OR 97304 ATTORNEY
FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Andrew W. Sprauer,
OSB No. 081245 Andrew
Sprauer Law PO Box
12814; Salem OR 97309
Telephone: (503) 910-
2050 Email: andrew@
awslawyer.com

PCIO25-3368 Notice to Interested Parties Notice is given that the Estate of Norma Jean Hawkins is now pending in the Polk County Circuit Court, Case No. 25PB02672. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative, Byron William Hawkins, at Pacific Elder Law, LLC, PO Box 3686, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. The date of the publication of this notice is May 7, 2025. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Byron William Hawkins, P.O. Box 5157, Salem, OR 97304. Attorney for the Personal Representative: Jennifer L. Smith, OSB No. 214944, Pacific Elder Law LLC, PO Box 3686, Salem, OR 97302.

PCIO25-1170 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF POLK IN THE
MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF DANIEL LOREN
ALLEN, DECEASED.
CASE No. LIMITED
JUDGMENT ADMITTING
WILL TO PROBATE AND
APPOINTING PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE WITH
FULL POWERS The
court accepts the petition
of Wen Allen, for the
probate of the Will of the
abovenamed decedent and
finds the allegations of the
petition to be true. IT IS
THEREFORE ORDERED
AND ADJUDGED: 1. The
Will dated August 16, 2016,
as amended by the Codicil
dated July 5, 2018, is the
last Will of the decedent
and is admitted to probate;
2. Wen Allen, is appointed
as Personal Representative
of the estate to serve
without bond and with
full powers; and 3. Letters
Testamentary shall be
issued forthwith to Wen
Allen, as the Personal
Representative in the
manner provided by law.
Submitted by: Attorney for
Petitioner and Proposed
Personal Representative:
Hunter B. Emerick, OSB
#841361 Saafield Griggs
PC PO Box 470 Salem,
OR 97308 Ph.: (503) 371-
399-1070 Fax: (503) 371-
2927 Email: hemerick@sglaw.com Petitioner
and Proposed Personal
Representative: Wen
Allen 2176 38th Avenue
NW Salem, Oregon 97304
Phone: (503) 560-1831

PCIO25-1171 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be held on May 21st, 2025 at 6:00 pm. To access and

participate in the meeting please use Zoom through a web browser at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81595162235?pwd=JVxLU6f4dW5xOjAva4kuYjIc8ABEd0x0.1> Webinar ID: 815 9516 2235 Passcode: 327498 For participation by telephone, dial 1 669 444 9171 You can also attend and participate by coming to the Community Center, 320 Main St. Falls City, OR, where the meeting will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the proposed budget, the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A public hearing will also be held on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds at this meeting. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 16th, 2025, in the City Hall foyer. This is a meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Additional Budget Committee meeting (as needed) on: Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 at 6:00 pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81595162235?pwd=JVxLU6f4dW5xOjAva4kuYjIc8ABEd0x0.1> Webinar ID: 815 9516 2235 Passcode: 327498 For participation by telephone, dial 1 669 444 9171 This notice was also published on the City of Falls City website: www.fallscityoregon.gov

PCIO25-1163 IN THE
 CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 STATE OF OREGON FOR
 THE COUNTY OF POLK
 PROBATE DEPARTMENT
 Case No. 25PB03723 In
 the Matter of the Estate of
 SUSAN M. NUETZMAN,
 Deceased. NOTICE TO
 INTERESTED PERSONS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 that Logan Schomus
 has been appointed
 Personal Representative
 of the Estate of Susan M.
 Nuetzman. 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:
 April 30, 2025, s/ Andrew
 W. Sprauer ANDREW W.
 Sprauer, OSB #081245
 Attorney for Personal
 Representative PERSONAL
 REPRESENTATIVE:
 Logan Schomus 708
 NW Douglas St. Dallas
 OR 97338 ATTORNEY
 FOR PERSONAL
 REPRESENTATIVE:
 Andrew W. Sprauer,
 OSB No. 081245 Andrew
 Sprauer Law PO Box
 12814; Salem OR 97309
 Telephone: (503) 910-2050
 Email: andrew@
 awslawyer.com

PCIO25-1158 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Falls City School District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR. The meeting will take place on May 19th at 5:30 p.m. A second meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 29th at 5:30 p.m. A third meeting, if needed, is scheduled for June 3rd at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive

the budget message and comments from the public on the proposed budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 19th at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

PCIO2-1156 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR POLK EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Polk Extension Service District will be held in the Main Conference Room of the County Courthouse at 11 :00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and to receive the budget message and document. Time is reserved for public comment at 11:15 a.m. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 9, 2025, at the Board of Commissioners' Office, Polk County Courthouse, during regular business hours. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Dated: April 23, 2025

PCIO25-1154 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www. storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com) on 5/21/2025 at 10:00AM. Shadi Qarmout units #007 & #176; Tommy Grider unit #137; Serena Watts unit #5001; Kimberly Brusse unit #5039. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**PCIO25-1153 Public Sale
Rickreall Mini Storage
10255 Rickreall Rd,
Rickreall, OR 97371
503-623-0900 ONLINE
AUCTION Will Be Held
On 6/7/2025 At [www.
storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) Units
To Be Sold As A Whole
ALL SALES CASH ONLY
Debra Grote B-99**

PCIO25-1141 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 05-23-25, 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 850 PIEDMONT AVE. NW SALEM, OR. 97304. The court case number is 22CV36435, where JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is plaintiff, and MARTIN GUIJOSA; THE ESTATE OF JUVENTINO GUIJOSA; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF JUVENTINO GUIJOSA; ALAN JUVENTINO GUIJOSA-CONTRERAS; OSBELIA CONTRERAS; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 850 PIEDMONT AVE NW SALEM, OR 97304 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/>

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Polk County Fire District No.1, Polk County, State of Oregon.

to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held at the Central Fire Station, (Location)

1800 Monmouth Street, Independence, OR. The meeting will take place on the 13th day of May 2025 at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Budget Message and to receive comment from the public on the Budget.

A copy of the Budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 6, 2025 at 1800 Monmouth Street, (Date) (Location)

Independence, OR., between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
(Location) (Time)

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

The meeting will also be available via Zoom and the link is available on our website at www.polk1.org.
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A black and white illustration of a pencil at the top, with a line extending from its tip to form the word 'Pencil' in a cursive script. Below this, the words 'us in' are also in cursive. Underneath, the website address 'www.polkio.com' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Polk County Itemizer-Observer' is displayed, with 'Polk County' in a smaller font above 'Itemizer-Observer', which is in a large, stylized, gothic-like font.

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BRIEFS

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vegetables, soup, tomato sauce and peanut butter. Monetary donations may also be made directly to Dallas Food Bank, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit that has served the greater Dallas community since 1983. Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.dallasfoodbank.com or by check mailed to 322 Main St., Ste. 180, Dallas, OR 97338 (write Epic Day on the memo line).

Sign up today to volunteer. Start collecting non-perishable food including canned fish, meats, fruits and vegetables, soup, tomato sauce and peanut butter. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/42sv3ev>.

Vintage motorcycle show and swap comes to county fairgrounds May 17

The Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists have secured the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, as a new venue for their annual Spring Show and Swap Meet. The venue at 520 Pacific Highway

offers ample camping, a large field for the show and swap meet, and an indoor hall in case of rain. The location ensures quieter camping and avoids traffic for the Saturday pre-show ride.

Two Wolves hosts Extravaganza Comedy Show May 17

Two Wolves Taproom, located at 171 SW Court St., in Dallas, hosts “Extravaganza Comedy Show!” from 8-10 p.m. May 17, featuring Nate Hernandez, Diva, Liam Riddell, Eleanore Ryan, Jayden Mays and Armando Santoyo.

Monmouth hosts AAPI vendor market May 17

Join the celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month by coming to the Vendor Market from 12-5 p.m. May 17 at the Main Street Park Amphitheater, corner of Jackson and Knox streets in Monmouth. Enjoy the vendors, music and dance, and free tasting from local AAPI merchants. For information, contact mckiele@gmail.com.

Talk About it Tuesday returns May 20

“Talk About It Tuesday” meets in person from

6:30-8 pm May 20. Join in for an engaging discussion on current issues, solutions and actions to take. Topic suggestions are encouraged. The group asks that anyone who comes bring their integrity and empathy. For more information and email notification options, go to www.polkdems.org and scroll down to click on the link to their Newsletter.

Mythic Finds hosts D&D convention May 25

Mythic Finds hosts a Dungeons and Dragons mini convention at 11 a.m. May 25 at their Dallas location, 643 SE Jefferson

St. There are still three tables available for vendors, free. There are also open slots for activities and presentations, so anyone who would like to share their D&D activities or show off another tabletop role-playing game. Mythic Finds is also looking for an experienced mini painter for a “learn to paint” activity. If you or someone you know is interested, call (503) 837-1347.

COACH

From Page B1

and Peter Nicol - saw varsity action. King knows some of these players from when they were in his PE class at middle school. Not surprisingly, roster decisions and player roles have yet to be decided. “It’s still too early to tell who is going to be the fundamental players next season. I don’t know who’s

exactly going to be where because I haven’t seen these kids in a practice,” he said. “It’s all gained. So I’d like to get a better feel of who’s going to show up for practice and who actually wants to take that big leap as a leader. Who wants to be that person going forward.”

King graduated from South Albany High School, where he also got his first coaching position. He remembers a more competitive Dragons program from

that time. His goal is to recapture the past. “I’m not going to come here to coach just so you can have fun,” he said of what his players can expect moving forward. “We’re going to come in here, have fun, compete and win games. That’s my goal as a head coach. So I hope that everybody is ready for that. Because when I was in high school, Dallas was a pretty good, solid program. We want to get back to that.”

Athletic Director Ron Sniveley said a panel consisting of coaches and knowledgeable members of the community collaborated on the decision to hire King. “I gave different perspectives of the needs, and they were able to elevate Alex as their choice, and (that decision) supported my choice as well,” Snively said. “We want the best basketball coach in front of our kids. We want someone that knows the game of basketball and teaches the

fundamentals, and who also teaches through the lens of an educator.” Given the state of the program, the team’s overall record won’t necessarily be the priority in evaluating program success. “We wanted to prioritize someone who really understood the well being of kids in teaching a whole kid. And right now, we acknowledge this is a rebuilding program,” Snively said. “And so, someone who sold the fact that these kids are going to leave

with really sound experiences, regardless of wins and losses.” King’s connection to the community also played a role in his hiring. “I know he lives in town, and he has every intention of staying here. And regardless of this position, it’s just very abundantly clear that he wants to be here. He wants to grow here. And if he wasn’t able to take this position, he’d still be here,” Snively said. “He’s a member of our community.”

LETTERS

From Page A5

spirit of subordination & obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field—and finally that he would most graciously be pleas’d to dispose us all to do Justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves, with that Charity, humility & pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion & without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation.” *Michael Alherton Dallas*

Vote yes on police station bond, no on fairgrounds levy

I’ve been seeing and hearing lots of information and misinformation about the proposed bond to build Dallas’s first police station.

It is sorely needed (and has been for years), and it’s time we step up to pay for it. It will allow our police officers an efficient place to work and enable them to treat suspects and witnesses with respect. Others have pointed out the limitations of the current situation which are many. I hope many will join me and other correspondents in voting for a new Dallas police station. Also on the ballot will be a measure by Polk County to raise a special tax to make improvements to the fairgrounds. Not seeing any information about how much of the money will go to a new amphitheater (unnecessary in my opinion) I will vote no on that measure. If there is surplus land available at the fairgrounds it could be better used as a community garden to help offset cuts to food assistance at the federal level.

Dale Derouin Dallas

Protests shine light on black lives disparities

Someone asked why our Monmouth group holds Black Lives Matter signs during our Wednesday 5 p.m. protests on Main and 99. First, the violence against people of color is still high. According

to USA Today, in 2024, Black people were three times, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders were 7.6 times, more likely to be killed by police than their White counterparts. Many of these deaths were perpetrated on unarmed people. Violence is only one part of the problem. Homeownership secures generational wealth, but a sizable disparity still exists in homeownership between blacks and whites. In 2024, Hope Policy Institute showed a 20-point difference in mortgage denial rates between black and white applicants across income levels. This directly affects family wealth such that “for every \$100 in wealth held by white households, Black households held only \$15.” (Brookings Institute, 2024) This difference comes out of centuries of discrimination against Blacks and which now persists in policies that affect mortgage application considerations. Historical prejudices persist in other areas affecting financial stability such as getting jobs and promotions. University of Chicago (2021) found that businesses often favor white over black applicants by as much as 24%. Another 2020 study found only 3.2% of corporate senior leadership were blacks, reasons why companies began DEI work. These crippling

problems impacting the black community can only be reversed by intentional policies to help folks get caught up from generations of marginalization. It’s the reason we protest every Wednesday with “Black Lives Matter in our community and across the country.” *Carol McKiel Monmouth*

New police station will have a positive return on investment

Many towns in Polk County need urgent funds to replace old, deteriorating buildings, despite the troubled economic situation we consistently find ourselves in. Keeping this in mind and considering the most recent economic times, coupled with the needs/wants of the community, the question remains: How can citizens support our law enforcement community in Dallas while keeping up with the cost of living?

In my career, I’ve experienced two police station rebuildings during my tenure as a law enforcement officer. First with the Boston Police Department. The second was

with the Oregon State Police Salem Patrol Office. Each police station rebuilding provided growth to the community and the law enforcement profession. The return on investment was remarkable. Calculating a return on investment (ROI) is one way to determine how the investment is performing. Essentially you would be comparing what you paid for to determine the value of the investment. With this investment, we are evaluating our police department. If the ROI is positive the investment generates a return. In this case, we are living in a safe community that affects our overall quality of life. I respectfully urge the citizens of Dallas to support the Dallas Police Department by voting YES on the Police Station Bond. I fully believe the ROI will pay off in the future by continuing the quality of life that we enjoy in Dallas, Oregon. *Carlos J. Barrientos City Councilor, Dallas*

town” while you sit at home ordering off your computer? Check out a new business in downtown Monmouth: Spectrum Artworx. I have driven by since it opened but thought “I don’t need art supplies.” I finally stopped. My oh my were my eyes opened! This business is loaded with amazing “stuff.” Malia has done an incredible job stocking this store: quality art supplies in any form; art opportunities for beginners, even the old fashioned paint by number; stock that includes birthday gift items for all ages. When you need something unique for a gift, you’ll be glad you investigated this new business. I wanted wedding pictures printed and framed. I could not be more thrilled with the outcome. Jake spent hours with me as I selected from all the pictures available to me. He was so patient and helpful. Jim helped to select a frame for the 24” x 36” picture Jake printed. Their computer placed the picture on a red wall, tried out numerous frames by style and color on the picture, counseled about possibilities and voila. The result was amazing! The computer draft looks exactly like the beautiful picture now hanging on my red wall. In addition, Jim replaced all my frames with the new pictures, matted beautifully, and finished off the backside as if the frame was purchased there. So, I encourage you to check out Spectrum Artworx. Don’t just look around and then go order online. The owners will be overjoyed to have you help them stay in business. *Susanna Knight Monmouth*

Please support local businesses

When do you enter a retail business? Is it when you need to “see” what something looks like so you can go home and order online? Think of how many little businesses come and go because could be customers only want to “have a look, see, handle, and have questions answered.” So let’s get behind local businesses, established or new, and spend the money locally even if you pay a bit more. Do you want your downtown to become a “ghost

The Bath or Shower You’ve Always Wanted IN AS LITTLE AS A DAY

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Dallas Police Department

Thursday, April 24
At 8:14 a.m., a subject on Jefferson Street was arrested and charged with criminal mischief.
At 8:25 a.m., a runaway juvenile was located along the riverbank on Miller Avenue and returned back to school.
At 8:59 a.m., a resident on Hayter Street reported items were stolen from her deceased mother's car after it was towed to Salem. She was referred to Salem Police.

At 10:32 a.m., a business on Ellendale Avenue reported a female subject became upset after being late for an appointment for her dog and told to reschedule. The subject released the dog and left the scene. An officer was unable to locate the dog or the subject.
At 2:46 p.m., a report of a dog left in a vehicle on Kings Valley Highway. An officer was unable to locate the vehicle.
At 4:02 p.m., a report of two vehicles parked in disabled parking spots on Ellendale Avenue. An officer found both were good to park there; one person forgot to display the placard.
At 4:27 p.m., a report of two dogs at large on Juniper Avenue. Someone put them in the dog park and the owners came and got them.
At 4:51 p.m., a report of a vehicle repossessed on Osoberry Street.

At 6:49 p.m., a report of a residential window on Harder Avenue shot out, possibly by a BB gun.
At 7:38 p.m., a report of a wedding band stolen from a subject on Ellendale Avenue. The subject later called back to report it had been found.
At 7:40 p.m., a report of a 4-year-old juvenile on Washington Street found the hidden phone and called 911 because he needed help finding a charger. The parents advised they would secure the phone better.
At 11:43 p.m., an officer locked restrooms on Brandvold Drive and warned a group of people for park hours.

Friday, April 25
At 2:08 a.m., an officer found an abandoned silver Saturn on Ellendale Avenue with no plate, no temp tag, and the steering column ripped out. The vin came back clear out of Falls City.
At 12:56 p.m., a resident on Levens Street reported their car had been sideswiped early in the week.
At 6:53 p.m., a report of juveniles playing at Rotary Park and being chased by two individuals on motorcycles yelling at them.
At 9:42 p.m., an officer responded to a report of vehicle broke down exiting her residence blocking the roadway on Holman Avenue. The officer stayed on scene until a tow arrived.

Saturday, April 26
At 12:22 a.m., an officer gave a courtesy ride to a female subject and her two children from Safeway to Southwest Walnut Avenue.
At 2:15 a.m., a motorist on Maple Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation, and driving uninsured. The driver was also warned for failing to register vehicle and failure to carry a driver's license.

At 4:46 a.m., an officer came upon two subjects were sleeping on Washington Street. The officer advised them no loitering and of the posted no trespassing. They compiled and left the area.
At 9:50 a.m., officer received a welfare check request for a male subject in a wheelchair on La Creole Drive. The subject was just out enjoying the sunshine.
At 10:51 a.m., a report of a pitbull wandering in traffic on La Creole Drive. An officer located the dog an tied him back up to the owners' van. They were not present at the time.
At 9:11 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving uninsured. The passenger, the owner of the vehicle, was cited for failing to renew registration.

Sunday, April 27
At 1:46 a.m., two subjects eating Taco Bell in City Park were warned for being in the park after hours.
At 5:47 a.m., a subject reported finding a \$10 bill on the ground while getting gas at Pacific Pride on Ellendale Avenue.

At 9:18 a.m., a report of a male subject slumped over in a vehicle on Rainbow Avenue. The male subject was awake when an officer walked up and was not happy.
At 10:42 a.m., a report of dogs that escaped from a backyard on La Creole Drive. An officer spoke to the owner and the complainant.
At 5:54 p.m., a report of a male subject who would not leave a bar on Ellendale Avenue. He was gone by the time an officer arrived.
At 6:18 p.m., a business alarm was triggered on Godsey Road, An employee said it was likely him that set it off.
At 8:18 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Gerlinger Lane. The officer found the vehicle but no one inside,
At 8:43 p.m., a report of a black poodle and Saint Bernard running east on Washington Street. An officer was unable to locate the dogs.
At 9:40 p.m., a report of juveniles pointing laser pointers at cars near Gala Park. An officer drove around the area but was unable to locate them.
At 10:18 p.m., a Mini Cooper was repossessed on Walnut Avenue
At 10:39 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a vehicle crash involving a parked car. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Monday, April 28
At 7:55 a.m., motorist dozed off while driving / working Doordash and crashed into another vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. The driver was cited for no operators license.
At 8:24 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for expired registration.
At 8:43 a.m. a resident on Court Street reported a likely fraudulent check scam with the unknown scammers posing as Walmart employee's. She is not out any money after being sent a check in the mail to initiate the scam.
At 12:04 p.m. a resident on Ellendale reported a phone being returned in the mail was lost in transit.
At 12:44 p.m., a report of people trespassing at a location on Brookside Avenue.
At 1:32 p.m., a subject on Godsey Road was arrested and charged with violating a stalking order.
At 1:44 p.m., a commercial vehicle on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 33 mph in a 20 mph zone
At 2:27 p.m., a subject on Kings Valley Highway was

arrested on a contempt of court warrant.
At 2:46 p.m, a resident on River Drive reported a large antique wagon wheel was stolen out of her backyard sometime overnight.
At 6:27 p.m., a resident on Dimick Street reported she thought a resident had broken a glass bottle behind her car. It ended up just being a large block of ice.
At 7:58 p.m., a report of a hit and run in the Aquatic Center parking lot.

Tuesday, April 29
At 1:14 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for failure to renew registration and driving uninsured.
At 8:03 a.m., police received a report of a child standing up through the sun-roof while parent drove child to school on Maple Street. An officer spoke with the spouse of the driver who promised to speak with their spouse to make sure it never happens again.
At 3:09 p.m., a report of a theft at Walmart.
At 8:17 p.m. a resident on A Street reported a neighbor was playing music too loud. Upon arrival, an officer was unable to hear any music playing.
At 8:32 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using a mobile electric device.
At 10:46 p.m., a report of shots heard in the area of Stone Street. Unable to locate the source of the noise.
At 10:59 p.m., officers found a 1 ½-year-old male wandering the neighborhood on Lines Street in only a diaper. They canvassed the area and were able to reconnect the juvenile with his family.

Wednesday, April 30
At 12:42 a.m., a resident on Fairview Avenue reported hearing a loud explosion south of his residence which could have been on county property. An officer parked on Oakdale Road and didn't hear any further booms.
At 2:24 a.m., a report of a male subject on Stone Lane trying to get into vehicles. The subject was found intoxicated and was trying to walk home, but was going the wrong way. He was given a courtesy ride home.
At 8:38 a.m., a juvenile motorist on Miller Avenue sideswiped a parked vehicle while trying to get something out of her eye.
At 12:06 p.m., police are investigating a hit and run on Ash Street A pedestrian had minor injuries.
At 9:05 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 25 mph zone, causing unreasonable noise with a vehicle, driving uninsured, and driving while suspended (violation). This vehicle has been called in multiple times in the last couple of weeks for what was thought to be shots fired due to his exhaust.

Monmouth Police Department
Wednesday, April 23
Hangup Call: A 911 hangup call with only a male voice heard. Contact was made, and it was deemed an accident.
Runaway: A child reported missing was later found asleep at home.
Check Welfare: Hotel staff called about an intoxicated guest. Staff was advised on how to handle the situation.
Animal Complaint: A complaint about a dog left in a vehicle. The owner addressed the issue.
Suspicious Activity: A report of a suspicious male making concerning comments to an individual.
Disturbance: A report of an individual yelling and

knocking at an apartment regarding a stolen scooter.
Domestic Dispute: An individual was locked out of their house by their significant other. The individual's child unlocked the door, and the other individual was not present when authorities arrived.
AOA: Responded to a T-bone/rollover crash with injuries.
AOA: Covered another agency on an arrest for a no-contact order violation.
Theft: University staff reported juvenile girls stealing artwork. The items were returned.
Theft: Staff reported individuals dumping tires at their location.
HANGUP: 911 hangup calls with possible yelling and groaning. Nothing out of the ordinary found.
Overdose (OD): An individual attempted to harm themselves by taking pills. They were transported to the hospital.

Thursday, April 24
Jamie P Stevenson, 3,4 was arrested April 24 on an outstanding warrant.
Criminal Mischief: A truck was marked with paint..
CITCON: A concerned citizen reported finding nails in the road repeatedly.
Fraud: An individual discovered a credit card opened in their name by someone else.
Citizen Contact: A request for a police escort to retrieve items was denied as it was a civil matter.
Citizen Contact: An individual reported others asking them to call 911 and thought they were casing the area.
Crash: A rear-end collision with minor damage.
Tow: A vehicle was repossessed.
Burglary: A report of an individual breaking into a home, damaging items, and taking property.
Arrest: An individual was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
Suspicious Person: A report of a male looking around cars with a light. Unable to locate.
Recovered Property: Recovered a stolen phone.
Suspicious Person: An individual attempted to pick the lock to a shed. Officers were unable to locate the subject.
Arrest: An individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
Suspicious Person: A vehicle's back windshield was broken out.
Citizen Contact: An individual concerned about their child's whereabouts was advised on procedures.
Criminal Mischief: An individual damaged property. The subject later admitted to several crimes and was transported for medical attention.
Suspicious Activity: An individual was reported coming to a residence and attempting to open a window.

Friday, April 25
AOA OSP: Responded to a crash where individuals were seen walking away from a vehicle and hiding.
Citizen Contact: A citizen reported finding items related to a suspicious person search.
Department of Human Services (DHS): Cross reports received regarding potential child abuse.
EDP: A report was made to DHS about an individual with paranoia about their children being harmed.

Saturday, April 26
Jordan Hoover, 31, was arrested April 26 and charged with criminal mischief.
Domestic: A report involving a female screaming about being assaulted with a weapon. Two individuals were detained, one was arrested on previous charges.

Arrest: An individual was arrested regarding a previous incident.
Civil: A disagreement regarding property access was suggested to be resolved through court.
EDP: An individual requested transport for mental health assistance.
Found Person: A child found playing on the side of the road.
EDP: Concerns about an individual potentially self-harming. Staff was to monitor them closely.
Suspicious Vehicle: A vehicle parked suspiciously was gone when checked later.
Noise: A noise complaint from a delivery driver. Nothing was heard upon arrival.
Suspicious Activity: A homeowner heard noises in their backyard and requested a check.

Sunday, April 27
Noise: A noise complaint. No contact was made.
AOA: Covered another agency on a traffic stop involving juveniles for curfew violations.
Check Welfare/EDP: Concerns about an individual being loud and throwing things. No answer at the door.
Trespass: An individual making threats was to be trespassed.
Check Welfare: Follow up on an individual from the previous night.
Found Person: A child found unattended in a park. DHS notified.
Suspicious Activity: A report of individuals going through trash cans. Unable to locate.
HangUp: A 911 hangup where groaning was heard. The individual was found safe.
Trespass: An individual was removed and cited for trespassing but released due to medical issues.
Suspicious Person: A report of an individual yelling and possibly intoxicated.

Monday, April 28
Troy Hanes, 47, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
Jake M Shaw, 36, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order and placed on a parole violation detainer.
AOA: Responded to a crash with a potentially impaired driver.
Check Welfare: A report of a non-verbal child walking alone. The child was returned to their parent.
Warrant: An individual was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
Crash: Report of possible damage to property by an RV. The driver denied it.
Check Welfare: Concerns about an individual making suicidal comments.
Citizen Contact: A vehicle unlock assistance.
EDP: An individual requested more resources for anxiety and loneliness.
Domestic Dispute: An individual reported their stepson was out of control and making threats. The individual was trespassed.
AOA: AOA for another agency regarding a hit-and-run incident.
Citizen Contact: An individual wanted to add a statement to a previous case.
Illegal Parking: A motorist was warned for illegal parking.
Driving: A report of a vehicle swerving and speeding.

Tuesday, April 29
Citizen Contact: An individual reported a noise and smell at a business.
Animal: A wandering dog was found and later returned to the owner.
Arrest: A vehicle stop led to an arrest of the motorist

being charged with violating a restraining order.
Suspicious Activity: A passerby thought they saw a juvenile in an RV. It was an individual known to reside there
Citizen Contact: A report was made about juveniles allegedly throwing rocks at cars and walking in front of vehicles. The reporting party was advised to report new incidents and contact juvenile authorities.
Check Welfare: A neighbor reported hearing yelling and loud noises at a residence. Residents stated there was no disturbance.
Assist Other Agency: Officers responded to alarm calls and a domestic disturbance incident where a female left the scene.
Attempt to Locate: A hit-and-run incident was reported with vehicle details provided. The vehicle was later located.
EDP: A resident reported a noise in their backyard. A drive-by was conducted, and everything appeared fine.
Wednesday, April 30
Jordan Hoover, 31, was arrested April 30 on an outstanding warrant.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, April 23
At 12:29 a.m., a deputy removed a dead raccoon from the northbound lane of Kings Valley Highway.
At 7:04 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone on Highway 22. The driver was driving while suspended and did not have proof of insurance and registration. She was cited for DWS and called for a licensed driver to come pick her up.
At 7:47 a.m., a deputy stopped a motorist on Valsetz Road for a driving while suspended violation. He received a citation for DWS and a warning for no registration or insurance.
At 7:48 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a person on the side of the road not moving. They found a tarp which they supposed could have been mistaken for a person shaped object.
At 7:49 a.m., the DMV reported a possible stolen vehicle in Dallas. A deputy contacted a counterpart in the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, who reported during a divorce preceding, the husband was supposed to end up with a truck that was still in the wife's name. She failed to turn over the truck. It was reported stolen. The PCSO deputy found the truck on the female subject's property, hooked up to a horse trailer and also learned she had tried to re-register the truck in her name. Unable to contact her, the deputy updated the YCSO deputy, who removed the truck from the system as stolen after they decided it was a civil matter, not criminal.
At 8:44 a.m., a Salem Metro Police detective requested PCSO take a male subject into custody after his court appearance. Deputies took the subject into custody and turned him over to SMP for questioning without incident.
At 10:38 a.m., jail staff requested that deputies assist with security at a court hearing for a custody verdict. The male subject had fought previously with police and was "quite the handful." All ended peacefully and the deputies were no longer needed.
At 2:49 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Begonia Drive. The car's owner reported he owned a few properties right there and was mowing the lot the car was parked next to.

