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The Lady Dragon's wrestling team are all goofy smiles after winning the Mid-Willamette Conference District Wrestling Meet Feb. 13-14. For more images from the tournament, see Page A8.

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Lady Dragons celebrate district title

The Lady Dragon's wrestling team took first place at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Wrestling Meet Feb. 13-14. En route to winning the title, Dallas also qualified 12 wrestlers to move on to state finals Feb. 27-28 in Portland. Here's a look at the top finishers:

FIRST PLACE Yoselin Nunez, 105 pounds Madelyn Russel, 130 pounds Lindsey Faulkner, 135 pounds Jenna Rogers, 140 pounds	SECOND PLACE Marissa McGinnis, 100 pounds Nanasi Talakai, 125 pounds Gabriella Dyer, 170 pounds Mahala Collins, 235 pounds	THIRD PLACE Khadijah Tabib, 155 pounds Madelyn Vogel, 235 pounds FOURTH PLACE Maya Bakanov, 120 pounds	Kassidy Guy, 125 pounds CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Fourth place, Mica Tonnsen, 115 pounds
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Monmouth man arrested in Salem shooting

A Monmouth man was arrested Feb. 14 in connection with a Salem shooting incident.

At 6:55 p.m., Salem Police officers responded to a report of a shooting at a U.S. Market located in the 1000 block of Broadway Street Northeast. A store clerk reported that a conflict arose between him and a male patron. The subject, later identified as Jonathan Debnam, 33, then retrieved a handgun from his vehicle. He used the butt of the gun to break a window at the store. According to the police report, as Debnam was leaving the area, he fired shots at the store, which struck a few feet from where the store clerk was hiding. No one was injured in the

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Local Businesses celebrate milestones



Traci Weston (left) and Mary Porvancha celebrate Fee Mail Depot's 10th anniversary with a ribbon cutting Feb. 13.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Fee Mail Depot marks decade of friendly service

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Traci Weston has a simple slogan for her Monmouth business.

"If you're just trying to figure out how to get something somewhere, we gotcha."

Fee Mail Depot is more than a FedEx and UPS shipping store. It's been a community staple in Monmouth that celebrated its 10th anniversary. Weston added, the storefront's name is also a play on words for a business that's a block off the main strip through town,

"We're not on Main Street. But where else would you find a female owned depot but on Broad Street?" Weston joked.

She and friend Mary Porvancha opened the store in 2016, offering up services including copies, notary, faxing, scanning and emailing. Weston does have a quick reminder about shipping deadlines.

"We just like to remind people that FedEx picks up at 2.30 p.m., as well as UPS. So you've got to come before that. If you come in at 4, we

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Monmouth Curves comes full circle



Crystal Sperling, and several of her clients, celebrate her taking over the Curves Monmouth location (again) with a ribbon cutting ceremony Feb. 13.

PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

To paraphrase a business slogan from the 80s, Crystal Sperling is not just a franchisee, she was also a client.

Sperling celebrated in Monmouth Feb. 13 owning both of Oregon's only two Curves Women's Health and Fitness Clubs, again. The other gym she opened in Corvallis in 2021. Sperling's journey as a franchisee in two Willamette Valley cities began in the early 2000s

when she herself was a client.

"I was just a client myself and I lost 90 pounds working at Curves. So I was like, I love this, I want to do this with you," she said at the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the occasion. "It was kind of an exciting dream and I really wanted to do it."

Sperling describes Curves as a boutique fitness center specializing in women's fitness.

In 2003, Sperling so believed in the company's business model catering to weight loss and fitness programs designed specifically for women, she became a coach. Then, in 2011, she took the next leap, bought the Monmouth location and became a franchisee.

"So I'm the owner, operator, manager, toilet cleaner, social media person. I do all of the things," Sperling said.

One of the biggest challenges she and other

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Oregon lawmakers seek to beef up abortion, trans health care laws

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

In the wake of Oregon hospitals ending access to gender-affirming care for minors, dueling state policies over abortion and increasingly hostile federal actions toward transgender Americans, Oregon Democrats say the state’s protections for doctors and patients need an update.

House Bill 4088 awaits a House floor vote after Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee advanced it earlier this week. It would build on the state’s existing “shield laws” that since 2023 have sought to safeguard providers’ liability insurance and their personal information while protecting them from out-of-state prosecutions, investigations and professional discipline.

The Trump administration has subpoenaed hospitals and providers for providing gender-affirming care, issued warnings to breast binding manufacturers, and threatened some health care providers with prosecution. Those moves, combined with increasingly aggressive enforcement from Republican-led states which have sharply restricted abortion access and health care for transgender youth, spurred Oregon lawmakers to act.

“We’ve seen federal and interstate attacks on abortion and personal health decisions increasing,” Rep. Lisa Fragala, D-Eugene, a bill sponsor, told the Capital Chronicle. “States like Oregon have adopted shield laws to protect against these outside attacks, but with these increased attacks from the federal government and also incursions from other states, we’ve seen gaps.”

The new legislation would prohibit Gov. Tina Kotek from granting another state’s extradition request for a health care provider if they are engaged in providing reproductive or gender-affirming care in Oregon in a manner consistent with state law. That doesn’t apply if the person is a fugitive facing charges of treason or a felony, for instance.

It also contains new privacy protections and blocks state licensing



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Planned Parenthood has seen an uptick in demand for abortions in states where they remain legal, like Oregon, since the Dobbs decision overturning Roe. v. Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court.

authorities from revoking a midwife’s license if they faced a criminal conviction or discipline in another state for health care services that are unlawful in other states but allowed in Oregon.

The governor’s office told the Capital Chronicle that she has not received any extradition requests related to reproductive health or gender-affirming care. But Lucas Bezerra, a spokesperson for Kotek, said “care that is legal in Oregon is protected, and the governor will use every tool available to uphold those protections.”

“Health care decisions belong between patients and their providers, not politicians and certainly not prosecutors from another state,” Kotek said in a statement. “People come to Oregon because we respect personal freedom, privacy, and evidence-based medicine. Those values are reflected in our laws, and I will defend them.”

The bill would block publicly-funded agencies and state employees from cooperating with investigations into legal reproductive and gender-affirming care. The Oregon Health Authority, for instance, would be prevented from disclosing identifiable information of a person related to their use of such care during examination in a court or administrative proceeding.

The legislation comes as support for some policies involving transgender Americans’ rights has decreased, according

to a 2025 poll from the Pew Research Center. A New York jury also issued a recent award of \$2 million in a landmark malpractice suit against a patient’s plastic surgeon and psychologist for a breast removal surgery she received as a minor and came to regret. When it comes to abortion, 13 states nationwide have enacted near-total bans on abortion services.

In Oregon, meanwhile, access to health care for transgender residents has been hampered as more people fleeing other states’ restrictive policies have moved to the state. The advocates behind a ballot measure seeking to enshrine same-sex marriage, abortion and gender-affirming care protections in the Oregon Constitution also abandoned their signature-gathering campaign last week, calling it a “particularly difficult time, as the federal government continues attacking our rights, freedom, and basic humanity.”

Kaiser Permanente announced last year that it would be pausing gender-affirming surgeries for minors younger than 19 in Oregon. Attorney General Dan Rayfield also sued the federal government alongside 11 other attorneys general in January over a directive conditioning hundreds of billions of dollars in federal health and education funding based on compliance with Trump’s January 2025 executive order on “defending women from gender ideology

extremism and restoring biological truth to the federal government.”

A “chilling effect” on care in Oregon

While Oregon hasn’t landed on the radar of another state seeking to extradite a doctor yet, Fragala said the possibility of that happening is far from speculative. California Gov. Gavin Newsom in January rejected Louisiana’s extradition request for an abortion provider, and another doctor in the state is facing a federal lawsuit in Texas from the boyfriend of a woman who claims her doctor improperly sent her abortion medication.

“I believe health care is a human right, and so we want it to be free from interference, stigma, surveillance,” Fragala said. “When those things are in place, it creates a chilling effect. And I think the loss of hospitals providing care, the loss of clinics providing this type of care, is a part of that.”

Alongside the heightened backlash from conservative states and the federal government, there has also been some movement among professional health care groups which has created an opening for opponents of gender-affirming care. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons also recently stated that it recommends waiting until age 19 for gender-affirming surgery for transgender youth, a move that the Trump administration has promised but that is already in line with

existing standards of care by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Other major medical groups support evidence-based gender-affirming care but with mixed positions on surgery, such as individual decision-making or waiting until adulthood.

The bill faced opposition from some Christian medical professionals and anti-abortion activists, including the Keizer-based Oregon Right to Life, which does not delineate exceptions for opposing abortions in the case of rape or incest.

Melissa Ohden, the Kansas City-based director and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network, told lawmakers at a public hearing last week that the bill would limit transparency and prioritize provider immunity over patient safety, particularly in the case of complications. Research has shown that complications occur in about 2% of elective abortions in the United States, and of that percentage, about a quarter result in hospitalization or a medical procedural intervention.

“Facing fear, uncertainty and trauma, women need information, documentation — like access to their abortion records, not legal barriers to oversight and accountability of the provider,” Ohden said.

Supporters of the bill included Kara Connelly, a pediatric endocrinologist and director of the gender clinic at Oregon Health and Science University’s Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland. She testified that her clinic has faced doxing and death threats over the past few years.

“Speciality clinics at other institutions in Oregon have removed their websites entirely, causing confusion for Oregonians about which programs remain open and resulting in an influx of new referrals to our program which we do not have the capacity to take on,” she told lawmakers.

Potential U.S. Supreme Court battle looms

Amanda Barrow, senior staff attorney at the UCLA Law Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy, told

the Capital Chronicle that Oregon’s legislation appears to respond to a “broader strategy” from legal efforts by states such as Louisiana and Texas to eliminate access to abortion “by any means.” She encouraged lawmakers to continue pursuing data privacy protections as well.

“If the extradition provision were enacted in Oregon, that law would generally prevent another state’s criminal action from moving forward against an Oregon-based provider in that state’s courts,” Barrow said. “That’s because it’s unlikely that another state could force the Oregon provider to appear in criminal proceedings in that state, and all defendants have a constitutional right to be physically present in the courtroom at the start of a felony case.”

The legislation would exempt from public records requests personal information related to the receiving or providing of gender affirming care or reproductive health care that is funded in part or whole by the state. Lawmakers also adopted an amendment that would expand privacy protections to encompass providers’ images and home telephone number, as well as their name, home address and professional address.

It’s unclear how disputes in federal court between conflicting state policies on such forms of care could play out. Barrow said the issue could find itself up for debate at the nation’s highest court.

“We are all expecting that a clash could make its way up to the Supreme Court for resolution,” she said, “but as of now, the shield laws are operating exactly as they intended.”

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Wanted man captured in California for West Salem crime

Daniel Myers, 62, of Salem, was located by California Highway Patrol on Feb. 12, at approximately 8 p.m. in the Buttonwillow area near Bakersfield, California.

On Feb. 10, at approximately 9 p.m., a 31-year-old woman reported that

Myers drove her to a secluded location in West Salem and attempted to sexually assault her in his vehicle. The woman reported that when she resisted, Myers stabbed her multiple times and held her in the vehicle to prevent her from fleeing.

On Feb. 12, following

several investigative efforts, detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit contacted local media to seek the public’s help in locating Myers, who was last seen leaving the scene in his vehicle, a silver Honda Civic.

After the media release and a bulletin had

been distributed to law enforcement, detectives received three separate calls from law enforcement agencies in Oregon and California indicating they had reports that Myers’ vehicle had been seen. From these tips, detectives learned that Myers had fled Oregon

and was in California traveling south toward Bakersfield.

Detectives specifically reached out to the California Highway Patrol, which led to locating Myers. He was taken into custody without incident. Myers will be extradited to Oregon at

a later date to face multiple charges, including Attempted Murder in the Second Degree.

The Salem Police Department would like to thank local media, the community and our law enforcement partners for their assistance in this investigation.

Man receives four years in prison for West Salem domestic assault, strangulation case

A Salem man has been sentenced to serve 48 months in prison for assault and strangulation arising out of a December

2025 incident in West Salem.

Gregory James Paul Chaplin, 39, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, after a jury unanimously found him guilty of felony strangulation (domestic violence) and felony assault 4 (domestic violence). Chaplin must also serve an enhanced sentence due

to previously being convicted and imprisoned for assaulting the same victim. Chaplin will also be required to serve a two-year term of post-prison supervision when he is released.

The case was investigated by the Salem Police Department and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Connor Amundson.

Detectives still investigating deadly Dallas incident

On Feb. 10, Dallas Police officers responding to a report of a shooting incident discovered one deceased resident and another critically injured.

At about 2:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to a report of an active medical event/shooting at a residence in the 600 block of Northwest Crater Lake Drive. Based upon the call information and the situation found upon arrival, officers forced entry into the house.

Once inside, responding officers located one adult who was deceased. Officers located a second adult who was suffering from serious traumatic injuries requiring advanced life support. Dallas Fire Department Medics transported the injured adult to Salem Hospital for care.

Detectives responded to the scene and continued investigating throughout the morning. At this time, there is no indication of an on-going public safety

threat and all persons believed to be involved have been located.

The Dallas Police Department was assisted in this investigation by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, the Polk County DA’s Office, the Polk County Medical Examiner’s Office, Dallas Fire & EMS, Willamette Valley Communications Center, Salem Health and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

This remains an active investigation.



WOU dance students team up with California's Nickerson-Rossi Dance Company

By **WOU MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS**

Western Oregon University dance students recently collaborated with the visiting Nickerson-Rossi Dance Company (NRDC) as part of the Smith Fine Arts Series. In the week leading up to their January performance at Rice Auditorium, NRDC conducted a week-long residency at Western, offering dance workshops and partnering with students on choreography. Several dance students were even cast in the NRDC performance that culminated the residency.

Earlier this year, Western's dance department also welcomed another guest artist, Jeffery Peterson, the director of the dance program at Winona State University. Peterson restaged a piece called

H2Overture, which the students performed at the American College Dance Association's regional conference in Long Beach, California. The fast-paced, rhythmic piece presented a challenge for the dancers, who rose to the occasion with impressive performances.

Tim Cowart, Associate Professor of Theatre & Dance at WOU, expressed the significance of these residencies.

"It was fantastic and a truly inspiring learning experience to work alongside professional dancers in the studio, observing their work ethic, professionalism, kindness, and the inspiring artistry they bring to their work. They made a huge impact on our dance students," Cowart said.

Typically, Western hosts one guest artist residency per year, but

Cowart was fortunate to arrange two this academic year. He emphasized the importance of guest artist programming, allowing students to gain meaningful experiences. In addition, Cowart organized Friday Dance Labs, where students connect via Zoom with guest artists from major cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. These Lab classes are free and open to all WOU students and take place Friday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m.

Guest artist programming is essential for dance students' education. Cowart noted the mutual benefits of these partnerships.

"We have the infrastructure and a captive, highly interested audience for their work, and they gain experience teaching, choreographing for new dancers, and sharing their vision," Cowart said.



PHOTO COURTESY WOU

Western Oregon University dance students participate in a visiting Nickerson-Rossi Dance Company program.

Through these collaborations, dance students gain invaluable on-the-job training, allowing them to develop a broader understanding of the dance world and enhancing their artistic versatility. Additionally, these experiences may lead to future opportunities with professional dance artists after graduation.

Learn more about WOU's Dance and Theatre Department online at <https://wou.edu/theatre-dance/theatre/>.

Falls City Produce Giveaway receives \$3,000 grant

The Falls City Produce Giveaway has received a \$3,000 grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund to help cover the cost of fuel.

This free giveaway is open every Friday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. providing fresh produce to residents from Falls City and surrounding areas and operates out of the Mountain Gospel Fellowship FMC buildings, located at 257 N. Main St. in downtown Falls City.

This is the ninth year Falls City Produce

Giveaway has received a grant to bring fresh produce to Falls City residents.

Last year, Falls City Produce Giveaway the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund gave \$3,000 to pay for the fuel needed to transport produce from various providers across the Willamette Valley to Falls City.

The Falls City Produce Giveaway has distributed produce every week since early 2014 assisting more than 43,000 households. Some weeks, they have distributed as much

as 2,000 pounds of produce in less than 30 minutes, including potatoes, lettuce, celery, tomatoes and apples. They also give away baked products, from cakes and cookies, including Dave's Killer Bread products which they've received through an association with Falls City Thrives since 2022.

The Giveaway is fully manned by volunteers who love coming down and helping. But the real success is for those families who receive this food who look for and greet each other as they

wait in line and help each other carry away their choices of produce.

"What we do here is more than give away food. We give every resident in Falls City the opportunity and the chance to live their lives comfortably or to find new directions for a better life for their families," said Charlie Flynn, Program Manager. "Most importantly, there are the people who visit our Giveaway who bring the extra produce from their own gardens to share with this city full of neighbors."

Marion Polk Food Share receive federal grant for relocation project

The Marion Polk Food Share received a portion of \$92 million secured by Oregon senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley as part of federal investments for essential community-initiated projects in nearly every Oregon county in the final funding package that recently cleared Congress.

Marion Polk Food Share received \$2 million for their Food Bank Warehouse Relocation and Expansion project. The funding will help purchase property as part of a multi-phase project

to construct a new, highly efficient building, to be the hub of Food Share's food banking and Meals on Wheels program.

Merkley and Wyden secured 68 Oregon community-initiated projects, combined totaling \$92,303,000 in the FY26 funding bills for Financial Services and General Government; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bills.

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State warns of scam targeting Spanish-speaking injured workers

The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is warning the public about a scam targeting Spanish-speaking injured workers in other states, including in nearby Idaho and Montana.

In these scams, workers are contacted by phone, email, social media apps such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp, or video calls. The scammers try to convince the worker to appear at an online workers' compensation hearing, and at times, this results in an official appearing order in their favor. Thereafter, they are told must pay money to receive the workers' compensation benefits or the settlement for their claim.

These communications may appear official and the hearings may include a fake judge, attorney, or government

representative. The Oregon Workers' Compensation Division (WCD), part of DCBS, and the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) will never ask anyone to pay to receive benefits

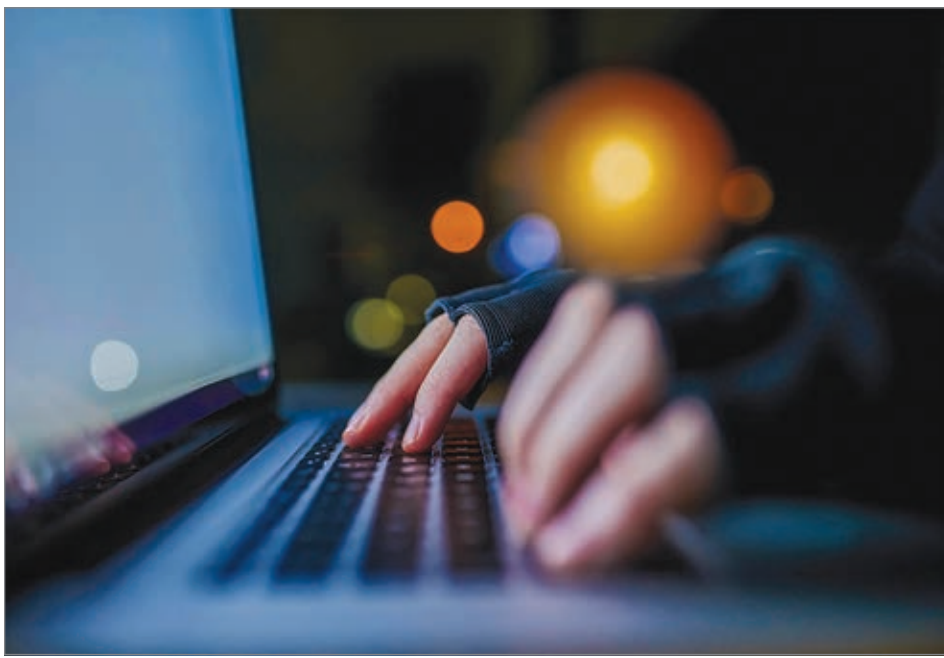
Here's what you should know:

WCD, WCB, and insurance companies do not ask for payment to release workers' compensation benefits. Never pay money up front for benefits or settlements.

WCD and WCB will never ask for payment via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency. Be skeptical of any requests for payment.

Official communications from WCD and WCB will not pressure you to act or pay immediately.

WCB, which conducts workers' compensation hearings, does not charge



In these scams, workers are contacted by phone, email, social media apps such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp, or video calls.

or collect fees for hearings or mediation.

WCB does not use social media or applications such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp to communicate with parties about hearings or

mediations.

If you are unsure whether a communication is legitimate, do not send money or personal information. Verify before you act by contacting the Ombuds Office for

Oregon Workers by phone at 800-927-1271 (toll-free) or email at oow.questions@dcbs.oregon.gov. The office serves as an independent advocate for workers by helping them understand their

rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities within the workers' compensation system and workplace safety and health laws and rules.

If you believe a scammer has contacted you:

Report the incident to local law enforcement

Report any scams, fraud, or suspicious business activity to the Oregon Department of Justice's fraud hotline at 1-877-877-9392 (toll-free)

Report the scam to the Oregon Department of Justice and the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers

Early reporting helps others from becoming victims

If someone representing an insurance company is calling and threatening you, contact the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation, also part of DCBS, at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free).

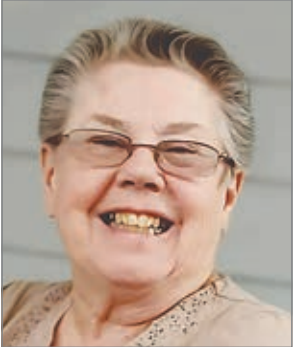
OBITUARIES



Her son, Steve Shuck and his wife Sara Shuck are having a celebration of life for Julie on Sunday Feb 22nd at 1-3p at the of Julie's niece, Ginger Murphy. Address 1525 Shady Ln NE, Keizer. A potluck provided by the family will follow.

Julia was born Nov 3, 1948, in Southern California and lived in California, Oklahoma and Oregon. She settled in Dallas and Bridgeport working as a bartender in Salem and Dallas. In Dallas, she worked at the Hong Kong, Oak Knoll and several Dallas restaurants. In Salem, she was a very well-loved bartender at Webers/Webers II until she retired from bartending and moved to Salem to begin her own cleaning business.

Those who knew Julie



JULIA SHUCK
November 3, 1948 - January 17, 2026
Julia Shuck (Juj) passed away Jan. 17, 2026. She was 77 years old.

from Dallas or Salem, please join her family in celebration of her well lived life.

Julie embraced life and had a smile and enthusiasm that was infectious. When she laughed, it was with gusto and she shared that love of life with her family, friends and customers. She was very well known in the bartending world back in the day.

She also cared very much for her family, providing love and support when needed. She worried over the health of others, even before her own. She was a very important person in our life and was well loved.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Laverne Hattensty, and her son Todd. Her sister, Sharon Mckibben and her sons Steve and

Chris and their wives and children were at her bedside when she passed and will miss her immensely.

Her sister, Sharon and brother Art Hattensty survive her.

BILL "WIGGLEY" DIXON
Loving and loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. A brilliant man who taught us how to enjoy and live life to the fullest. He treated all people with the utmost respect and kindness and left a positive influence on all that were fortunate enough to have met him. He was a proud and devoted husband to his soulmate for 62 years as well as serving his country honorably as a United States Navy veteran. He volunteered his time to the Nestucca Valley Anglers Association as a way to give back to the State of Oregon and her rivers which he loved so much. Bill passed away at the age of 84 and will happily be remembered by his family and all other hearts that he touched.



SONIA (NISSON) CHAPPELL
January 18, 1945 - January 30, 2026
Sonia was born in Lebanon and passed from many complications of diabetes diagnosed at the age 10.

Sonia is survived by her husband, LeRoy, her children Nicole Chappell, Michael Chappell, Kimberly (Bill) McGill, her sisters Harriet Newton of Bend and Linda (Dale) Barrett of Redmond. She is also survived by her grandchildren, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews who loved her.

She grew up in Dallas and graduated from Dallas High in 1963. While in high school she was a cheer leader and involved in I'm choir. After graduation she married Larry Harriman, they divorced in 1967. She worked in the Salem area until her and her second husband, LeRoy, moved to Corvallis where they owned a T-Shirt Plus Apparel store for many years. They moved to Redmond, Oregon in 1996 after they both retired.

Sonia loved to play golf with her husband and spent many winters in the Palm Springs. Sonia had a quick wit and always a positive attitude. She had a love of her Lord and Savior and until she couldn't, attended St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond.

Services were at St. Thomas Catholic Church - Redmond Oregon on February 11, 2026.

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DEATH NOTICES

Doris Avonne Bruce
Aug. 5, 1935 - Feb. 1, 2026

Doris Avonne Bruce (Spears), 90, passed away Sunday, February 1, 2026 in Forest Grove, Oregon. A private burial was held held at Lewis Cemetery in Foster, Oregon. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com

James H Kampmann
Born Sept. 4, 1950, Passed Feb. 9, 2026

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“...the cost of the extreme weather damages from 2000 to 2019 breaks down to around \$16.3 million per hour.”
— Illan Noy and Rebecca Newman, climate attribution study, Nature Communications

BY PHILIP S. WENZ

We are in the midst of a global climate crisis. Long-standing predictions about the “coming climate catastrophe” are outdated. We have crossed the threshold into the first of three major phases of the disaster, and there is no turning back — although our future actions could slow the pace at which we approach the next phase, and possibly prevent entering the third phase in which our planet no longer supports

civilization. What are the three major phases of the climate crisis? Although they are impossible to define and date precisely, we can identify their general characteristics and order of occurrence. Phase one, our current phase, is characterized by virtually nonstop and unpredictable climate-related problems. We will enter phase two, which has been called the “climate-economic doom loop,” when the climate crisis overwhelms the global economy. Phase three is the dissolution of civilization resulting from the long-term, cumulative effects of global warming and the general economic collapse. A constant stream of phase one events — floods, droughts, unseasonal tornadoes, intense hurricanes — garners

global headlines. We can expect them to become more frequent and severe over time. Also, the occurrence of these abrupt events is random; we never know when and where they’ll hit. The negative impacts of climate change reinforce each other. For example, higher temperatures increase evaporation, which, among other things, sets the stage for massive wildfires. Those destroy timber resources, and, sometimes, homes or entire towns; are costly to fight; and release greenhouse gases and other pollutants, helping set the stage for more climate problems. Additionally, our weather is now unpredictable and unreliable. For example, the monsoon season might arrive on time and with a normal

amount of rain, or come late with long gaps between big storms that cause severe flooding and destroy, rather than nurture, seasonal crops. The second phase is the climate-economic doom loop. We will enter that phase when the climate crisis has weighed so heavily on the global economy that we no longer have the financial resources to address it. According to a 2023 study in the scientific journal “Nature Communications,” global economic damage from just 185 extreme weather events exceeded \$2.86 trillion since the turn of the century. Climate change is conservatively predicted to reduce global GDP by 12% by 2100, although that, or worse, could happen sooner. As the frequency of intense climate impacts

accelerates, so will its economic impacts. Current climate-exacerbated economic problems, such as rising costs of everything from food and water to transportation, housing, and insurance threaten to make the global economy highly vulnerable to collapse. A single fast-developing climate problem, say a global agricultural water shortage, could easily push it over the edge. Also, as it interferes with our ability to operate our society, our flagging economy will make the climate situation worse because of our inability to implement solutions such as developing alternative energy sources and switching to sustainable agricultural methods. When will we be trapped in the climate-economic doom-loop phase? Like the

current ubiquitous climate crisis phase we are already mired in, we won’t know until we have passed that threshold and look back. But we can clearly see the early signs of its development, just as decades ago we could foresee our current predicament. This downward spiral of events is the path to phase three of the climate crisis, wherein massive climate migration, food shortages, and so on will result in true climate chaos. We’ve already seen the early signs of this final development. What steps can we take to prevent it? Perhaps, together, we can find answers to that urgent question. Philip S. Wenz studies environmental trends and developments. Visit his blog at Firebird Journal (firebirdjournal.com).

Special Moments: What happened to innocence?

By GARY DEROWITSCH

There is a very special time in a child’s life that I call the time of innocences, a time when children can be children. They can play, pretend, run, laugh, build forts, listen to fairy tales, and most importantly not worry about the essentials of life, (food, shelter, clothing, etc.) All they have to do is wake up each morning and enjoy day after day of endless joyful fun.

As a child, it seems like this dream life will never end; in fact most kids don’t even think about time. Also, at least for me, it was a time of inventing things to do, like pole vaulting over a small creek with a bamboo pole, or building underground forts both in my backyard and down by the river. I recently tried to locate that underground fort but was unsuccessful or maybe I was very successful in that the point of building an underground

fort was to be able to hide where no one could find you. I see kids playing in my neighborhood carefree, full of energy having the time of their life but never far from home. No fears, no concerns, just happy kids being happy kids. It always reminds me of my own childhood. I can honestly say they were some of the happiest days of my life. I miss those days. Often I have whispered to myself, “If only I could go back in time.”

I seem to spend a lot of my time visiting my old neighborhood, reminiscing about all those wonderful days. Sometimes I wonder if I’m guilty of trying to hold on to an innocence that has long disappeared. Today is a far different world. What used to be common, like not locking your doors at night, staying out until 9 p.m. without having to worry about someone attacking or abducting you, or riding your bike all around town never concerned about

your safety. Those were the days of innocence. Free to roam your town, free to play, free to dream. Things have changed. It is no longer safe for a grade school child to play into the night any distance from home. Drugs are rampant and a growing population of people are willing to hurt or cause you harm. My brother and I used to walk to and from grade school. Now you see cars lined up at school parking lots, parents picking up their children at

the end of the school day. Some children do still walk to and from school, but not nearly as many as when I was growing up. So when did it end? When did the innocence of our neighborhoods disappear and why? I’m really not sure but sadly a large part of it seems to have been lost. Maybe, some day it will return. Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OREGON LEGISLATORS SUPPORTING FIGHT ON CANCER

It was my great honor to attend American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network’s Day at the Capital on Feb. 10. We visited our legislator’s offices to ask them to make sure that women in Oregon who receive an abnormal cervical cancer screening result are covered by insurance for the follow up diagnostic exams, which can cost upwards of \$1,000. Approximately 5% of women screened need this vital support. I am happy to report that SB 1527 was passed in the Senate and want to thank Senator Starr for his “yes” vote. We were also assured by Representative Scharf that she would support this legislation when it is brought to a vote in the House. Early detection and adequate screening is a vital part of the fight against cancer. We also asked our legislators to include funding in the budget for those programs, including Screenwise that could be reduced or cut in the wake of federal funding cuts.

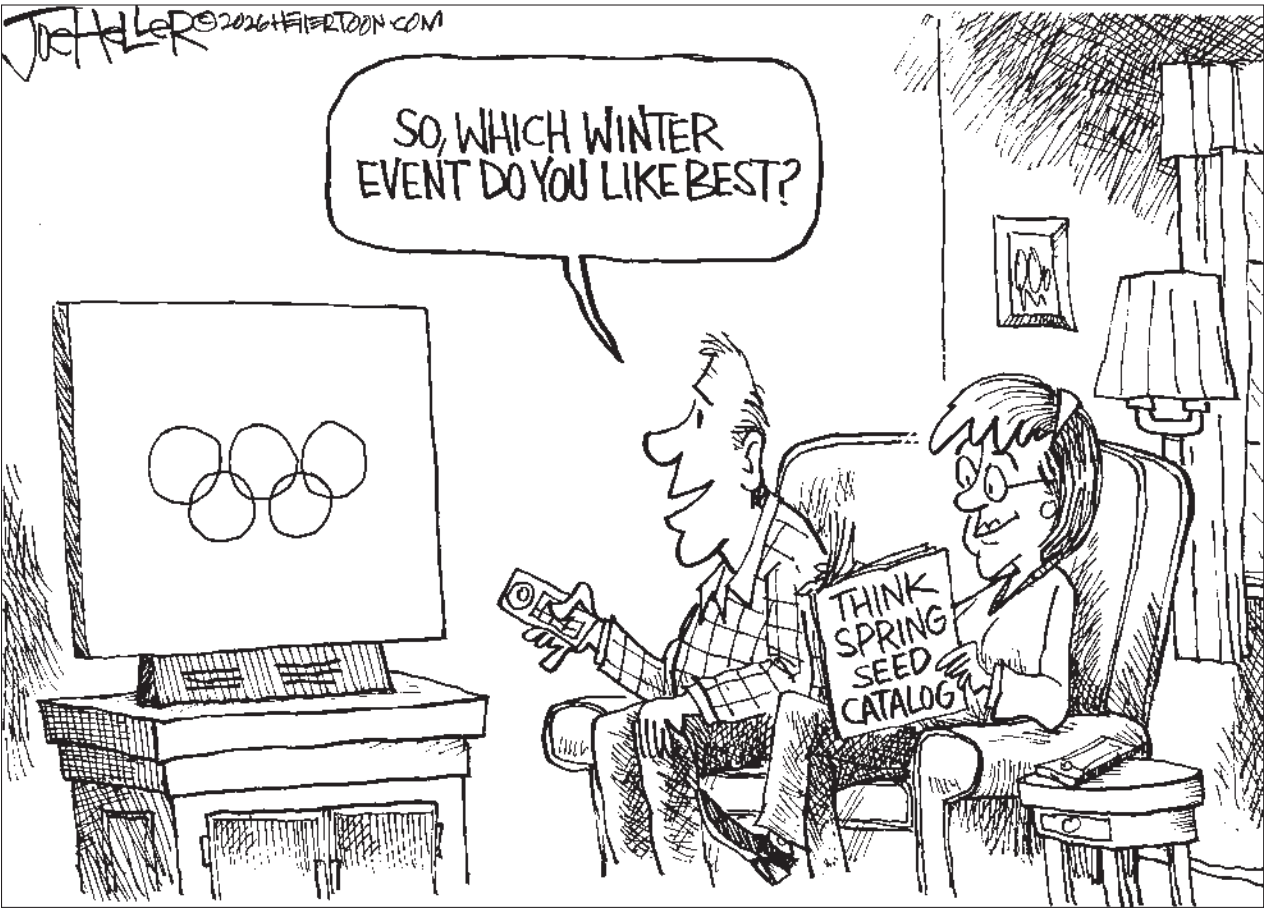
Please visit our website www.fightcancer.org/OR to get involved and help save lives in Oregon. Kay Graven Dallas
THANK YOU TO MAYORS WHO SUPPORT ICE ACCOUNTABILITY
I am writing to say thank you to Falls City

Mayor TJ Bailey and Monmouth Mayor Cecelia Koontz for joining Oregon Governor Tina Kotek and 29 other Oregon mayors in a Feb. 5 letter to Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and White House border czar Tom Homan demanding “...an immediate halt to federal immigration

enforcement actions in Oregon until thorough investigations of use of force incidents in Minneapolis, in Portland, and all other use of force incidents by federal agents are thoroughly investigated and those involved are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.”

Shame on Salem Mayor Julie Hoy, Dallas Mayor Rich Slack and Independence Mayor Kate Schwarzler for not joining with the other 31 mayors who signed the letter. I urge the citizens of those cities to contact their mayors and other elected officials and ask them to explain why they

do not believe that their cities do not deserve accountability, and protection, from these out-of-control federal authorities. Joseph Koubek Dallas



Temp/Rainfall	
Feb. 9 - 55 37	0.12
Feb. 10 - 54 39	0.00
Feb. 11 - 58 32	0.00
Feb. 12 - 56 32	0.00
Feb. 13 - 49 38	0.10
Feb. 14 - 47 35	0.19
Feb. 15 - 47 41	0.09
Total Feb. 9-15 -	0.40
Total through Feb. 15 -	1.99
Weekly Online Poll	
Would you vote yes on a four-year operations levy in November to help keep the Polk County Fairgrounds open beyond 2026?	
Yes -	60.3%
No -	39.7%

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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: CRANIAL COMPUTER

Bahrain

Monkeyshine

Restrain

Sprain

Drain

Moonshine

Rise and shine

Sunshine

Drivetrain

Outshine

Shoeshine

Terrain

Ingrain

Refrain

Spit-shine

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Wheel is larger. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Window is missing. 4. Button is missing. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Sidewalk is wider.

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Americanisms

"All the thoughts of a turtle are turtle."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Super Crossword

REPTILIAN EMPIRE

ACROSS

1 Soft drink giant

9 Pappy (old hit song)

12 Masticate

19 Oval wind instruments

20 Took too far

22 Put concrete on

23 Start of a riddle

25 Partially

26 Hair, often

27 Penta-plus one

28 Spitting beast

30 Everything

31 Unusual

34 "Our Gang" novelist Roth

37 Actress Peet of "Trust Me"

39 Riddle, part 2

44 Leonardo of "Titanic"

46 Cony letter

48 Given a permanent post

47 Cereal grain

48 Computer menu option

50 Prefix with chemistry

53 Curiosity's planet

54 Riddle, part 3

60 Palatable

61 Computer menu option

62 Revise, as a manuscript

63 Yank's home

66 Try to be like

69 A couple of

71 Mice, e.g.

73 House divs.

74 Kinda

77 And higher, as in price

80 Perfect

81 Riddle, part 4

85 Dali

88 Contaminate

89 Big burden

90 Sports draw

91 Paper-folding craft

94 Part of BTW or OTC

96 "Allow me to assist"

99 End of the riddle

103 Allergy sufferer's device

104 While swan in "Swan Lake"

105 Audit org.

106 Spy's device

107 With

112 Across, "Hold on!"

109 Sneak attack

112 See

107 Across

115 Akron's state

117 Riddle's answer

123 Painter Vincent van —

124 Fastening feature of many a face mask

125 Ultimate consumers of products

126 With

83 Down, Italian veal dish

127 "Zine staffers

128 Antis' votes

129 Occupied, as an inn

DOWN

1 Female whales

2 Eight, in Peru

3 "Misery" actor James

4 Prado display

5 102, to Nero

6 Walk (small roles)

7 Plastering strip

8 Arthur of tennis

9 Troy of "A Summer Place"

10 Gardner or DuVernay of film

11 Biden's party: Abbr.

12 Basketball coach Rupp

13 Re-sof linkup

14 Boiled, salted soybeans

15 1040 pro

16 Dance similar to the tango

17 Unsightly soul

18 Marshy habitats

21 Holy artifact

24 Trade show

29 "So true!"

31 Fertilizable cells

32 Chip go-with

33 Actress Bo

35 "The risks outweigh the benefits"

36 Intense beam

38 Some reunion-goers

39 U.S. women's soccer star at the Atlanta Olympics

40 Living ink squiggle

41 Assistant

42 Idaho's capital

43 Person doing penance

44 One searching for water with a divining rod

49 Tanit

51 Sporty truck, in brief

52 Daquiri base

55 "Cool" cash amount

56 Very little, as of salt

57 Tantrum

58 Ban of electronics

59 Give as a bonus

63 Like wasted food

64 In a theatrical manner

65 Snoozing

67 Shoe tip

68 Like Nin's writings

70 "Mind Train" singer Yoko

72 Baseball great Roush

75 Old Pan Am competitor

76 "Shy" singer DiFranco

114 — la vie!

78 ET's craft

79 Fail to keep one's cool

81 Return to base after a fly ball

82 — rous

83 See

126 Across

84 "Likewise"

86 Wyoming tribc members

87 Small swine breeds

92 Several

93 Plant-eating sea mammal

95 Catches in a snare

97 "Planet Money" ailer

98 Includes

100 People lugging things

101 Politician Mo. Mark or Tom

102 Ship's agging

108 "If only — know!"

110 — of March

111 Taboo thing

112 Litigated

113 Poet Pound

116 "Well well!"

118 Charged atom

119 Animal park

120 Rx watchdog

121 Dude

122 Suffix of enzymes

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Weekly SUDOKU

5 7 3
8 2 1 4 5 6
1 8 4 2 9 6
6 3 9 7 8
7 5

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals V

NFQV QFEOHGIS OICG-OIHGFCV
AQTS BOITJOMCTQFA GI
RWTCTFYQI MOEGJWQIGO:
ROI JFQIOIAW NOEGTB.

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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.

+ - ÷ = 2
+ × = 45
× ÷ - = 36
= = =
56 4 11

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Out on a Limb

AWARD FOR SHORTEST TIME ANYONE WAS EVER A GUNSLINGER IN THE OLD WEST...

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by Gary Kopervas

ON A COUNT OF THREE, ONE!

DAG SUMMIT! I FORGOT MY GUN.

JACUZZI JACK

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Amber Waves

OK, THAT SHOULD DO IT. OUR BEST SNOWMAN EVER!

I'D HATE TO SEE ALL OUR HARD WORK GO TO WASTE.

I GUESS WE HAVE TWO CHOICES. WATCH HIM MELT AWAY OR STICK PARTS OF HIM IN THE FREEZER.

WOW, SO MY CHOICES ARE SUPER DEPRESSING OR JUST DOWNRIGHT CREEPY?

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Moments in time

- On March 2, 1933, construction officially began on Australia's Sydney Opera House. The structure's first performance occurred in a rather unusual way in 1960, when singer and labor activist Paul Robeson climbed the scaffolding and serenaded workers while they ate lunch.
- On March 3, 1965, more than 30 U.S. Air Force jets struck targets along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a military supply route running from North Vietnam through Laos and Cambodia to South Vietnam. The route sent weapons, manpower, ammunition and other supplies from communist-led North Vietnam to their supporters in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War.
- On March 4, 1952, Ernest Hemingway finished his short novel "The Old Man and the Sea," writing to his publisher the same day that it was the best writing he'd ever done. Critics agreed and the book not only won the Pulitzer Prize the following year but became one of his bestselling works. It would also be his last significant work of fiction before he died by suicide less than a decade later.
- On March 5, 1989, Michael Anderson Godwin, who'd been sentenced to death by electric chair for a 1980 murder sentence, accidentally took justice into his own hands when he electrocuted himself on his jail cell's steel toilet after biting into a wire while trying to fix a pair of earphones.
- On March 6, 1987, the British Herald of Free Enterprise ferry, an 8,000-ton ship owned by Townsend Car Ferries, capsized after departing Zeebrugge, Belgium, drowning 188 passengers. The tragedy was attributed to poor safety procedures.
- On March 7, 2010, Kathryn Bigelow became the first woman to win a Best Director Academy Award for her film "The Hurt Locker," about an American bomb squad that disables explosives in Iraq. Only three women had previously been nominated for the award.
- On March 8, 1981, a nuclear accident at a Japan Atomic Power Company plant in Tsuruga, Japan, exposed more than 50 workers to radiation when they were sent in to clean things up before the leak could escape the disposal building. Unfortunately, the plan was not successful and 16 tons of waste ended up in the Wakasa Bay.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What is a bunch of bananas called?
- MOVIES: Who is Neo's nemesis in "The Matrix"?
- MUSIC: The Broadway show "Jersey Boys" is about which music group?
- TELEVISION: In which U.S. city is the sitcom "New Girl" set?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is the name of the helicopter that transports U.S. presidents?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Lake of the Ozarks is in which U.S. state?
- HISTORY: When did construction begin on the Berlin Wall?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called mageiophobia?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?
- LITERATURE: Which country is the setting for the novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman"?

Answers

- A hand, and each banana is a finger.
- Agent Smith.
- The Four Seasons.
- Los Angeles.
- Marine One.
- Missouri.
- 1961.
- A fear of cooking.
- Jupiter.
- England.

Investigating the Bible: The Lord is My Shepherd

**By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR**

King David compared himself to sheep. A common misconception is that sheep are stupid; why would David use that comparison? Research shows sheep are intelligent. They can recognize and remember for two years the faces of up to 50 other sheep or humans. David in his youth had been a shepherd, so he knew that sheep are smart, but dependent. Looking at the life of a shepherd reveals David's relationship with God.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads

me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (Psalm 23:1-3, English Standard Version used throughout).

Shepherds knew each sheep by name, and so David trusted that God knew him intimately. The images of sheep grazing calmly on grass by quiet water, illustrate David's trust that God would provide. Not only physical provisions, but David recognized that God provided spiritual help, restoring his soul.

In another place, after David had committed adultery and murder, he turned to God for forgiveness.

"Against you, you only,, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...Create in me a

clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." (Psalm 51:4, 10-12).

Evil actions do not have to be the end if a person repents and turns to God, as David did. David Berkowitz, called the Son of Sam, terrorized New York City in the late 1970s. He randomly killed six people. In the 1990s he said he had converted to Christianity, and doesn't want to get out of prison, which he considers his place of ministry. It's a hard message to accept for the surviving family members of the innocents

he killed, but it is the kind of forgiveness God offers.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4).

The shepherd's staff was longer and lighter, and often had a crook on the end, like a question mark. A sheep that had fallen into a crevasse or a pit could be lifted out gently and rescued. It was the shepherd's walking stick, helping him keep his balance. The rod was usually smaller and heavier, probably secured in a sash at his waist. It was the weapon to fight off wolves, bears, or lions in order to protect the sheep. David also had his

sling for throwing stones at high speeds and with great accuracy.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:5,6).

David had faith that at his death he would enter eternity with God.

Heaven is not certain for some, but it is a certainty for the parents of Colton Burpo. Max Lucado is the minister of Oak Hills Church in Texas and a Christian author. He wrote about Colton, who when he was four years old apparently died, but was revived during

an emergency appendectomy. Over the next few months he told his parents about his trip to heaven, mentioning the names of people he had never met on earth.

Then he told his mother, "You had a baby die in your tummy didn't you?"

They had never told Colton about the miscarriage. He was too young. The mother asked, "Who told you I had a baby die in my tummy?"

Colton said, "She did. It's okay, Mommy. She's okay. God adopted her."

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

MONMOUTH

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incident.

Patrol officers identified Debnam as the suspect. Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit were called in to assist

with the investigation. Information was shared with local law enforcement, and shortly thereafter the Monmouth Police Department reported they had located the involved vehicle near their police department. Salem officers and

a Salem canine team responded to the area. Officers and deputies with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Independence Police Department and Monmouth Police Department worked together closely to

further the investigation. Debnam was captured when he attempted to return to the vehicle that officers were monitoring. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Salem Police Department. Debnam was lodged

at the Marion County Jail on multiple charges, including attempted murder in the second degree, unlawful use of a weapon and menacing. Additional charges may be pending.

In the press release, the Salem Police Department thanked the

responding patrol officers, Violent Crimes Unit detectives, police officers from Keizer, Monmouth and Independence departments and the Polk County Sheriff's Office for their collaborative efforts in this investigation.

Worship Directory

DALLAS

Bahá'í Faith — Building a Better World: "Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship." — Bahá'u'lláh. All are warmly invited to an interfaith gathering on the last Sunday of each month at 2:00. You are encouraged to share any quotations, prayers, poems, and songs related to the theme for the month. For details call 971-804-5943 or 503-269-3333. (Please leave a message for call back.) More about the Bahá'í Faith: www.bahai.org or www.bahaisofsalem.org

Dallas Church — PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 9am & 10:30am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families and children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. www.dallaschurch.org

Dallas Church of Christ — 691 NE Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, 503-623-8791. Sundays: 9:30am Bible Classes for all, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm Group Bible Talk, Wednesdays: 6:30pm Bible Study. Come to any, come to them all! Individual Bible studies gladly made by appointment. Web:dallaschurchofchrist.com.

Dallas Evangelical Church — A Place of Hope and Healing: 783 SW Church Street, Dallas Oregon, across from the Post Office. Find us on Facebook: on page DallasEC, MyDallasEC Friends and www.dallasec.org. Join us on Sundays in person or on Zoom for weekly Bible Study and Worship Service. We worship in a contemporary, casual format. Sunday Services: Bible Study 9:00 AM; Worship Service 10:00 AM, zoom room 228-034-850. Celebrate Recovery (a Christ Based 12 Step Program) is also on Sundays and starts with Dinner 5:00 PM; Large Group (Worship) 6:00 PM, and small groups at 7PM. We have a Community Clothing Closet: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat 9 AM - Noon; Thurs Nights 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Step Studies are often starting or ending all year and meeting at various times. Message phone 503-623-3778. Find us on Facebook: DallasEC or join MyDallasEC Friends. You can email pastor Dave at pastor.dave@dallasec.org

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

Evangelical Bible Church — 1175 S.E. Howe St., Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Troy Bassham, Youth Pastor Andrew Wheeler, Sunday services 9:00am & 10:30am. Awana 6:30pm Wednesday. Weekly Prayer meeting 6:30pm Wednesday. Women's Bible Study Thursday 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Men's Bible Study Thursday 6:30pm. Compass Middle School Youth Group Thursday 6:30pm. Forged High School Youth Group Tuesday 6:30pm. Live Streamed services via facebook and youtube @EBCDallas.

Grace Community Church — 598 E. Ellendale Ave. Dallas, 503-623-4961. Lead Pastor- Dave Bertolini, Sunday Worship Gatherings 9:00am, with Nursery-5th Grade programs, Youth Life Groups, and scheduled Sunday School Classes running concurrently & 10:45am, with Nursery-5th Grade programs, and scheduled Sunday School Classes, running concurrently. Live Stream our 10:45am service at www.graceindallas.online.church

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Living Word Faith Fellowship — 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Ray Huff. Sunday Prayer 9:30am, Worship 10:00am, Children's Church (during service, nursery provided). Wednesday Prayer 6:30pm, Worship 7:00pm. Men's fellowship second Saturday, Pastor Ray Huff is in charge of men's fellowship. Call for info 503-623-9062.

Salt Creek Baptist Church — 15075 Salt Creek Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Interim Pastor John Dotson, Family Pastor Josiah Buhler. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday morning Worship Gathering 10:50am. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Middle and High School youth at 6:30pm. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

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

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

Liturgical Schedule

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

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

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

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

St. Thomas Episcopal Church — Welcome! Our church is located at 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Our phone number is 503-623-5822 . Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of our congregation on Sundays for the 10 a.m. service or find us live on Facebook and updates. Join us for coffee after our service. Our services are as follows: 1st and 3rd Sundays are Morning Prayer. 2nd and 4th Sundays are Holy Eucharist. Blessings!

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Jenna Rogers gets in a hair raising hold during a match on her way to finishing first place at 140 pounds.



FEE MAIL

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can't get it out for you. The truck has left town already."

There are private mailboxes their clients sign up for. Access is just a little blocked by all the inventory overflowing on every space where something can be set down.

"People have so many packages sent here and big envelopes. We just go get them in the back for them. We're just a friendly neighborhood depot," Weston explained.

It's that neighborly friendliness that has kept them going the past decade, including through the difficult pandemic shutdown.

"We printed out so many documents from email. That's how we survived COVID. We were the only place you could come to and print out a document because the library was closed," Weston said. "And then everyone needed a notary because you couldn't go to the offices. And so we were doing notary,

we were helping everyone with their Amazon returns. They found us because they couldn't go to Salem with everything shut down."

They set up a table just inside the doorway for limited contact drop-offs and pickups.

"We managed to survive by being helpful and supportive and safe and consistent," Weston added.

Not being on Main Street, Weston said they've tried experimenting with other services to generate more foot traffic to Fee Mail Depot.

"People come in, they ship the package and they leave," she said.

So they went through a phase selling second-hand furniture. While mostly successful, Weston said the furniture and the store's interior carpeting were not an ideal match.

She and Porvancha had experience hosting weddings and other events. So they stocked up on rental items for sale, but transitioned into a more successful rental business. Thus TLCelbrations was born.

"We had all this stuff.

And we were trying to sell it, but we ended up renting it. And so we grew and grew. And just as we made money, I put it right back into the rental. And it's a separate business now," Weston said.

Fee Mail Depot most recently became home for Maul Melts, which closed their own storefront that also didn't generate enough foot traffic a block off Main Street.

"So we're gladly going to work with them. You can walk in and get your caramels. You can still order them. And they'll bring them here so you don't have to have them shipped," Weston said.

"So they're going back to what they do best, which is the caramels and the candies and all that. And we're going to take care of them for a while."

Weston said Maui Melts will still be out and about with booths at different fairs and events and the occasional pop-up event at the depot.

"But if there's something special you want, you can just message them and order them, on their Facebook page, or from their phone number,



Photos by SMY Photography

Yoselin Nunez (above) got into early trouble at 105 pounds, but ended up reversing the situation, winning a first place title.

Nanasi Talakai (left) gets her opponent in an intense hold en route to a second place finish at 125 pounds.

Khadijah Tabib (right) has her hand raised in an early round victory at 155 pounds. She went on to finish third.



CURVES

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franchisees faced was the pandemic that shut down gyms. She said the secret to staying open during pandemic was finding a way to provide a service to her clients, one way or another.

"Our level of service is much different than a traditional gym. So we even did workouts in the park and stuff when you couldn't work out inside," Sperling said.

After making it through the pandemic shutdowns that saw many locations shutter throughout the state, Sperling expanded in 2021 to a second location in Corvallis.

She said at first, the Corvallis location didn't grow fast enough.

"It just was really stable with a low membership, just barely covering the bills," Sperling said, adding she sold the Monmouth store in 2024 to concentrate on the Corvallis location.

"When I sold this one, I was able to dedicate more time to Corvallis. And it exploded. So it's at a healthy membership."

The ownership of the two stores came full

circle.

"We decided to sell the Monmouth one to a gal who wanted to do this for her career," Sperling said. "And she is moving. So she has given it back to me. And so I'm back with this."

She considers both locations at a healthy membership level now, with about 200 total clients.

"And we're just continuing to grow," Sperling added.

She also works as a mentor for the franchise system, touting the success model for other owners and clients.

"We're the most science-backed program. It's the most scientifically validated exercise and weight management program in the world. And we specialize in strict training," Sperling explained.

She said the gym's equipment is specially designed for women.

"It fits ergonomically for women. And women typically, they're doing all of these things for the family. So a 30-minute workout is the most that a lot of women have the time to give," Sperling said. "Also, just having a place they can come to where it's safe and

not intimidating. There's always a coach guiding them."

She added the success model also involves building up a community of clients making real connections.

"We call it 'the sisterhood.' My kids love to call it the cult," she joked.

She added Curves attracts all types of clients, from those on a weight loss journey to those looking to stay fit.

Sperling also likes the support she gets from Curves' franchise system.

"It's a really good franchise system. And I just really appreciate the fact that we're scientifically validated. I think that's really important because there's so many fads and things out there. They have a lot of research. (Other gyms) are not validated. People get injuries consistently at other facilities. And a lot of times people are doing the wrong things. But Curves is really helpful to the family and our children."

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Foundation in place for Mountaineers' girls

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

This season was about laying a foundation for the Falls City varsity girls basketball team.

Steve Lynn was in his first year as head coach, though he was far from new to the Mountaineers program. He had spent roughly 20 years alongside former coach Micke Kidd, including a 15-year stretch before taking a break.

Lynn returned in 2024-25 as an assistant, then stepped into the lead role when Kidd's responsibilities as school principal made it difficult for him to continue coaching.

"I said, 'Let's try it,'" Lynn said. "It was a learning year."

That description applies to both team and coach.

The roster was small in number, featuring one senior (Lynzee Boone),



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Mountaineer Lacey Arismendez drives past Pirate Kaila Gibson as Mallory Gunther (12) and Charlotte McKee battle for position. Perrydale won the contest Feb. 4, 68-18.

two sophomores and five freshmen. Three players returned from the previous season, though only two had logged varsity minutes.

"They were getting better each game," Lynn said of his squad. "I

had to remember they were freshmen in a way. It was their first year really playing full-time minutes."

Improvement shown in their grasp of spacing,

See **GIRLS**, page B8



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Central's Ezra Wells (3) get reaches for the rebound while teammates (from left) Cooper Larson, Lucas Haines, Asher Baker, and Tyler Olafson crash the boards, overwhelming Dallas' (from left) Lukas Lawless, Nicholas Walker and Azriel Guevara-Marshall.

Panthers ground the Dragons in 72-37 win

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Central used another strong defensive start to power past Dallas in a Friday league game.

The Panthers opened

on a 15-0 run and held the Dragons to 13 total points in the first half. The deluge continued as the boys went on to defeat the Dragons, 72-37.

Central is 12-1 in league and 15-4 overall with the win.

The Panthers have made quick starts a habit

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Landon Eichler (1) powers his way for a lay-up against St. Paul.

Improving Pirates secure fourth seed in playoffs

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Perrydale took care of business down the stretch, thereby clinching the fourth seed in the Casco League play-in tournament for varsity boys basketball.

The Pirates won three of their final four league games to finish 6-6 in the league and 8-16 overall. The late surge secured a home game to open postseason action.

"Fourth seed gives us a home playoff game and that's a big deal for us," said Pirates coach Brian Domes.

While home court

matters, Domes is also encouraged by the strides his team is making. A recent rematch with league champion St. Paul provides a clear example of that progress, even in defeat.

After falling 60-29 in their first game, Perry cut the margin significantly in a 52-43 loss that was marked by a stronger defensive effort.

"I came into this game really happy and excited about the opportunity to play St. Paul," Domes said. "The kids played really hard, and we allowed a lot fewer points."

Offense, a season-long challenge, continues to improve as well.

"We've struggled to score all season, and our scoring's coming up," he said. "A lot of things that are happening are positive."

Perrydale closed its regular season with league rematch wins over C.S. Lewis (55-28) and Chemawa (57-53). Their late loss came against non-league Southwest Christian, 62-56.

Scheduling for the playoff game against Chemawa was not finalized by deadline.

Two Dallas teams roll into state bowling tourney

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Dallas High School bowling program has grown from a small, after-school club into one of the state's most competitive teams.

Under head coach Ray Rogers, Dallas is sending both a girls team and an open (or boys) team to the state tournament, set for Feb. 27 through

March 1 at Park Lanes in Hillsboro.

The junior varsity girls placed third at districts, but is ineligible by rules to compete at state. Members from this team did qualify as individuals, however.

"We got a first and a third at districts," Rogers said. "My girls teams are dominant. They are undefeated this season."

A second-place finish is what will send the boys team to state.

Dominance like this doesn't happen overnight. When Rogers took over roughly a decade ago, the program had just six or seven bowlers. Now, Dallas regularly fields up to 25 athletes, more than enough bowlers to

See **TOURNEY**, page B8



PHOTO COURTESY DALLAS BOWLING

The Dragon bowling teams celebrate after finishing in the top three at district, with two teams qualifying for state finals.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Feb. 10

Central 67, Woodburn 36

Lebanon 64, Dallas 41

C.S. Lewis 69, Falls City 16

Feb. 13

Central 72, Dallas 37

Perrydale 57, Chemawa 53

Willamette Valley Christian 60, Falls City 30

Feb. 14

Southwest Christian 62, Perrydale 56

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Feb. 9

Perrydale 53, C.S. Lewis 26

Feb. 10

Central 58, Woodburn 31

Lebanon 57, Dallas 27

Falls City lost by forfeit to C.S. Lewis

Feb. 11

Powers 42, Perrydale 36

Feb. 13

Central 48, Dallas 38

Perrydale 33, Chemawa 19

Willamette Valley Christian 47, Falls City 20

Feb. 14

Southwest Christian 45, Perrydale 15

SPORTS CALENDAR

BOYS WRESTLING

MID-WILLAMETTE CONFERENCE FINALS

Feb. 20-21

Salem Armory Auditorium

SWIMMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 20-21

Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center, Beaverton

BOYS BASKETBALL

Feb. 19

Dallas at Estacada, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 20

Central at Corvallis, 5:30 p.m.

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

Feb. 24

Central at Lebanon, 5:30 p.m.

Dallas at McKay, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Feb. 20

Central at Corvallis, 7 p.m.

South Albany vs. Dallas, 7 p.m.

Feb. 24

Central at Lebanon, 7 p.m.

Dallas at McKay, 7 p.m.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, 1986

Budget cuts loom

County city administrators and the county budget and finance director admit that they're not sure what the long-term effects of recently legislated budget cuts may be, but they're already planning for reduced revenues this year.

The county expects to lose about \$50,000 of \$1.2 million it had expected to receive in Oregon and California timber revenues this year. Cutbacks in the 1985-86 federal revenue sharing monies will mean Dallas will lose about \$33,000, Monmouth near \$8,000 and Independence approximately \$5,000.

Oakdale parents raise concerns

A recent meeting at Oakdale Heights Elementary School brought out concerns by some parents over the application of one segment of Dallas School District's personal safety program.

About 20 parents met with Oakdale school officials Friday. The meeting followed questions about teaching methods used to mark the recent Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Oakdale students were reportedly separated into groups of blue eyes and brown eyes to help teach the meaning of segregation.

Dallas girls lose game, six players

The road ahead for the Dallas High girls basketball team got a little rougher last week following the loss of a game and the report of training infractions involving six varsity players.

Dallas coach Jim Fairchild said one player had been removed from the team and five others suspended for a week after "breaking of training rules" over a period of three incidents.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1986: KEEPING IN TOUCH - U.S. Senator Bob Packwood chats with Irv McBee, assembler at Caterpillar Industrial Inc's Dallas plant. Packwood visited the assembly plant during a 45-minute visit Tuesday morning. (File I-O photo.)

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 1976

Hearing Monday on proposed Home Rule change

Elected officials in the county government will become much scarcer than they are now if a proposed Home Rule Charter is approved by the voters. The new home rule proposed substantially changes five presently elective positions – sheriff, assessor, clerk, surveyor and treasurer – by having the positions filled through appointment by the county commissioners.

The home rule proposal also stipulates that the three county commissioners serve six-year terms instead of four-year terms.

Polk commission okays rock quarry hearing

A petition asking for a public hearing concerning the request by Henry Kaiser to operate a rock quarry was

received by the Polk County Commissioners Tuesday. The petition objected to the approval by the Planning Commission to allow Kaiser a conditional use permit to operate a rock quarry on his property.

Dragons whip Rangers in OT, lose to Fishermen in low scorer

The Dallas Dragons, who won the first half on the Western side of the Coast Valley League with a 7-1 record, are floundering after four games into the second half of the season.

Last Tuesday, the Orange and Black eked out an over-time victory at Estacada, 51-47, then dropped a 41-36 decision to the Fishermen.

Community Achievement

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN DEGREES FROM GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

Polk County students were among the undergraduate, accelerated online degree and graduate-level students who received diplomas from George Fox University at its fall graduation ceremony in December of 2025.

George Fox University is a Christian college classified by U.S. News & World Report as a "Best National University." More than 4,000 students attend classes on the university's campus in Newberg, Oregon, and at teaching centers in Portland and Redmond, Oregon. George Fox offers more than 60 undergraduate academic programs, accelerated online degree programs for working adults, seven seminary degrees, and 15 masters and doctoral degrees.

The following students earned degrees:

DALLAS

Gavin Grass, Master of Business Administration
Andrew Johnson, Master of Education in Educational Leadership: principal license specialization

WEST SALEM

Nathalie Angulo Velderrain, Master Of Business Administration
Daniel Garland, Bachelor Of Arts In Interdisciplinary Studies
Sean Haslett, Bachelor Of Science In Project Management
Kaylee Holstad, Bachelor Of Science In Kinesiology
Justin Hutteringer, Master Of Business Administration
Marissa Lange, Doctor Of Psychology In Clinical Psychology

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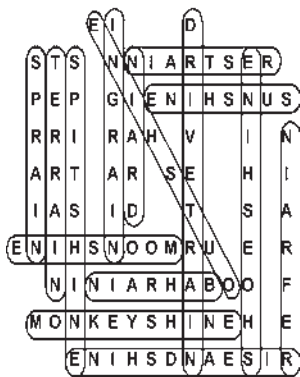
Very relaxing anti-anxiety drug manufactured in southern California: San Fernando Valium.

Go Figure!

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Community Calendar Jan. 21-28

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Evening of Abundance: Celebrating Black History Month, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Winter Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public

Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - 3rd Thursday Book Club discusses “The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Calligraphy Workshop, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
6 p.m. - Independence Parks Board meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/Cards/Table Games/6 Handed Pinochle
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior

Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Ed Desmarteau Solo, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - Live music: Danny Shaw, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
7 p.m. - Brandon Heath Bambinos benefit concert, Valley Life Center, 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas; tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$45 for VIPs and are available online at www.bambinosoregon.org
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center
3 p.m. - Live Music: Sig Paulson, Renegade Troubador, Salt Creek Cider House, 14500 Salt Creek Road, Dallas
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

1 p.m. - Beginning Sour Dough Class, by Pointer Farms Bakery, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas, sign up at <https://bit.ly/3O0fJRx>
4 p.m. - Live Music: Stephen Reynolds, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, FEB. 23

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Dallas Public Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Dallas Public Works Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
3:30 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 S. Warren St.
6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall S. 555 Main St.
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

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

Community Briefs

MONMOUTH SENIOR CENTER HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION FEB. 18

The Monmouth Senior Center hosts “Evening of Abundance”, celebrating Black History Month, from 6-7:30 p.m., at 180 Warren St. S. Enjoy a warm bowl of free gumbo and cornbread as they honor the culinary legacy and the women who brought it to life. Create your own plate to take home courtesy local chef Sovereignty Bites.

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB MEETS FEB. 19

The Third Thursday Book Club meets to discuss the book “The Magnificent Lives

of Marjorie Post” by Allison Patakat at 1 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

BRANDON HEATH TO PERFORM BAMBINOS BENEFIT CONCERT FEB. 20

Bambinos Oregon is hosting a benefit concert featuring Christian recording artist Brandon Heath, with opening guest John August, on Feb. 20 at Valley Life Center, located at 1795 SE Miller Ave., in Dallas. Proceeds from the event will support Bambinos Oregon’s mission of helping families with young children in rural Oregon communities by providing essential

baby supplies and support. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for VIP guests and 6:30 p.m. for General Admission. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$45 for VIPs and are available for purchase online at www.bambinosoregon.org.

DALLAS BOOK CLUBS MEETS FEB. 21

The new Sci-Fi/Fantasy book club at the Dallas Public Library meets at 2 p.m. Feb. 21. This month they will be discussing “The Bear and the Nightingale” by Katherine Arden. All are welcome to join. The March Sci-Fi read will be “Artemis” by Andy

Weir. The book club meets the third Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHOR HOSTS BOOK SIGNING FEB. 21

Author S.N. St Clair hosts a book signing for her new thriller, “The Forgotten Girl” from 2-4 p.m. at the New Morning Bakery, 788 Main St., Dallas. Books for purchase at the event are limited, so it will be first come, first served.

ELYSIUM HOSTS CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP FEB. 28

Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard hosts a spring themed candle making and wine workshop from 3-5

p.m. Feb. 28 at 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence. Enjoy a cozy and creative afternoon of candle making, paired with a delicious glass of wine. All materials are included, and you’ll take home two beautifully handcrafted candles. Limited spots available. Reserve a spot online at <https://bit.ly/4rbmsH1>.

WALK THE PATH COMMUNITY THEATRE HOSTS SPRING SHOW AUDITIONS FEB. 28

Walk the Path Community Theatre is hosting auditions for their spring show on Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Dallas Foursquare Church, 976 SW Hayter St., Dallas.

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PCIO26-151 NOTICE
OF SHERIFF'S
SALE

On 03-20-26, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 696 SW SHEILA ST. DALLAS, OR 97338. The court case number is 24CV52834, where DALLAS HEALTH CARE CENTER, L.L.C., doing business as DALLAS RETIREMENT VILLAGE is plaintiff, and MARY ANDERSON 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/>

PCIO26-150 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK
Probate Department
In the Matter of the Estate of JOAN M. ZELMER, Decedent. Case No. 26PB00664
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
Notice is hereby given that Robin L. Conard has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers attached, to the personal representative or her attorney, DONALD M. KELLEY, at law offices of KELLEY & KELLEY, 110 North Second Street, Silverton, OR 97381, within four months after the date of 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 published on February 18, 2026. Robin L. Conard Personal Representative

PCIO26-149 PUBLIC SALE RICKREALL MINI STORAGE
10255 Rickreall Rd Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900
ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 4/4/2026
At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY
Gary Henry F-19

PCIO26-147 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR POLK COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of: DOROTHY JEAN BUSS, Deceased. Case No. 26PB00599
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same within four months from this date at the law offices of Watkinson Laird Rubenstein, P.C., 1246 N.E. Seventh Street, Suite B, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526; claims not so presented may be barred. The rights of the heirs and devisees may be affected by this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from the Court records, the personal representative or the attorneys for the estate. Dated and Published: February 18, 2026 Kathleen Buss, Personal Representative

PCIO26-148 PUBLIC SALE RICKREALL MINI STORAGE
10255 Rickreall Rd Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900
ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 3/28/2026
At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY
Travis Ferguson A-7

PCIO26-146 2ND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Independence is completing an Early Childhood Educator Certification and Business Train-

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ing project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Oregon Business Development Department. The location of the project is: Independence and surrounding areas. It is estimated that the project has benefited at least 27 persons of whom 96% are low or moderate income. A public hearing will be held by the city council meeting at 6:30 on Tuesday March 10, 2026 at Independence City Hall, Council Chambers at 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon. The purpose of the hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government's performance. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by March 9, 2026, at 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon 97351. Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the city council. The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please let Myra Russell, City Recorder at 503-837-1174 know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing. More information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program and the project is available for public review at Independence City Hall, 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested.

PCIO26-145 AVISO PÚBLICO Y NOTICIA DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Este es el segundo Aviso de Audiencia Pública. El propósito de esta segunda audiencia pública es que el beneficiario pueda examinar los resultados del proyecto con los pobladores y para tomar comentarios de la ejecución de gobierno municipal en parte del proceso de cerrar la subvención. Cada audiencia tiene que tener suficiente tiempo para estar seguro que se de suficiente oportunidad para que los pobladores y grupos interesados puedan participar. El City de Independence, OR esta completando un "Early Childhood Educator Certification and Business Training" Proyecto patrocinado con Community Development Block Grant del Oregon Business Development Department. La location del proyecto es en Independence, OR. Está estimado que el proyecto propuesto beneficiará a por lo menos 27 personas, de los cuales 96% serán de ingresos moderados o bajos. Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo por el Independence, OR a las 6:30 PM. el Martes, March 10, 2026, Independence City Hall, Council Chambers at 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon. Los comentarios escritos son también bienvenidos y deben ser recibidos el Lunes, March 9, 2026 de las 5:00 P.M. en la 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon. Más información sobre Oregon Community Development Block Grants, el proyecto propuesto y los pasados registros sobre el Independence, Oregon en el uso de los subsidios del Community Development Block Grant están disponibles para la revisión pública en 555 S Main St. Independence, Oregon durante las horas regulares de oficina. Se requiere del aviso anticipado. La ubicación de la audiencia es accesible para personas con discapacidades. Por favor dejar Myra Russell, City Recorder, el 503-837-1174 para saber si usted necesitará

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PCIO26-144 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 140445 OR LOAN NO.: ***7171**

Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JESUS J. MACIEL AND MARIA MACIEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 4/27/2019, recorded 5/2/2019, as Instrument No. 2019-004453, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 130, EAGLES VIEW NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK, AND STATE OF OREGON. APN: 567401 / 07329-BB-05500 Commonly known as: 363 STELLERS EAGLE ST NW SALEM, OR 97304-4269 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: Total: 6/1/2025 - 1/1/2026 \$20,281.12 Late Charges: \$351.24 Beneficiary Advances: (-\$694.58) Total Required to Reinstate: \$19,937.78 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAY-OFF: \$231,026.56 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$212,651.93 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.18 % per annum, from 5/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 6/16/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations there- by secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust re-instituted by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs,

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trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 1/23/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO26-129 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-74518

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by CRISTIAN J ORTIZ as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 4/4/2022, recorded 4/6/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-004258, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 34, BRANDY MEADOWS, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (RECORDED AUGUST 23, 2019 AS PLAT VOLUME 15, PAGE 41) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1369 S 10TH ST (AKA 1369 S TENTH ST) INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351-1550 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 579726 / 08429-DC-03400 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became

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due on 3/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 3/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$66,760.76 Late Charges: \$604.50 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,317.19 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$953.50 Total necessary to cure: \$71,635.95 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$579,615.27 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 4/24/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed re-instituted by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the

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grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/11/2025 , ZBS Law, LLP, By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 46130 Pub Dates 02/04, 02/11, 02/18, 02/25/2026

PCIO26-128 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. NUMBER: 2024-00102-OR

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Paula J. Selvidge, also known as Paula Jane Selvidge, an estate in fee simple as grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company of Oregon as trustee, in favor of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as beneficiary, dated 03/09/2006 recorded on 03/20/2006, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book — at page — and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2006-004294, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 361600 MAP NO.: 07319AC04700 Lot 16, Block 31, CHAT-NICKA HEIGHTS NO. 9, Polk County Oregon Commonly Known As: 3405 FRONTIER DRIVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT4 and the trustee Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE AS OF 1 / 1 / 2 / 1 / 2 0 2 5 : \$28,332.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAY-OFF AS OF 1 / 1 / 2 / 1 / 2 0 2 5 : \$58,388.62 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said default being the following: Installment of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 11/01/2024 plus late charges, and all subsequent installments of principal, interest, balloon payments, plus impounds and/or advances and late charges that become payable Therefore, notice hereby is given that Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services the undersigned

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trustee will on 03/24/2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, Front Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 as established by ORS187.110, in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed re-instituted by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying the sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. In construing this notice the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale has been issued by the Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the Trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential properties sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential properties should be aware of

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this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION. AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant Dated: October 24, 2025 Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 OR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO On October 24, 2025 before me, Yosemite Lopez Campos, Notary Public, Personally appeared Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Yosemite Lopez Campos Notary Name (Seal) FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFO R M A T I O N PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299 NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 03/24/2026. The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you in you own this property of if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 1 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE: OR 1 AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIV-

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EN A WRITTEN TER- MINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREE- MENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this prop- erty as a primary resi- dence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days writ- ten notice after the foreclosure sale be- fore you can be re- quired to move. A bona fide tenant is a	residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or par- ent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: I Is the re- sult of an arm's-length transaction; I Re- quires the payment of rent that is not sub- stantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and I Was entered into prior to the date of the fore- closure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BE- TWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLO- SURE SALE: RENT -	YOU SHOULD CON- TINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LAND- LORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHER- WISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writ- ing that you want to	subtract the amount of your security de- posit or prepaid rent from your rent pay- ment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AF- TER THE FORECLO- SURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the fore- closure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes	stay as a tenant in- stead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should re- ceive a written notice informing you that sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner ac- cepts rent from you, signs a new residen- tial rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the fore- closure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes	your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: I You do not owe rent; I The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the prop- erty on your behalf; and I You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak to a lawyer to fully under-	stand your rights be- fore making any deci- sions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UN- LAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRIT- TEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMA- TION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you be- lieve you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Con- tact information for	the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligi- ble, you may be able to re-ceive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to con- tact for free legal as- sistance is included with this notice. Ore- gon State Bar: (503) 684-3763; (800) 452- 7636 Legal assis- tance: http://oregon-lawhelp.org/

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

At 5:12 a.m., an officer went by a perpetual noise-complaint house on Denton Avenue. The loud vehicle was not there so no time was spent waiting for it.

At 1:42 p.m., a subject from Walnut Circle turned in four rounds of ammo to Dallas Police for training use.

At 1:56 p.m., Wyatt Arnold was cited and released on Washington Street on an outstanding Salem Municipal warrant.

At 3:56 p.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Azalea Avenue crawling under a tagged vehicle with a screwdriver. They contacted Athena Elkins who had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. Elkins was issued a new citation and court date. Elkins stated she was trying to fix her truck so she can move it before it gets towed.

At 10:20 p.m., a resident on Walnut Avenue was concerned about a subject sitting in a car and smoking crack. Officers contacted the subject. There was no evidence of smoking crack.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

At 8:41 a.m., a resident on Cascade Mountain Drive reported various fraudulent charges on his credit card.

At 8:44 a.m., a Dallas resident was arrested on Ash Street and charged with harassment (domestic violence).

At 10:10 a.m., a motorist on Howard Lane reported a subject followed her to her work and got in front of her and drove under the speed limit. She stated he made various hand gestures to her while he was in front of her.

At 2:12 p.m., a subject was locally trespassed from a location on Polk Station Road.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

At 12:02 a.m., officers responded to a report of a bar fight on Court Street. It was a relatively minor bar fight, and it was unknown who started it. However, two subjects who responded to someone else's aid, were the ones excused from the bar.

At 12:57 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue

was cited and released for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 11:38 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for failing to carry proof of financial responsibility.

At 12:17 p.m., Christopher Smith was arrested on Walnut Avenue and was charged with criminal trespass 1. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 12:38 p.m., a report of the theft of a trailer on Walnut Avenue.

At 6:12 p.m., a late report of a theft at Walmart.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

At 1:03 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Hankel Street for failing to obey a traffic control device. The driver showed some indicators of impairment and consented to a field sobriety test and performed well. He received a verbal warning for rolling a stop sign.

At 1:58 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Needham Street for failing to signal before a lane change. The driver, Trevor Welin of Dallas, showed indicators of impairment and consented to a field sobriety test. Welin performed poorly and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for reckless driving.

At 5:27 a.m., a motorist on Lewis Street was stopped for multiple traffic violations. The driver, Tatyana Ramirez of Salem, showed indications of impairment and consented to a field sobriety test. Ramirez performed poorly and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for reckless driving.

At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a physical altercation between twin juveniles on Jasper Street. Officers admonished both for their behavior.

At 11:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of a retail counter alarm on Church Street. They checked the perimeter of the building and through the windows. They found nothing suspicious and the building seemed secure.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

At 4:12 p.m., a report of Juveniles riding in a black/green Dodge Dart shooting people with silly string and driving off on Brandvold Drive. Officers were unable to locate the suspect vehicle with the license plate provided.

At 4:31 p.m., a resident on Miller Avenue reported late credit card fraud.

At 8:26 p.m., Alicia New was cited and released on Ellendale Avenue for theft 3.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

At 6:51 a.m., Christopher Smith, of Dallas, was arrested on Walnut Avenue and charged with two counts of trespassing 2, two counts of attempted assault on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest.

At 2:52 p.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited for speeding on Miller Avenue 44 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 5:23 p.m., a report of a stolen vehicle located in Independence. Independence police were notified.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

At 1:52 a.m., a report of a dog loose in a parking lot on walnut avenue for the last five hours. Officers were unable to locate it.

At 9:49 a.m., a female subject from Keizer was cited and released on Ellendale Avenue for failure to carry and present.

Independence Police Department

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

At 8:18 p.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Monmouth Street. No arrests were made.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

At 7:47 p.m., Monmouth Officers covered Independence Officer on a report of trespassing in an abandoned building on Monmouth Street. Three minors were located on the second floor and were instructed to come down. They received written trespass notices and were cleared from the scene.

At 11:16 p.m., officers responded to a report of a loud party on Deann Drive. The party ended before they arrived.

At 11:36 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street for having no front license plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance. The vehicle was towed as a hazard. The driver was given a courtesy ride home.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

At 9:56 p.m., a resident on Log Cabin Street was cited for having a dog as a menace after it charged a neighbor.

At 11:52 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Independence Highway for expired tags. The driver had no insurance and was warned for driving uninsured almost exactly a year ago. The driver was cited for no insurance and the car towed as a hazard. The driver was given a courtesy ride to a friend's home.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

At 5:06 a.m., officers responded to an infant CPR on White Oak Court. After the infant was declared deceased, officers launched a death investigation with the help of the Polk County Sheriff's Officer, who also responded to the incident.

SUNDAY, FEB. 1

At 12:43 a.m., a motorist reported that he was following a vehicle that was swerving all over the road and driving under the speed limit. A few minutes later, the vehicle was located in the 600 block of South 4th Street with the driver still behind the wheel with beer bottles around him. The driver, Eduardo Jimenez, had a suspended driver's license at the felony level for driving under the influence of intoxicants. At the jail he blew a BAC of .21%.

At 11:55 a.m., a report of a stolen license plate on White Oak Court.

At 3:02 p.m., a report of a non-injury, non-blocking crash on Monmouth Street.

Jose Chavez was cited and released in the 700 block of White Oak Circle on an outstanding warrant for trespassing out of Multnomah County Circuit Court.

MONDAY, FEB. 2

At 12:02 p.m., officers investigated a report of a fight between two middle school students.

At 6:27 p.m., officers conducted a death investigation on Madrona Street and assisted the family with questions and funeral home arrangements. They found nothing suspicious.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

Kelee Kirkland was taken into custody without incident in the 600 block of Log Cabin Street on an outstanding warrant and was lodged at the Polk County Jail.

At 2:53 p.m., a juvenile subject was transported to Yamhill Juvenile Detention Center after tampering with a witness.

At 11:40 p.m., an officer observed a motorist with concerning driving behaviors then stopped the driver after failing to signal 100 feet before making a turn. The driver, who showed signs of impairment, failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. At the station, the driver blew a BAC of .22%.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

At 9:22 a.m., a report of a man acting suspiciously walking around an apartment complex, at South Gun Club Road and Monmouth Street, wearing no shoes and trying to open residence and

vehicle doors. Arriving officers found Miller sitting in a truck that did not belong to him. When Miller locked the vehicle doors when the officers asked him to step out, the vehicle owner stepped out of an apartment to unlock the doors. Miller was taken into custody and charged with unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and criminal trespass 2.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

Kimberly Radtkke got into a physical altercation over laundry with another adult that resides at the same address in the 300 block of Log Cabin Street. The victim was struck on her eye, knees, ear and neck. Upon agreeing to leave the location, Radtkke was cited and released for assault 4 - misdemeanor.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

At 2:09 p.m., officers responded to a report of a resident on Deann Driver being harassed by a roommate. Officers found no crimes were committed.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

At 9 p.m., a resident on Independence Highway reported a group of unknown people knocked on her door claiming they were with Northwest Cleaning Solutions. Responding officers were unable to locate the group.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

After being served with a stalking protective order, Levi Hanson called and lurked around the victim's place of employment. Hanson was arrested, charged with stalking order violation - misdemeanor, and was booked into the Polk County Jail.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

At 11:24 a.m., officers participated in a lock-down drill at Central High School.

At 12:35 p.m., a juvenile subject on Monmouth Street was arrested, charged with robbery 1 and was lodged.

Alerted to a traffic crash in a parking lot, an officer arrived to find that Werner Persey had struck another car while attempting to pull into a parking spot. Witnesses observed Persey move his vehicle to another parking spot after hitting the other vehicle. Persey was located inside the store and was emitting a strong alcohol odor from his breath. After the officer developed probable cause, Persey was taken into custody, and blew a BAC of .10% at the police station. He was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant - misdemeanor and failure to perform the duties of a driver - accident with property damage.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

At 10:33 a.m., a juvenile was arrested on Monmouth Street, and was charged and lodged for robbery and assault.

At 8:32 p.m., a report of potential drug activity on Main Street. Officers were unable to verify the validity of the complaint.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

Stolen Vehicle / Arrest: A vehicle reported stolen was located, and the male occupant was detained. During a search, controlled substances, a rifle and a crossbow were found. The subject was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a motor vehicle and possession of controlled substances. The subject was lodged at the county jail.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported a male subject scaled their fence and ran through their yard the previous night. Video confirmed the subject ran through the shared driveway. No property was damaged or missing.

Harassment: A female requested a male be warned for repeatedly calling and messaging her from various numbers despite being told to stop. An officer warned the male for telephonic harassment and explained that further contact could result in an arrest.

Arrest: A subject was cited and released on an outstanding contempt of court warrant from another jurisdiction.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A male subject, recently released from a police hold, voluntarily met with an officer to turn in multiple knives for safekeeping, as he felt he should not possess them. He was given a property receipt and resources.

Alarm: An alarm was reported at a bank. Officers found the building secure and spoke with a female cleaner who had a key and disarmed the alarm while they were present.

Noise: A non-stop barking dog was reported. An officer spoke to the owner and issued a warning for excessive barking. The owner agreed to bring the dog inside.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

Suspicious Activity: A resident's camera alerted to a man dressed in black on their back porch. An officer investigated; nothing was out of place, nor any crimes committed. Possible explanations included a maintenance worker (due to a work order) or a worker from a nearby tree trimming company.

Agency Assist: The

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Department of Human Services was assisted with a court-ordered removal of a one-year-old child from the mother, who arranged to meet DHS at their office in a nearby city.

Arrest: Police were called to a residence to remove an unwelcome male. They located a second male subject who had a restraining order requiring him to move out of the residence. This subject was arrested and charged with contempt of court (violation of restraining order) and lodged at the county jail.

Citizen Contact: A female reported past verbal, physical, and sexual abuse by a male subject and expressed concern about a different male subject stealing property. She later called back to report property had been gone through. She was advised a more detailed list of stolen items and sufficient evidence would be needed for an arrest.

Animal: An officer responded to a call about a found black and white chihuahua mix near an intersection. The dog was claimed by a male who was dog-sitting for his son; the animal was a deaf, partially blind, elderly dog who had escaped.

Hangup: A “help me” text to 911 was received from a wireless device, pinging a general area. Callbacks were unsuccessful. Units checked the area but were unable to locate a person in distress.

Suspicious Vehicle: A caller reported a dark colored vehicle parked for several hours with a male inside. The vehicle was determined to be associated with US Marshalls attempting to locate a fugitive. No response from patrol was sent.

Suspicious Person: A female reported a male followed her from a store to her residence, appearing to follow her intentionally. She called the police, and the male continued on. The male was described as Hispanic, in his 30s-40s, wearing a dark jacket, hat, and tan/brown pants. Officers were unable to locate the subject.

Arrest: A vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation. A male passenger was identified and found to have an active probation violation warrant. He was arrested and lodged at the county jail.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

Animal: A caller reported two loose black dogs in the area and believed they had returned to a fenced yard. Officers were unable to locate the dogs.

Noise: Loud music was reported. An officer spoke with the resident of the unit who agreed to turn the music down.

Crash: An officer observed a white vehicle driving erratically. The driver pulled over and stated she got nervous when the officer was behind her and hit a pothole, causing cosmetic damage. She was found to have a suspended license. Her mother arrived on scene.

Hangup: An open line 911 call was found to be a pocket dial at a grocery store. An officer confirmed all was okay with the caller. No further action.

Arrest / Domestic Disturbance: Officers investigated a report of

physical domestic altercation between a male and a female that occurred publicly, witnessed by neighbors and a child. Both parties had marks but declined to press charges, and no mandatory arrest crimes were committed. However, due to the public nature of the incident, both were cited for disorderly conduct 2.

Driving: A complaint was made about a white vehicle unable to maintain its lane and speeding on a highway. An officer stopped the vehicle for improper parallel parking. The driver was cited for no operator’s license and warned for illegal window tints. No impairment was noted.

Animal: Two additional callers reported two loose dogs in a park area (a black lab and a large, long-haired breed). The dogs were skittish and ran off, and their whereabouts were unknown.

Crime: A resident reported that a neighbor from an adjacent apartment complex was throwing garbage into his yard. This incident is scheduled for follow-up.

Follow Up: A female called for a follow-up regarding a reported theft and issues related to a restraining order. She was advised to have documentation ready for the investigating officer and to call if the other male subject was currently at the residence.

Hit & Run / Arrest: Following an earlier “crash” report, a second interview with the female driver revealed she had hit a power pole or mailbox, not just a pothole. Evidence matching the pole was found on her car. She was arrested and charged with hit and run and cited/released, with her insurance collected for the power company.

Shots: Two people reported hearing multiple shots, believed to be from a nearby gun club. Multiple police units checked the area but found no suspicious activity.

Driving: A complaint was made about an impaired person driving a pickup truck. The vehicle was not located in the area, but it had been previously contacted with an unregistered license plate.

Domestic Disturbance: A female reported her ex-partner entered her home uninvited, covered her mouth and nose, impeding her breathing, and threw her to the ground. The suspect was gone upon arrival. There was probable cause for several crimes, and a nearby agency was notified to attempt contact and arrest.

Arson: A trash can fire in a campus dormitory bathroom was reported. The fire was out on arrival, but a burn mark on a shower curtain suggested the fire was intentional. The Fire Marshall was called to investigate.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

Arrest: Police from a nearby city located a male subject with probable cause from the domestic incident on Feb. 7. He was taken into custody and transported to the county jail for an interview.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Campus public safety reported a student was suicidal. The student mentioned a pet preventing her from acting. After talking with multiple parties, the student was no longer actively suicidal, felt better, and was planning to keep an

appointment. Resources were discussed, and a follow-up with a crisis intervention team was arranged.

Harassment: A young male reported that several friends were jealous of him showing a new female around school. He reported being called names, threatened with a physical assault, and threatened with being shot by an older sibling of one of the friends.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

Unconscious Person: An officer responded to a report of an unconscious male at a business. The male regained consciousness and was speaking upon law enforcement arrival.

Disturbance: A resident reported that maintenance workers were antagonizing his dogs with a leaf blower near a fence. The workers were gone when the officer arrived. The resident was advised to secure his dogs inside next time.

Suspicious Vehicle: A market called about an SUV parked in their lot for a few days. The owner was contacted, who advised the vehicle was broken down. The owner was told to contact the market owners or the vehicle might be towed.

Animal: A person found two cats in a carrier bag near a park. No microchips were found. After contacting multiple shelters, a local animal welfare organization agreed to take the cats. The finder transported the cats.

Noise: A resident called about loud music. An officer heard faint music and advised the resident, who agreed to use headphones.

Noise: A report of loud music below a residential unit was made. The officer responded but did not hear anything.

Crash: A teenage driver rear-ended another vehicle after the first vehicle stopped for a red light. The teen blamed faulty brakes. The drivers were advised of the requirements for reporting the incident to the state motor vehicle department.

Animal / Check Welfare: A person initially called to report a found dog and then called the emergency line again, requesting a welfare check on the dog’s resident who was not answering the door. The resident was contacted, was confirmed to be fine, and picked up the dog from a neighbor.

Agency Assist: An officer coordinated with another agency to locate a female subject with probable cause for a crime and facilitated an interview.

Theft: A university student reported that a subwoofer was stolen from the back of his pickup truck, which was parked in a campus lot. No suspect information was available.

Suspicious Activity: Campus public safety called about a male subject who left a large cart on their property and began yelling when confronted. The cart was collected by a female subject, and the male was verbally trespassed from the property.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Domestic Disturbance: A downstairs neighbor reported a disturbance in an upstairs apartment. Upon extensive knocking, the upstairs resident came out, denied needing assistance, and left in her vehicle, stating she was home alone and just upset. The

caller insisted a male and child were inside, but no one else answered the door.

Criminal Mischief: Graffiti and damage were discovered in a park restroom. Video footage showed four juveniles entering and exiting the bathroom.

Civil Matter: A female business owner reported two customers harassing her business with negative online reviews and a suspicious dark sport utility vehicle frequently parking near her store. She was advised that little could be done about the reviews but to call police if the vehicle returns and appears suspicious.

Harassment: A male reported a second male had threatened to kill him. The second male was located and stated he only threatened a physical confrontation if the first male touched him. He was advised to stop engaging with the other male, noting too many previous incidents.

Shots: A report of multiple shots was received from near a college building, but officers were unable to locate anything unusual.

Agency Assist: An officer assisted another agency with an impaired driving investigation and arrest following a minor crash at a store.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

Domestic Disturbance: An officer responded to a verbal domestic report. Both parties were contacted, and their stories were consistent that no physical violence occurred.

Illegal Parking: A delivery driver reported two vehicles were blocking a community mailbox, an ongoing issue. The owners of the vehicles were contacted, warned, and were receptive to the warning.

Theft: The theft of over \$1,000 worth of merchandise from a store occurred the previous night. Officers are attempting to obtain surveillance footage.

Animal: A resident called to report neglect of her neighbor’s two dogs, citing aggressive behavior toward her dogs, poor living conditions, and excessive barking.

Arrest: A male with an outstanding misdemeanor warrant was found on the ground by a passerby. He advised he had fallen and needed medical attention. He was transported to a local hospital, and due to the extended time required for evaluation, he was cited and released.

Arrest: A male subject voluntarily came to the police department to turn himself in on a five-year-old warrant. He was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail on a probation violation warrant for an impaired driving offense.

Hit and Run: A business reported a female driver in an SUV backed into their building, causing damage, and then left the scene without providing her information after being confronted. Probable cause for a hit and run was noted, and the store is working on obtaining video footage.

Check Welfare: An anonymous caller requested a welfare check on a relative after being told the relative was packing to leave the apartment. Officers spoke with the child’s mother and her partner, who denied a physical argument or any plans to move. The child appeared physically fine

and was asleep. The caller was updated.

Noise: A homeowner called requesting an officer ask the renter at his short-term rental to turn down the music due to a complaint from another renter. An officer spoke with the renter, who agreed to turn down the music. The homeowner was informed of the action taken.

Arrest: A female passenger in a sedan was identified as having an outstanding municipal warrant and was cited and released. The driver was identified as being an out-of-compliance registered subject and was dealt with by an officer.

Polk County Sheriff’s Office

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

At 7:36 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone and for making unlawful lane changes. The driver was warned for not having insurance yet on his brand new car.

At 7:47 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a single vehicle accident on Ellendale Avenue where the driver crashed into power lines. The deputy held the scene while medics examined the driver. Oregon State Police took over the scene.

At 8:25 a.m., a resident on Rickreall Road reported being the victim of fraud where someone opened a student loan in her name using her social security number and her maiden name. She has already contacted her bank and the school notifying of the fraudulent activity. She was not out any money and requested an incident number for the school to investigate further.

At 8:26 a.m., a resident on Stapleton Road reported a prowler on his property looking in his cars. A deputy found a subject matching the complainant’s description of the suspect near Stapleton and Talmadge Road. While the deputy developed potential charges for trespass 2, the complainant didn’t wish to pursue charges. However, Monmouth Police had a prowl incident with someone matching this description. They came out to interview/ translate and ended up arresting Mauricio Diaz-Ortiz for their charges.

At 11:28 a.m., a deputy contacted the occupants of a vehicle parked on Glen Creek Road. Adam Wilson was found with 32.4 grams of methamphetamine, many small plastic baggies, multiple meth pipes and a scale. Wilson was arrested and charged with possession of meth (felony) and tampering with physical evidence.

At 2:57 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a death by apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound on Ellendale Avenue. A resident reported a male subject was arguing with his wife about suicide while holding his Glock and ended up shooting himself in the head in front of her. Detectives, the medical examiner and a deputy district attorney investigated the scene. Nothing criminally apparent at this time.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

At 12:04 a.m., a deputy stopped for traffic assist on Pacific Highway. The driver was just pulled over texting.

At 12:11 a.m., deputies

responded to a report of a single vehicle accident on Rickreall Road. They found a white Volkswagen stuck in a ditch, partially in the air in front of the location. Evidence indicated the vehicle left the roadway about 1,000 feet east of the location, damaged a mailbox, went through their ditch, through the caller’s yard (tearing it up) and came to rest in the ditch of the caller. The vehicle also threw mud at their egg stand and broke a window. The caller wanted to wait until the morning to decide to press charges.

At 8:45 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:54 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of an elevator alarm at the Academy Building. The deputy walked through the academy building and checked with staff, but found no emergencies to report.

At 11:22 a.m., a motorist on Highway 194 was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 3:08 p.m. a complainant reported finding what he thought was an old cannon ball when doing plumbing work at a Hoffman Road location. Due to the object’s size and similarity to a cannonball, a deputy asked dispatch to page the Salem bomb squad. The Salem bomb squad lieutenant asked for photos of the object. Once receiving them, they later reported that it was an old shot put ball.

At 8:22 p.m., a deputy contacted the occupants of a vehicle parked at Wallace Marine Park. One occupant was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Benton County and was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 9:04 p.m., a deputy helped a motorist on Jefferson Street jump her car using a jump box.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

At 11:21 a.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash with no injuries on Polk Station Road.

At 12:30 p.m., a resident on Uglow Avenue reported finding a loose dog on the street. A deputy picked the dog up and transferred it to the Polk County dog kennel, stall No. 9. The dog was very friendly and listened to commands. The dog had no chip and was provided food and water.

At 2:12 p.m., a male subject was formally trespassed from a location on Polk Station Road.

At 3:22 p.m., deputies responded to a three-vehicle minor accident on Parker Road. Medics transported an elderly female driver for chest pain. Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation.

At 3:38 p.m., the PCSO kennel released a dog to its owner. The owner was cited for failure to register his dog.

At 8:57 p.m., a motorist reported hitting a small trampoline in the middle of the road on Perrydale Road. Damage was less than \$2,500.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

At 12:02 a.m., deputies provided backup to Dallas Police officers responding to a minor bar fight on Court Street. Two male subjects were escalated and sent home.

At 3:02 a.m., deputies found a deceased deer in the right lane of Highway 22 near milepost 2. They got it out of the road.

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At 3:10 a.m., a resident on Gun Club Road wanted their back yard / shop checked since they heard odd noises and saw a light. Kids have been known to walk through the back area before. The deputy checked the shop building and the yard, but was unable to find anything.

At 9:48 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of an audible alarm on Bridgeport Road. The deputy found a Saturday class in an out building on the north side of the school. They called in and said everything was okay.

At 6:18 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of an elderly male walking in the ditch along Ellendale Avenue. The man turned out to be a resident there that had started to clean up the downed branches from the ditch but decided it was too late to continue.

At 7:21 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle stuck in the ditch west of Oak Grove on Crowley. Two teenagers had tried to turn around

on Crowley Road and got stuck in the ditch, blocking most of the road. The deputy waited until friends pulled them out of the ditch.

At 11:26 p.m., a motorist on 8th Street was stopped for terminated insurance. The driver was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and lodged at Polk County Jail.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

At 5:13 a.m., a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Kings Valley Highway. The driver had accidentally backed into the ditch from the park and ride. Her vehicle got high centered and appeared to have damaged the transmission causing the fluid to leak out. She then spun her tires until one of them blew. She called a tow, then decided not to have the vehicle towed at this time.

At 9:33 a.m., a deputy found a blue motorola 50mp quad pixel cell phone on the ground during a traffic stop. It was placed into evidence for safekeeping.

At 10:44 a.m., a report of four cows loose on Whiteaker Road. The

cows’ owner had previously been warned about the cows getting out from the residence on Riddell Road. The son was now in charge of the cows. He received his one and only warning for the cows getting out and citations would be issued in the future.

At 12:09 p.m., a motorist reported spotting a male subject with a bleeding head wound crawling out of the bushes in the 13200 block of Buena Vista Road. Deputies contacted the subject who explained he was going about 45 miles an hour when he lost traction or over corrected, flew off the road and into the river. He crawled out the broken window. He was evaluated by medics and only had a slight head injury but was cleared, showing no signs of intoxication.

At 3:55 p.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was stopped for not coming to a complete stop. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 5:17 p.m., a deputy stopped a motorist on Hankel Street who didn’t come to a complete stop.

The driver was cited for not having a valid driver’s license.

At 8:42 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Independence Highway. They assisted with traffic control until fire personnel showed up. Oregon State Police took over the scene.

At 9:01 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone. The passenger received a written warning for permitting unlawful operation of her vehicle.

At 9:51 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55-mph safety corridor, for not having a valid operator’s license and for driving uninsured. After the driver called a family member for a ride, his vehicle was towed.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

At 2:17 p.m., a resident reported a tow hitch was stolen from her father’s GMC truck Friday night around 7 p.m. during the Perrydale vs. St. Paul women’s basketball game. She reported her two ball adjustable silver hitch was

also stolen from her white Dodge Ram 3500. She added she had evidence corroborating a known male subject had stolen the hitches and placed them in the back of his truck. The incident in still under investigation.

At 4:05 p.m., a report of an abandoned pickup on Aster Street that had appliances in its bed and a flat front passenger tire. The pickup did not appear to be moved in some time. The deputy placed a tow tag on it.

At 7:17 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone and received a warning for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

At 8:18 p.m., a resident on Sheldon Avenue reported hearing one gunshot near his residence and was worried someone was trying to poach the deer on his property. A deputy checked the area, but found nothing unusual and heard no further shots.

At 10:32 p.m., a deputy investigated a single vehicle crash off the sharp corner at Red Prairie Road in dense fog. A motorist stated she was going approximately 40

mph even though the corner warning sign has a suggested speed of 20. She was cited for careless driving.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

At 9:56 a.m., a deputy witnessed a vehicle on the side of Highway 223 at milepost 14 with its hazards on. The deputy stopped to check on the vehicle. The driver reported that he was just scouting elk on the side of the road.

At 11:24 a.m., deputies assisted with a school lock down drill at Central High School.

At 12:37 p.m., a motorist could not start her vehicle while outside of the sheriff’s office. Deputies assisted with jump starting her car with portable cables.

At 9:28 p.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported being in the back of her house working when she heard pounding on her front door. She said a short while later something was thrown at her living room window breaking it. This has been an ongoing problem. The resident wanted the incident documented.

TOURNEY

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support multiple teams.

“Word of mouth,” Rogers said when asked about program growth.

Senior Jaelynn Vohland has seen the program’s growth firsthand.

Vohland, who started when she was 11, has bowled for Dallas since she was a freshman.

“Our team grew throughout the years,” she said. “Mostly I like bowling with all these people and making new friends. It’s fun doing tournaments with them. I’m going to miss them.”

She credits much of

the program’s strength to coaching.

“We take really good lessons with Ray and follow through on what he says,” Vohland said. “He teaches kids really well, especially younger ones. He’s an amazing coach.”

Carson Thompson chose a different path. A longtime baseball player, he took up bowling two years ago after friends introduced him to the sport. The senior carries a 204 tournament average and committed to bowl for Oregon State University’s club team while pursuing an engineering degree.

“I had lots of coaches around and great teammates,” he said of his

rapid development. “That was really helpful.”

His confidence grew after winning his first tournament. Since then, he’s developed even greater strength in reading lane conditions and making adjustments – critical skills when competing at higher levels.

The Dragons’ second-place finish at districts was a milestone for Thompson.

“Our team has only placed top three once in the two years I’ve been on the team,” he said. “So that was super exciting.”

He remains optimistic as he looks ahead to state.

“We didn’t get to do it last year. So being able to do it my senior year is

really cool,” Thompson said. “I think we could do really well – maybe top three.”

Camille Stacey, a junior, is already drawing college interest. She will soon visit the University of Pikeville in Kentucky after being recruited by coaches who scouted her bowling online. A scholarship offer is possible.

Stacey moved to Oregon in 2019 and discovered bowling after joining her father at league nights. By eighth grade, the chance to travel for competitions had her hooked, she said.

“There are always ways to get better,” Stacey added. “And I can practice on my own. Anyone

can find success in bowling and have fun.”

She practices up to five times per week, and like others, credits her improvement to the coaching staff and team culture.

“There are a bunch of different eyes watching our game and giving us tips,” Stacey said. “But a big part of our success is our relationships. We support each other.”

Rogers’ hands-on approach was also praised.

“He made sure my timing and fundamentals were correct, and he’s open to helping anyone,” Stacey said. “He’s got some kind of magical powers.”

Though bowling is classified as a club rather than an OSAA-sanctioned sport, interest on campus continues to grow. Students who once knew little about the program follow results on social media and via school announcements.

The goal at state is simple.

“To win,” Rogers said. “Winning is fun.”

The Dragons have already qualified for nationals in Columbus, Ohio, in June, provided the team raises the necessary funds.

The season runs October through June, with bowlers practicing twice a week at a minimum.

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setting screens and defensive positioning. More important, the girls developed accountability, Lynn said.

“They started coaching each other on the floor,” he added. “They’d say, ‘You’re supposed to be over here.’ That meant our coaching was rubbing off.”

Many of the Mountaineers have volleyball backgrounds, where physical contact is limited. Basketball introduced a higher level of physicality.

By season’s end, the girls “were diving on the floor, rebounding, bumping into people. That was an adjustment,” Lynn said.

The coach acknowledged his own growth as well. He studied film, scouted opponents and leaned on assistants Marybeth Wilson and Shane Castle, both school alumni.

“Micke was the brains for years,” Lynn said with a laugh. “I was learning to trust myself and be more

patient.”

Falls City did not win a game this season, going 0-10 in league play, 0-18 overall. But the team’s focus extended beyond its win-loss record.

“I didn’t care as much about winning or losing as competing on the court,” Lynn said. “My goal was to be competitive.”

Lynn knows what it takes to be competitive. He attended Falls City and played on a 1992 state tournament team. He remembers the edge those teams carried and aimed to instill the same mindset.

“If you wanted to play on those teams, you had to be competitive,” he

said. “That’s what I’m trying to build.”

Lynn expressed optimism about the program’s future. He pointed to a large, athletic group of youngsters in the pipeline and emphasized the value of summer camps and off-season work.

“The more basketball you’re around, the better it is for you,” he said. “If you don’t touch a ball from the end of the season to the next year, you’re right back where you started.”

Lynn ended his first season as head coach encouraged by his players’ willingness to compete.

“This was the first step. The rest will come.”

WIN

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by limiting their previous four foes – South Albany McKay, Woodburn and now Dallas – to single-digit first quarters.

For coach Tyler Allen, each game, each win, is a step toward the post-season and, potentially, a state tournament berth at Linfield.

“This wasn’t just another night playing Dallas,” Allen said. “It was an opportunity to get better, to focus on the defensive areas we’ve talked about. When you focus on the little things, the scoreboard takes care of itself.”

The Panthers closed out the first half on a 10-0 run that followed a double technical on Dallas’s coach Alex King. Providing the spark during this 90-second blitz were Ezra Wells, who hit 3-of-4 free throws, and Tyler Olafson, who added a steal and put-back.

Olafson led Central with 17 points while Ryan Burgett added 16 points, eight rebounds and six steals. Also contributing were Lucas Haines with 10 points and 14 boards, and Asher Baker netting 13.

A tough week awaits as the Panthers are at Corvallis on Feb. 20 and return to host Lebanon Feb. 24. Tipoff for both

games is 5:30 p.m. The girls game follows at 7 p.m.

After Friday’s loss, the Dragons are 1-12 in league, 3-16 overall.

“We are a young team, and learning each day,” King said. “We have to remember it’s a program that’s rebuilding.”

And, at this stage, there will be losses.

“It’s hard to remind myself about that sometimes, because I’m so competitive,” King added. “It’s a process, but we will get to where we want to be eventually.”

Dallas is at Estacada Thursday, hosts South Albany on Feb. 20 and is at McKay on Feb. 24.

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