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# Invasive Chinese mitten crab found in Willamette River

By OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH and WILDLIFE

A Chinese mitten crab, a prohibited species in Oregon, was found in the Willamette River near the Sellwood Bridge near Portland and was reported to ODFW on Nov. 17.

The crab was spotted in shallow water and captured by hand. It was alive and not released back into the river. Mitten crab is a non-native crab species that lives its adult life in freshwater and migrates to brackish water to breed, unlike Oregon’s native crab species that live in the ocean, bays, and estuaries.

This recent confirmation is concerning for ODFW as another Chinese mitten crab was found in Oregon waters in April 2025 in a different location – marking the second confirmation of this invasive species in Oregon.

ODFW biologists are working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland State’s Center for Lakes and Reservoirs and the Oregon Invasive Species Council to determine if other mitten crabs are in the Willamette River.

Detection methods include setting up artificial habitats to attract mitten crabs and collecting water and substrate samples to look for environmental genetic markers specific to Chinese mitten crab. PSU initiated a monitoring program for mitten crab in the Columbia and Willamette rivers by conducting shoreline walks and looking for signs of mitten crab including molted carapaces (top shell).

It is unlawful to possess mitten crabs in Oregon, so they are unlawful to sell in Oregon. There is a risk of mitten crabs being illegally imported and sold in the food trade and then released alive into Oregon waters. The agency asks the public to report any suspected unlawful sales.

It is important to correctly identify this species and report it to 1-866-INVADER or report it online via the Oregon Invasive Species reporting hotline form. Photographs can be submitted through the hotline and people are encouraged to do so as crab identification can be difficult and native crabs have been misidentified as invasive.

Chinese mitten crabs are known to burrow into dikes, levees or stream banks which can increase erosion and damage flood control and water supply systems. These medium-sized crabs, about 3-inches wide, prey on native species, consume fish eggs and compete for food, potentially impacting native fish and crayfish populations.

Mitten crabs vary in color from brownish orange to greenish brown and are named for their hairy

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# Santa Express



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Santa Claus pulls into the station in Independence for the community event Dec. 6 for photos, games and giveaways. For more pictures of weekend holiday happenings, see page A8.

# State report shows gains for local schools

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

The state’s At-A-Glance Report Card shows some wins as well as continued areas of growth across both the Central and Dallas school districts.

Topmost for Central, officials point toward gains made by Talmadge Middle School in academic achievement and growth, as well as in regular attendance. The positive moves have allowed the middle school to be declassified from the state’s “targeted” status.

The state considers a school “targeted” when more than half of a group of students’ rated indicators are in the bottom 10 percentile. Previously, Talmadge was considered “targeted” for Emergent Bilinguals (2022-23 and 2023-24) and students experiencing disabilities (2022-23).

“We are so proud of our students and staff for this significant progress,” Principal Alisha Resseman said. “Exiting ‘targeted’ status for both Emergent Bilinguals and Students experiencing disabilities is a direct result of the focused, collective effort our team has put into ensuring every student has the support they need to succeed academically and maintain strong attendance.”

The annual state showed some increases in language arts and attendance for focal groups across Central’s district.

Meanwhile, Dallas officials said their report showed some major academic gains, particularly at LaCreole Middle School, along with strong high school graduation results and signs of progress in elementary reading and math.

Overall, the At-A-Glance report shows a snapshot of districts and each school that measures attendance, language arts, math, science, ninth-grade on-track to graduate, 4-year graduation and 5-year completer rates. The report also gives a breakdown of staff numbers, as well as demographics of students and staff.

Regular attendance is defined as students attending school 90 percent or more of the time.

“It is one of the metrics we use to measure our progress as a district and community, and was flat from the previous year,” said Emily Mentzer, district communications coordinator. “This continues to be a focus for the district this school year. Attendance is important for student success, and missed days can add up quickly.”

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# Willamina adds electric busses to its fleet

By DAVID HAYES  
I-O Editor

A seismic shift has come to the Willamina School District that Superintendent Mike Gass said that “forever changes” things for his students - electric buses.

Under his predecessor Carrie Zimbrick, the Willamina School District was one of seven school districts to receive a grant from the

Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus Program to help transition school bus fleets away from diesel engines and toward new electric models. These electric buses also went to Beaverton, Gresham, Portland, Amity, Dayton and McMinnville school districts and are expected to be 90% more efficient at reducing pollutants than older engines.

The buses were finally delivered and put into the fleet of operations for First Student Transportation on Dec. 2. Gass and a select group of students celebrated with a ribbon cutting and inaugural ride aboard the newer, quieter vehicles.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Superintendent Mike Gass cuts the ribbon as students cheer the arrival of the first electric bus to the Willamina School District on Dec. 2.

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# Corvallis Police arrest Independence man after high-speed elude

**By CORVALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
On Dec. 2, Corvallis Police Department officers assisted regional law enforcement partners in apprehending an Independence man following a prolonged high speed elude incident that began outside city limits and continued into Corvallis.  
According to the CPD, the incident began at approximately 7:34 p.m. when the Monmouth Police Department reported a black Cadillac SUV had fled from their officers toward

Corvallis. Benton County Sheriff’s Office deputies located the vehicle north of Corvallis, where the driver again attempted to elude law enforcement. The vehicle entered Corvallis traveling at speeds estimated between 90 and 95 mph.  
At the intersection of NW 4th Street and NW Buchanan Avenue, CPD officers successfully deployed spike strips. Despite significant tire deflation, the suspect vehicle continued into the downtown area, where it collided with another vehicle



near NW 4th Street and NW Monroe Avenue. The driver fled the scene of that crash and continued westbound onto Southwest Philomath

Boulevard. While attempting to pass a semi-truck, the suspect collided with the trailer, rendering the vehicle inoperable.  
Officers detained the driver, identified as Michael Skinner, 30, of Independence. Skinner was taken into custody without further incident. No injuries were reported because of the crashes.  
A judge authorized a blood draw to determine Skinner’s blood alcohol content. While at the hospital, Skinner attempted to spit on medical staff and was additionally charged in connection with that incident.  
Skinner was transported to and lodged at the Benton

County Jail where the CPD charged him with driving under the influence of intoxicants, failure to perform duties of a driver, recklessly endangering another person and aggravated harassment.  
Skinner is also expected to face additional charges from other law enforcement agencies involved in this incident. The Corvallis Police Department thanks the Monmouth Police Department and the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for their assistance.

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“The noise is cut in half. It’s still a bus. Still large, obviously, but insulated like EVs and autos,” Gass said. “But it still looks like a bus, rides like a bus. Just definitely quieter.

“This will forever change how kids get ready in the morning. They can’t hear the bus coming,” he added.  
Now in his second year as superintendent, Gass inherited the electric bus program. He said acquiring the vehicles also meant organizing and installing new infrastructure.  
“It takes a minute to build,” Gass said. “Electric

is even more unique (to accomodate).”  
PGE delivered five new buses making a fleet of eight, each with a max capacity of 75-80 “little kids”.  
Once they were on site, Gass put his roster of drivers through the rigors of handling the new vehicles.  
“I’m super impressed by the amount of training our drivers have done,” he said.

The five buses will become the primary vehicles picking up students on Willamina’s routes, leaving three diesel engined buses in reserve.  
Gass said the administration is excited to be a part of this move to electric. However, he’s got reasons to remain cautiously optimistic.  
“We’ll see how they run on our hills,” he said. “We’ll

also keep the three diesels for trips of longer distances.”  
The Clean School Bus Program, run by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was instituted through the Biden Administration Law that allocated \$5 billion to overhaul the country’s school bus fleet.

Gass said going electric goes along with local, Willamina values.  
“I think it’s good. It fits with district values, taking care of the world and the conservation of resources,” he said. “As a logging community, we’re making sure to do our part taking care of the environment and helping our tribal students take care of the land.”

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She said the At-A-Glance report showed regular attendance at 63 percent for Central’s School District. The number in October was 74 percent.  
“The board and district vision for all students is 85 percent attendance, so work remains to help students get to class each day,” Mentzer said.

Other key indicators for Central included overall flat scores in eighth-grade math. The number of students who graduated in four years increased two percentage points (2023-24 school year) compared to the 2022-23 school year.  
Central did make some gains in closing the gap for focal groups. Mentzer said students who identify as multiracial attended school regularly 66 percent of the time – up from 61 percent last

year – higher than Central’s all-student average regular attendance of 63 percent.  
“Our students with disabilities regularly attended school 58 percent of the time in 2024-25,” she said.  
In third-grade language arts, multiracial students went from 18 percent achieving proficiency to 60 percent. Female students also increased their proficiency in language arts to 35 percent, up 8 percentage points from the previous year.

Nick Ingalls, Dallas’ Director of Teaching & Learning, highlighted specific gains for his school district. He said some of the district’s most significant year-over-year improvements for one building were at LaCreole Middle School. They posted double-digit gains across all subjects, including +12% in English Language Arts, +11% in Math and +13% in Science.  
He also pointed to early academic success with increases in foundational

reading and math across both of Dallas’ K-3 schools. And at Dallas High School, the on-time graduation rate climbed 13% to 86%.  
“We believe it is a testament to our promise of knowing all students by name, strength, and need,” Ingalls said.  
He said the district continues to face significant attendance challenges despite making academic gains.  
“Overall, we saw a 3 percent increase in regular

attenders, putting us just 1 percent above the Oregon State average, but saw multiple buildings have a slight decrease in attendance,” Ingalls said.  
He added Dallas also saw a 4 percent decrease in their 9th grade on track percentage. This will be “something that we will look to improve upon to continue to keep our on time graduation rates above the Oregon State Average moving forward,” Ingalls said.

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# Van Duzer unveils new tasting Room, ‘Land, Logic & Light’ art exhibition

By **VAN DUZER THOMA FOUNDATION**

Van Duzer Vineyards, the defining winery of Oregon’s Van Duzer Corridor AVA, unveiled on Dec. 6 its newly renovated tasting room, reimagined as a vibrant intersection of wine, art, and place.

In partnership with the Carl & Marilyn Thoma Foundation, the refreshed space, located at 11975 Smithfield Road in Dallas, debuts with Land, Logic, & Light, a curated exhibition of post-war abstract, digital and sculptural works that reflect the harmony between these elements and the process at the heart of winemaking.

“Art and wine are deeply connected — both demand study and bring enjoyment,” said Carl Thoma, Founder of Van Duzer Vineyards and the Carl & Marilyn Thoma Foundation. “We are pleased that the refreshed tasting room provides a new opportunity to share art with our guests. This exhibit was rewarding to curate and we love how it connects the themes, colors, and shapes of winemaking with the spirit of discovery that drives both art and agriculture.”

The Land, Logic, & Light exhibition features artists who blend formal precision with imaginative expression, including Karl Benjamin, June Harwood, and Thomas Downing, whose pioneering

explorations of color and geometry were central to the Color Field and Hard-Edge painting movements. Their visual precision finds new expression in the digital works of Petra Cortright, Jason Salavon, and Leo Villareal, who utilize data to generate light, movement, and pattern, expanding the language of abstraction with contemporary technology. Miler Lagos, Elias Sime, and Dannielle Tegeder bring material and conceptual depth to this dialogue, using tactile methods that evoke the cycles of growth and renewal found in art making and agriculture.

The collaboration reflects Carl and Marilyn Thoma’s longstanding commitment to cultivation in all its forms.

The foundation makes art collection-related grants while also lending and exhibiting its own collection. Through its scholarship program, it strives to foster leadership, innovation, and equal opportunity. The foundation’s art collection spans over 2000 pieces and the founders have been recognized by ARTnews as Top 200 Collectors.

# West Salem Ace Hardware burglar sentenced to four years

Tristan Sillman has been sentenced to four years in prison for breaking into the West Salem Ace Hardware store and attempting to steal merchandise.

Sillman, 27, was sentenced in Polk County Circuit Court by Judge pro tempore Timothy R. Park after pleading guilty to burglary in the first degree, criminal mischief in the first degree, and attempted theft in the first degree. Sillman will also be required to serve a 36-month term of post-prison supervision after his release from prison and pay \$1,267.22 restitution to the victims.

During the sentencing hearing, the victims made a statement to the court and the defendant about the harmful impact of the crime on them as small business owners.

The plea and sentencing stemmed from an Oct. 29 incident, in which multiple Salem Police officers responded to a burglary in progress call at the West Salem Ace Hardware. Sillman was located inside the building after breaking a window with a screw driver. He had made a pile of items including tools and portable heaters that he was going to take out of the store.

The case was investigated by the Salem Police Department and prosecuted by Polk County Chief Deputy District Attorney Matthew Wilson.

# Giving blood or platelets gives patients time this holiday season

By **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Time is critical for patients this December. The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now to keep the blood supply steady over the busy holiday season. Types O positive, O negative and B negative blood donors are especially needed now and in the coming weeks.

December is National Month of Giving, and your Red Cross blood or platelet donation can bring hope and healing. Create a new holiday tradition and help spread comfort and support lifesaving care. When the unexpected happens, it’s the blood products already on the shelves that matter.

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For a limited time, those who come to give Dec. 8-18, 2025, will receive a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email. Those who come to give Dec. 19, 2025-Jan. 4, 2026, See **SEASON**, page A4



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**A Chinese mitten crab, a prohibited species in Oregon, was found in the Willamette River near the Sellwood Bridge near Portland and was reported to ODFW on Nov. 17.**

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mitten-like features located on the outside of their claws. They have a notch between their eyes and four spines on each side of the carapace.

When identifying non-native mitten crabs, it is important to note that the hairy shore crab, a native species to Oregon, also have a patch of hair on the inside of their claws.

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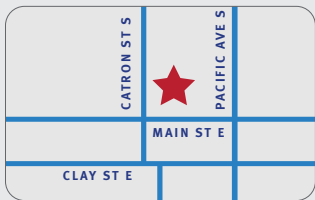
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**Dorothy Jane Classen Seim**  
Jan. 11, 1947 - Aug 12, 2025

Dorothy Jane Classen was born Jan. 11, 1947, to Art and Katherine Quiring Classen. She grew up in Dallas along with her two sisters, Arletta and Darlene (Dolly). A baby brother, James Arthur died shortly after birth.

The Classen family roots in Dallas were deep. Their family life revolved around the school bus business which Dot’s grandfather and then father owned and operated. In addition, the family was active in church and enjoyed gatherings of the large extended family.

Dot attended school at Orchard View, Dallas Junior High and Dallas High graduating in 1965. She furthered her education at Biola College and Emanuel Hospital, School of Nursing, achieving her long-held goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

She married Dave Seim on Aug. 30, 1969, at her home church Evangelical Mennonite Brethren, a church in which she was active throughout her time in Dallas. Dot accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age. She made Christ her guide for the rest of her life.

She and her family moved to Olympia and then on to Spokane where she and her husband raised their three children, Jennifer, Kimberly and Stephanie.

Dot lived with cancer for six years, finally succumbing to it on Aug. 12, 2025. She was a supportive wife, caring mother, and involved grandmother of 11.

She is survived by her husband, her daughters, sons-in-law, sister Dolly, her husband Lloyd, and their sons Tony and Matt, in addition to many nieces and nephews.

As Dot anticipated her eternity in heaven with Jesus, she would sing

the refrain of a John W. Peterson song:

“I want to see my Savior first of all, before on any others I would call, and then for countless days on His dear face I’ll gaze, I want to see my Savior first of all.”  
And so she did, so she did.



**Clara Mays**  
Nov. 6, 1929 - Nov. 11, 2025

Clara Mays was born in Los Angeles on Nov. 6, 1929. Her parents were teachers who had moved to Southern California from the Midwest. She helped them tend their orchard in Orange and went to high school while her older brother Joe piloted B-17s in the war. After high school she attended Pepperdine University.

Her sister Elva’s husband introduced her to his colleague Erman, an engineer at North American Aviation. They were married in 1949. After the birth of their first two children, Clara and Erman moved to the Bay Area, where their third child was born in 1958.

Erman went to seminary in Berkeley and was ordained a Lutheran minister in 1966. He pastored churches and Clara played the organ in Medford and Tillamook. After retirement Erman built them a house in Yachats on the Oregon coast, where they lived for 15 years before moving to Dallas, Oregon.

Clara died in her sleep on Nov. 11, a day before the 11th anniversary of Erman’s death and five days after celebrating her 96th birthday.

Her passions were cooking, gardening, road trips, playing piano, enjoying her pets, and encouraging her three children, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Her nurturing love had a lasting, positive effect on the lives of her family, including foster daughter

Mary, several other foster children, friends, and neighbors in her church and community.

Donations in Clara’s memory may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas or the Oregon Humane Society. Memorial events will be announced at a later date.



**Margie Mode/  
Fredrickson**  
Nov. 3, 1927 - Nov. 8, 2025

Margie was born in Independence, Oregon to parents Robert and Florence Mode on Nov. 03, 1927 but the doctor forgot to register her birth until the next day (always a point of contention in her life). Her folks followed the work available, with stops on the Oregon Coast, Willamette Valley and Salem.

She graduated from South Salem High School and met her future husband, Gene Fredrickson, on the last day of World War II at a celebration dance in Salem. Gene had been stationed in Camp Adair as a Navy corpsman. She moved to Iowa (Gene’s home) and married him on Sept. 8, 1946, in Onowa, Iowa. They farmed and had two boys, Lynn and Randy.

They relocated to Dallas, Oregon, in 1957 and Gene went to work for the city of Dallas. Margie worked for Woods Insurance Agency for 23 years before retiring. She was a 60-year member of the United Methodist Church of Dallas, and a lifetime member of Eastern Star of Dallas, Oregon.

Gene was killed in a traffic accident on Nov. 14, 1994. Both of Margie’s parents, her son Randy Fredrickson, and her two sisters, Shirley Weigle and Phyllis Bryant preceded her in their deaths.

Margie relocated to Central Oregon in 2018 to live with her son, Lynn and daughter-in-law, Rosie. She entered the care of hospice in February 2025 and passed away at

the age of 98, at her home with her family at her side.

She was known as an excellent cook, a fantastic baker, a meticulous house cleaner (with the nickname “The Cleaning Queen”). She loved gardening and her flowers. She will be greatly missed!

At her request, there will be no services.



**Donna Lee Cable**  
July 9, 1935 - Nov. 10, 2025

Donna Lee Cable passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on Nov. 10, 2025, in Monmouth, Oregon. Donna Lee Snow was born July 9, 1935, in St. John, Washington to Harry and Della Snow.

In the 1940s their family moved to Echo, Oregon, where Harry worked as a farmer. Donna enjoyed her small-town upbringing. She graduated from Echo High School where she was a cheerleader and played trombone in the all girls marching band.

Donna attended Eastern Oregon College where she reacquainted with a childhood friend, Carol Cable. Donna and Carol were married Sept 16, 1956, in Pendleton, Oregon. They lived in Helix, Oregon, where Carol taught and coached at the high school and farmed on the side.

In 1959, their first son Timm was born. Soon after they moved to LaGrande, Oregon, to farm. In 1962 their second son Terry was born.

In 1965 Donna and Carol moved to Monmouth, Oregon, for Carol to take a job as a basketball coach and teacher at Central High School. They intended to stay for a few years and then return to Eastern Oregon to farm. In 1967, daughter Tawnni was born and in 1971, daughter Tanna was born.

In 1972 Carol was recruited as a real estate agent for Al Noble Real Estate. He fell in love with real estate and in 1973 he and Donna

decided to set down permanent roots in Monmouth and buy the company. They changed the business name to Cable Realty, where Donna was the bookkeeper until 2023. The three-generation company just celebrated 51 years of business.

Donna was an active parent, serving as classroom helper, booster club member and a participant on various parent advisory committees. She also served on the city of Monmouth Planning Commission for 23 years. Her two biggest joys were her family and following her kids and grandkids in all of their sports and activities. Her life revolved around ballgames and she absolutely loved it.

Carol and Donna enjoyed traveling. Some of Donna’s favorite spots were Fort Worth, Texas, and Branson, Missouri. She was proud to be an Eastern Oregon girl. She loved country music, horses and attending the Pendleton Round Up and the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Donna loved her family, both immediate and extended. She had many lifetime friendships that she treasured. She loved watching sports. She was always sad to see a season end but found consolation in the new season beginning. She loved holidays and gathering with the family for a meal and parlor games. Her homemade pizza and birthday cakes were family tradition.

She will be missed deeply, but her legacy will shine through her kids and grandkids.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband Carol, parents Harry and Della Snow, and brother Dick Snow.

She is survived by her kids Timm, Terry, Tawnni, Tanna and their spouses; grandkids Franki, Emma, Kevin, Zoe, Will, Jesse (Macey), Justin and J.T.; and great grandson Cooper.

A memorial service will be held on Dec. 10, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Monmouth Christian Church. Contributions in honor of Donna can be made to Central Panther Club and Central Youth Sports.

**Janice Reedy**  
Nov. 8, 1944 - Nov. 29, 2025

She is preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Sara. A graveside service will be held Dec. 10 at 10am at Restlawn Memory Gardens in Salem, Oregon. Arrangements by Simon-Cornwell Funeral Home.

Marion Polk Food Share receives \$189,000 from Willamette Health Council

By WILLAMETTE HEALTH COUNCIL

The Marion Polk Food Share recently received an \$89,000 donation from the Willamette Health Council to help purchase food for

local pantries facing an unprecedented surge in need.

Distribution of SNAP benefits was disrupted during the government shutdown, leaving more than 46,000 families without the assistance they rely on to buy groceries.

“Food pantries are a lifeline in our region, and during that critical period when families didn’t know if or when their SNAP benefits would arrive, the anxiety and need were overwhelming,” said Josie Silverman-Méndez, Deputy Director of the WHC. “With the added impact

of new federal regulations beginning to affect eligibility for many households, it was essential that we support Marion Polk Food Share to help stabilize access to food.”

Marion Polk Food Share distributes nutritious food for individuals and families to more than 70 local

partners, including food pantries and meal sites across Marion and Polk counties. The Food Share also operates the Meals on Wheels program,

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will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. For details on December offers, see

RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts. If you’re unable to give, consider making a financial donation to support our lifesaving mission at redcross.org.

December blood donation events in Polk County:

**Dallas**  
Dec. 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Grocery Outlet, 258 Ellendale Ave.

Dec. 21, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Dallas Aquatic Center, 1005 SE LaCreole Dr.

**Independence**  
Dec. 16. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Polk County Fire District #1, 1800 Monmouth St.

Dec. 31, 12-5 p.m., Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main St.

**Monmouth**  
Dec. 24, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Partnerships in Community Living, 480 E. Main St.

**West Salem**  
Dec. 12, 12-5 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Monmouth Stake Salem-Eola, 3154 Eola Dr. NW

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WOU occupational therapy professor receives Sybil Hedrick Park Award of Merit

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Brianne Salvati, assistant professor of occupational therapy at Western Oregon University, has been awarded The Sybil Hedrick Park Award of Merit during the Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon Annual Conference held in Seaside last month.

This prestigious recognition honors an occupational therapy practitioner with over four years of experience who has actively contributed to the national, state, and local OT community through various initiatives, including legislation, program development, management, and public advocacy.

“This recognition is incredibly humbling,” said Salvati. “Those in our community describe working alongside Sybil as an honor, as she exuded compassion and a profound commitment to advancing our profession for colleagues and advocating for its services to community members. I hope current and future practitioners are inspired to serve and continue Sybil’s important work.”

As an advocate for professional and community service, Salvati emphasizes the importance of engagement in advancing the field of occupational therapy. She encourages her students to find their passions and collaborate with others.

“Go find your people and lean into each other’s strengths and passions. We will accomplish so much more for our community. Look beyond engagement in the OT organizations. Get a seat at the table for something you’re passionate about and bring your expertise — and bring that energy,” Salvati said.

With 15 years of experience as an occupational therapist, Salvati has primarily worked with older adults across the post-acute care continuum. She is currently in her second year at Western as an assistant professor in the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program. Previously, she served as an adjunct lab instructor for seven years in Linn-Benton’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program and has recently rejoined them to teach their geriatrics course, fostering intra-professional collaboration between both programs.

A native Oregonian from Keizer, Salvati completed her bachelor’s degree in exercise science at Oregon State University, her master’s degree in occupational therapy at Loma Linda University, and her post-professional doctorate at Creighton University.

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<https://graduate.wou.edu/occupational-therapy-doctorate/>

FOOD

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delivering meals to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities. They also operate an urban farm and support a network of community gardens that connect people and their food and mobilize community members to address systemic issues that lead to hunger.

Marion Polk Food Share have been working under extraordinary pressure. In recent weeks, requests for food assistance have reached levels not seen in the organization’s history. Many food pantries have reported double the number of visitors, expanded hours, and rapidly depleted shelves as they try to keep pace with community need.

The \$89,000 donation allowed Marion Polk Food Share to purchase high-need items such as proteins, canned goods, produce, and pantry staples — foods that are difficult for pantries to keep stocked when demand rises sharply. Financial contributions are especially helpful during times of crisis, as they enable the Food Share to purchase food to fill urgent gaps across its regional distribution network.

“This support from the Willamette Health Council arrived at a crucial moment because hunger is at a 10-year high,” said Rick Gaupo, President & CEO of the

Marion Polk Food Share. “We were navigating an unprecedented level of uncertainty — parents were calling us daily, unsure how they would feed their families while SNAP payments were delayed. At the same time, we were seeing more households newly seeking assistance because of federal cuts to SNAP eligibility and Medicaid. WHC’s funding helps us meet that surge, and serve this community at a record-breaking 20,000 pantry visits in October.”

The surge in local need reflects broader regional challenges. More than 45,000 households in Marion and Polk counties rely on SNAP to cover basic food costs. When those benefits were delayed due to the shutdown and related administrative backlogs, families turned to local pantries for immediate support. Home-delivered food box requests for homebound seniors and people with disabilities filled earlier than ever, and some meal sites exhausted multiple months’ worth of staples in a matter of weeks.

In addition to this donation, WHC also awarded a \$100,000 Community Impact Grant earlier this month to the Food Share to support increasing donated food from retailers and local producers. The funds will help formalize new partnerships and bring major distributors into their network of food donors and expand daily pickups from retail store partners. competitive grant process.



Commentary

Special Moments: Greatest love story ever

Based on a true story

By GARY DEROWITSCH

I’m sure there are remarkable stories of a man and woman falling in love only to have it end in some sort of tragic manner. This story is about an officer in the Army and the woman he fell in love with.

Second Lieutenant H.H. Garber of the 4th Infantry was stationed at Fort Hoskins around 1850. The purpose was to monitor the local Indians and eventually their relocation. In the Spring of that year a beautiful Indian lady from a local tribe began visiting him. Soon the two of them decided it would be better if she moved in. Everything seemed to be okay except her parents complained to the captain asking him to put an end to the love affair.

To solve the problem Captain Augur sent Garber to Fort Vancouver, in Washington state, approximately 93 miles away, thinking that would put an end to it, a problem he probably felt was more of an irritation than anything serious. Regardless, separating them by such a distance he believed would solve the problem.

Unfortunately the captain didn’t account for the fact they were deeply in love. The lovely young squaw, being heart sick, decided to walk

all the way to Fort Vancouver to be reunited with her lover. Seeing that this now was becoming a larger problem than he first imagined, Captain Augur decided to have Lieutenant Garber return to Fort Hoskins, at which point the captain told Garber to put an end to this relationship and stop seeing her.

Again, the captain underestimated the conviction of a strong love between the two and to his surprise one day found the squaw back in Garber’s quarters. Not only did she walk 93 miles to Fort Vancouver but walked back the same distance to Fort Hoskins.

Upon this new revelation, the captain called Garber to his headquarters and the two of them got into a heated discussion. Garber was sentenced to six months in the guardhouse for insubordination.

A few years later, on Oct. 12, 1859 Lieutenant Garber passed away – the cause of death unknown. My first thought is – what happened to the Indian lady? It is obvious she must have been broken-hearted, after all distance didn’t keep her away from him. I can’t imagine how painful her life must have been after learning of his death.

We do have some clues as to her history. She and

Lieutenant Garber met in the spring of 1850. She would have been a member of the Luckiamute Tribe, or Cheluk-i-ma-uke, whose area was generally located from Rickreall south to Corvallis and west along the Luckiamute River. The US Government relocated the Indians to the Grand Ronde Reservation in the winter months of 1855 and 1856.

So Garber’s Native American girlfriend and he enjoyed approximately nine years together. She would have been forcibly removed from the Hoskins area in 1855 to Grand Ronde. I’m sure this distance may have been a hindrance, but certainly not a barrier in that she walked 93 miles to Fort Vancouver and back to be with him.

However, now due to the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 it would have been far more difficult for her to leave the Grand Ronde Reservation not to mention getting into Fort Hoskins. So in truth she probably had less than five years with him. If she did learn of his death she would have been in Grand Ronde.

I can’t imagine how devastating this must have been for her and how she must have lived the rest of her life in depression and sorrow.

Garber was buried in the Kings Valley Cemetery with

an unmarked wood cross, painted white. The story goes that his fellow soldiers replaced it with a tombstone having his name engraved, though according to records, was misspelled.

I visited the cemetery and located Lieutenant Garber’s tombstone. It is easy to find. There are signs that direct you to three parts of the cemetery. His tombstone is located in the Pioneer section, at the far northwest corner. It is about three- to four-feet tall, made of white stone, which only half is now visible as white, and his name is misspelled adding to the tragedy of this story.

Standing there looking at his tombstone I had to wonder what his life was like when he served at Fort Hoskins, (Really not a Fort but an outpost set up to monitor the Luckiamute Indians and their relocation to Grand Ronde.)

You can still visit Fort Hoskins in the town of Hoskins. Lieutenant Garber’s grave is located in the Kings Valley Cemetery, located about a mile south of the Kings Valley Store. There is a gate left unlocked for anyone wanting to visit.

*Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.*

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- ☐ Finished already - 31.3%
- ☐ Working on it - 43.8%
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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: **Home of the U.S. Film Industry**

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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: E equals B

MAITZOZOCPGQ OEGSC O  
WPZAWTL GZ TOMLESV CJOC  
NZAWAZR ORIAQMPQV RSZWOIAR:  
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GO FIGURE!

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

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+		+		+				
	-		x		= 6			
÷		x		+				
	+		x		= 72			
=		=		=				
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Super Crossword

MECHANICS OF SOLVING

ACROSS

1 Has a snooze

5 Workout unit

8 Anti-DUI ad, maybe

11 "The Maltese Falcon" hero

19 Conical-bore woodwind

20 Log chopper

21 Possess

22 Former airline to Rome

23 Composer of the 1936 ballet "The Incredible Flutist"

26 Squirrel-sized monkeys

27 Super-cold

28 Poddled plant

29 What a dieter may reduce

31 Pressure-reducing elastic stockings

34 Mark's home planet

35 German city

36 Ordinal suffix

37 Yvette's "yes"

38 "Gremlins" actress Cates

44 Folk great

45 Bob

47 Edison's phonograph medium

49 Writer Rand

52 Preux with

109 Timid

53 Bird bill

55 Booting out

56 Horn honk

58 Cleans up, as code

60 Hit PC game of the 1990s

62 Director

63 Healer along the bottom of a wall

67 Houston ballplayer

68 Ending for Gator

69 CIO partner

70 Greek vowels

75 Bracing wear for a body-builder

81 Dog in "The Thin Man"

85 "Little" actress Rae

86 Mrs. with a famous cow

87 "500" auto race

88 Hone

90 William of "Hogalong Cassidy"

91 Its cap, is Buenos Aires

93 Levy

94 Video

97 Of — (somewhat)

99 Bit of skin art

101 Cable TV channel for buying goods

103 Flea to wed

107 "I solved it!"

108 Type of needle-free syringe

111 ThinkPad

112 Bosch actress

115 Gold, to Luisa

120 Zesty potato chip go-with

121 Where nine key words in this puzzle can be found

124 Word after poet or Nobel

125 LA-to-MI dir.

126 Tea vessel

127 Swing about

128 Evaluated

129 Lobed thing

130 Turndowns

131 Actress

132 Tree of Illinois

133 Name of 12 popes

134 Ripped

135 Small bills

136 Sidewalk smooches, e.g., for short

137 Melody

138 Leg II

139 Prez after FDR

9 Very muscular, in modern lingo

10 Year, to Nero

11 Luke

12 "Weekend Update" reports

13 "Alas and —"

14 Lee of Marvel

15 Component

16 Et — (plus others)

17 Rinky —

18 Relieve

24 Person for whom a thing is named

25 Kill wearer

30 Butter-and-flour mixture

32 Crosswalk user, for short

33 Coop female

37 Tree of Illinois

38 Largest dwarf planet

39 and hars

40 Aware of

41 Revise text

42 Crooked

43 Therefore

45 Venice beach resort

46 Totally lost

47 That — close call"

48 Former Royals manager Ned

49 "Mamma Mia" group

50 In-favor votes

51 Chick's home

53 Indian religion founder

54 White heron

57 For each

58 Talks big

60 Ticked off

61 Crimean resort port

64 Curtsy, e.g.

65 How often the sun rises

66 Fix, as a light

71 Osaka sash

72 Festival shelter

73 Actor Alan

74 River of myth

76 "Old MacDonald"

77 Lacks entity

78 Imperd, as a deadline

79 Investments for later yrs.

80 Songwriter

81 Helper, Abbr.

82 Old New York ballpark

83 Diplomacy

84 In — (nixed)

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Americanisms

"To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle, every cubic inch of space is a miracle."  
— Walt Whitman

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Moments in time

- On **Dec. 22, 2001**, the world's first cloned cat, appropriately named CC, or Copy Cat, made her debut in a Texas biomedical lab. She lived for 18 years, possessed all the attributes of a normal cat, and her birth jumpstarted a pet-cloning industry around the world.
- On **Dec. 23, 1982**, the Missouri Department of Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control told residents of Times Beach, Missouri, that their town was contaminated by the chemical dioxin sprayed on its unpaved roads, with the unfortunate result that the town would have to be demolished. By February, the federal and state governments had spent \$36 million to buy all the town's houses, with the exception of one that the owners refused to sell, and the city was officially disincorporated.
- On **Dec. 24, 1801**, British inventor Richard Trevithick took seven of his friends for a test ride in his "Puffing Devil," aka "Puffer," the first steam-powered passenger vehicle.
- On **Dec. 25, 1971**, Garo Yepremian punted a 37-yard field goal in the second overtime of an AFC playoff game, giving the Miami Dolphins a 27-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in the longest game in NFL history: 82 minutes and 40 seconds.
- On **Dec. 26, 1946**, mobster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel opened the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Singer/comedian Jimmy Durante headlined the entertainment, with music by band leader Xavier Cugat. The opening flopped, however, due to bad weather that kept away many Hollywood guests, and as gamblers didn't have rooms at the hotel, they took their winnings and gambled elsewhere. The casino lost \$300,000 in its first week.
- On **Dec. 27, 1935**, Regina Jonas became the first woman ordained as a rabbi. After many male rabbis fled Germany during World War II, she stepped into the void, though synagogues, at least, would not welcome her. She died in Auschwitz.
- On **Dec. 28, 1917**, writer/satirist H.L. Mencken published a history of the bathtub, including a claim that bathing was unlawful in Boston between 1845 and 1862. The story, which was a spoof designed to test reader gullibility, was widely shared by newspapers and historians.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bloodhound featured on the sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- HISTORY: Which Chinese dynasty mostly built the Great Wall?
- MOVIES: Which 2003 movie is about juveniles who are sentenced to work at a desert camp?
- MUSIC: Which famous song begins with the line, "Hello darkness, my old friend..."?
- ANATOMY: What's another name for the patella?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Chile?
- FOOD & DRINK: Who perfected the Champagne method?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the national flowers of Japan?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?
- SCIENCE: Which wire is usually the main "hot" one in electrical work?

Answers

- Duke.
- The Ming dynasty.
- "Holes."
- "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel.
- Kneecap.
- Santiago.
- A Benedictine monk named Dom Perignon.
- The cherry blossom and the chrysanthemum.
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez.
- Black, although red also can be hot in two-wire circuits.

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Puzzle answers on page B2



INVESTIGATING THE BIBLE:  
Prayer surprises

By **DAVID CARLSON PASTOR**

In Fred Lockley’s, *Conversations With Pioneer Men*, he interviewed Robert Booth. When Booth was a young boy, one time his mother and father were completely out of food and money. His father said God would provide.

That afternoon, three strangers rode up and told his mother they had wheat. If she would bake loaves of bread for them, they would pay her 50 cents (equivalent to about \$20 today) and give her half of what she baked. His father wasn’t surprised. In New Testament days, the first church prayed and were surprised when God answered.

As the church grew, so did opposition from Jewish and Roman authorities.

“About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also.” (Acts 12:1-3, English Standard Version used throughout).

Fearing the worst, the church prayed earnestly for Peter’s safety.

The night before Peter was to be brought out of prison, likely for public execution, “...Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly. And the chains fell off his hands.’” (Acts 12:6-7).

The angel instructed Peter to get dressed and follow him. They walked past two guards and the iron prison door opened as they came to it. Peter thought this was a vision, but when he was left standing alone in the street, he knew God had rescued him. He hurried to the house where many were gathered together and praying.

“And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. Recognizing Peter’s voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was

standing at the gate. They said to her, ‘You’re out of your mind.’ But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, ‘It is his angel!’ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed.” (Acts 12:13-17).

The next day, when Herod discovered his prisoner had somehow escaped, he commanded that the sentries be executed and Peter was able to secretly leave Jerusalem to the coastal town of Caesarea.

God still surprises with answers to prayers. Ramek Hunt is an African-American born into poverty and some violent, drug-infested neighborhoods in New Jersey. As a teenager, he and two of his neighborhood friends saw the deaths of too many, so they made a decision to all become doctors.

Their story is in the book, *The Pact*. Ramek was in his second year of medical school when all his hard work and hopes seemed to vanish. Driving home, late at night with his friend, they had been racially profiled and pulled over for no cause. A forgotten fishing knife in Ramek’s glove box led to his arrest and a felony charge.

He prayed that God would somehow intervene. The officer refused to drop the charges. Then his attorney no-showed twice at scheduled hearings. Ramek and a new attorney showed up at the next hearing. Oddly, the prosecutor approached the bench, requesting a brief recess.

“Well, we can’t seem to find the evidence,” the prosecutor said when court resumed.

They lost Ramek’s knife! The frustrated judge threw the case out.

Ramek said, “My mouth dropped open. God had rescued me once again. And I was free to go.”

All three men eventually graduated with medical degrees and are doctors serving in their home communities. They have formed a non-profit group called “Three Doctors”, dedicated to helping young men and women in the inner city achieve their full potential.

[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.).]



# Worship Directory



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‘Tis the Season

PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES



Dallas Mayor Rich Slack helps Santa give the countdown to light the Christmas Tree on the County Courthouse town square.



Mike Brown pours hot cups of cocoa to hand at Swees Depot’s booth during the Independence holiday event.



The Grinch, having found his heart, makes new friends at the event in Independence.



Writers line up to send letters to Santa via the Polar Express at the Lions Club booth.



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Dallas athletes receive All-State Honors

The following Dallas High School football players recently received 5A All State Honors:

First team offense

Asher Olliff, center, junior  
Izzy Mabry, line, senior

First team defense

Aidan Galusha, line, junior  
Hunter Rivers, line-backer, senior

Second team offense

Landon Holbrook, running back, senior  
Nicklas Schneider, kicker, junior

Second team defense

Chase Eriksen, back, senior  
Landon Holbrook, punter, senior

Third team offense

Chase Eriksen, wide receiver, senior

Third team defense

Carson Langford, line, sophomore

Honorable mention offense

Thomas Hess, quarterback, junior  
Aidan Galusha, running back, junior  
Jacoby Morrison, tight end, senior  
Bertram Latta, offensive line, sophomore

Prep Scoreboard

Boys Basketball

Dec. 3
Thurston 62, Central 41
Dallas 59, Springfield 30
Nestucca 59, Perrydale 23
Dec. 4
Crow/Northwest Christian 59, Falls City 23
Dec. 5
Cornerstone Christian (WA) 58, Falls City 48
Dec. 6

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Dragons rout Millers in new coach’s debut

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

Alex King wasn’t looking for perfection in his coaching debut for the Dragons. What he got was close enough for now.

King saw effort, competitiveness, and joy in last week’s 59-30 non-league win over Springfield, in the season-opener for both teams.

“I preach play hard, play smart, have fun,” he said after the home game. “And I saw that tonight from the guys. I was happy.”

Dallas was never threatened. The Dragons established an early rhythm on both ends of the floor and didn’t let down until the waning moments.

“I was really pleased with the way we took control of the game,” the coach said.

King added that for a first outing with a new coach, new system and a still-developing roster, performance expectations were met.

“I was happy with the level of play for the first game of the season,” King said. “There’s still a lot to work on, but that’s how it’s supposed to be. The players did well, they responded, and they competed. That’s all I could ask for.”



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

A tough defense led Dragons (from left) Tristan Porter, Nicholas Walker, Georg Hartwig-Schmidt and Nate Cunningham helped secure a home opener win 59-30 against Springfield on Friday.

This was a team-effort. “Pretty much everyone who got in and got minutes did a really, really good job,” King said. “They all contributed.”

Lukas Lawless led Dallas with 18 points including four treys, while on defense, he added six deflections and two steals.

“He did a really good job of stepping up tonight,” King said of Lawless.

Dallas dominated inside. “We preach for them to go make something happen, and not go lackadaisical on offense,” the coach added. “I think (our) tenacity to be aggressive on offense showed

by having 40 points in the paint.”

Sophomore post Tristan Porter netted 13 points. Most of these came from in the paint.

“(Porter) finished really well, but we still think he can elevate his game,” the coach said. “He’s young ... but he’s coming along.”

Lawless and Porter are sophomores.

The Dragons’ preseason schedule concludes at home Dec. 19 against Glencoe.

For now, it’s back to the basics.

“What do I want to see? Get better. Just get better,” King said. “That’s all I can ask for.”

Panthers optimistic after season opener

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

They didn’t get the win, but the Panthers walked off the basketball court believing they are closer than ever to turning the corner.

The Highlanders of North Eugene maintained their poise down the stretch, buried key free throws, and held on for a 49-44 win over Central’s varsity girls basketball team, in Friday’s season opener.

“They played really hard. The little things down the stretch cost us. But it’s not major things like we saw the last couple years,” coach Marc Burleson said of his Panthers. “The girls came out, they played hard, they gave it all they’ve got. I’m really proud of how they played.”

The little things, he added, were mostly tied to patience and execution.

“Just being patient on offense. Not turning the ball over,” he said. “We’ve got to let the offense work, look to attack the basket, and clear up the fouls.”

Eugene made more trips to the free-throw line, especially in the fourth quarter, and that made playing catch-up more difficult.

“When (North Eugene) gets to the free-throw line and

we don’t, that’s a big factor,” Burleson said.

The Panthers showed their potential by scoring 30-plus points in the first half. But foul trouble and offensive inconsistency in the second half tipped the balance in North Eugene’s favor.

Molly Henderson echoed her coach’s optimism, saying energy and effort were present from the opening tip.

“I want to see us try as hard as we can because I know how hard we worked,” said Henderson, a junior. “We see it at practice. We’re really working hard, and I know that we can work together.”

Henderson praised the team’s strong first half and its resiliency during a foul-heavy second half.

“We started off really strong,” she said. “The second half? We should have pulled through. But we didn’t lose our composure.”

Isabella Names and Henderson both fouled out, another factor that hurt the team’s chances of a comeback.

Still, Henderson feels the Dragons let one slip away.

“Oh yeah, I think we could have won it,” she said.

Alondra Garcia-Saavedra and Bella Garcia-Beccera are the only seniors on a young Panthers squad.



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Emery Lushenko and Natalie Ball (21) battle for a rebound during Friday’s opener against North Eugene.

As the team regroups, Henderson said goals are simple: continue conditioning, win the free throw battle, play defense and build tighter bonds.

“I want to see us working hard at practice, pushing each

other, having fun with it,” she said. “I know we can be really good.”

Non-league play continues with the Panthers (0-0, 0-1 overall) at Westview tonight and at Sprague on Dec. 16.

The girls don’t return home until conference mate McKay visits Jan. 6. Tipoff is 5:30 p.m.

The team’s Mid-Willamette Conference opener is Jan. 2 at South Albany.

Lady Dragons hold off Franklin in hoops opener

By LANCE MASTERSON  
For The Itemizer-Observer

In a gutsy performance, the Dallas varsity girls basketball team held off visiting Franklin, 42-37, in Friday’s season-opener.

The Dragons (1-0, 0-0) were up by as many as 10 points, but saw that lead dwindle to just one with 1:18 to play. The girls then pulled away late for the win.

“We attacked the paint with purpose all night and showed major strides in energy and

execution,” second-year Dallas coach Drew Richman said.

For the Dragons, sophomore Harlow Nelson turned in an all-around performance, with seven points, eight assists, two steals and two rebounds.

Also contributing, senior Ruby Halligan added 10 points, five boards, two assists and a steal. Sophomore Paetyn Bready led all scorers with 12 points.

“From the opening tip to the final buzzer, the team played with intensity and pace,” Richman said.

Non-league action continues with the girls at Parkrose at 6 p.m. Dec. 11 and at Molalla at 7 p.m. Dec. 16.

Lilly Sizemore (10) battles for position in the Dragons’ 42-37 win over Franklin in Friday’s season-opener.





# PAGES OF THE PAST

## 50 years ago

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1975

### City of Dallas looking for additional money

More money must be made available to Dallas if the present level of city services are to be continued, according to a city revenue report presented to the budget committee Monday.

The city is seeking an additional \$250,000 in income in order to continue operation. With the starting of a street repair program next year, Dallas will face a \$169,000 deficit if new sources of income are not found.

### Plan adopted; zoning begins Dec. 17

Polk County's comprehensive land use plan has been officially adopted. After more than five years of research, public hearing and debate, the

plan became official after it was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, Dec. 4. The ordinance was adopted along with the signing of land use maps. Several plan changes were made during the meeting that preceded adoption.

### Celts win close one over Scrappy Dragons

Dallas played its first full length game of the 1975-76 season last Friday night and lost to hosting McNary 57-55 in a non-league game that was closely contested all the way. Dallas' largest lead was 5 points in the early going and the Celt's biggest advantage was an 8-point spread (36-28) in the opening stages of the third period. The difference between winning and losing for Dallas seemed to be two categories - turnovers and free throws.

FLASHBACK

This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1975: CHECK - Basket Slough manager Ralph Lettenmeir (far right) presents a revenue sharing check to county commissioner Henry Hildebrand during board business last week. The check totaled \$9,083 and is based on an adjusted cost of the land, which was purchased in 1965. The money will be used for county roads and schools. Pictured in the background (from left) are commissioners Alan Miller and Walt Gjersvold and tax collector Joe Cochrane. (File I-O photo.)

## 40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1985

### Christmas tree harvest going strong countywide

The harvesting and transporting of Christmas trees is in full swing throughout Polk County, filling tree lots from the courthouse lawn to Houston with Douglas and noble fir. Polk County is the fourth largest producer

of Christmas trees in the state, according to Ken Brown of the Oregon State University Extension Service, Salem. He estimates Polk County will produce about 450,000 trees this season and generate nearly \$5 million.

### School board adopts book disposal policy

The Dallas School Board Monday gave final approval to a new textbook disposal policy and received an audit for fiscal year 1984-85 showing the district is fiscally sound.

Under the approved textbook policy, books not in use by the district will be stamped with the statement "Obsolete Material No Longer in School District Use." The books will then be made available to teachers for supplemental use in the classroom and to parents and/or students to keep for their own use.

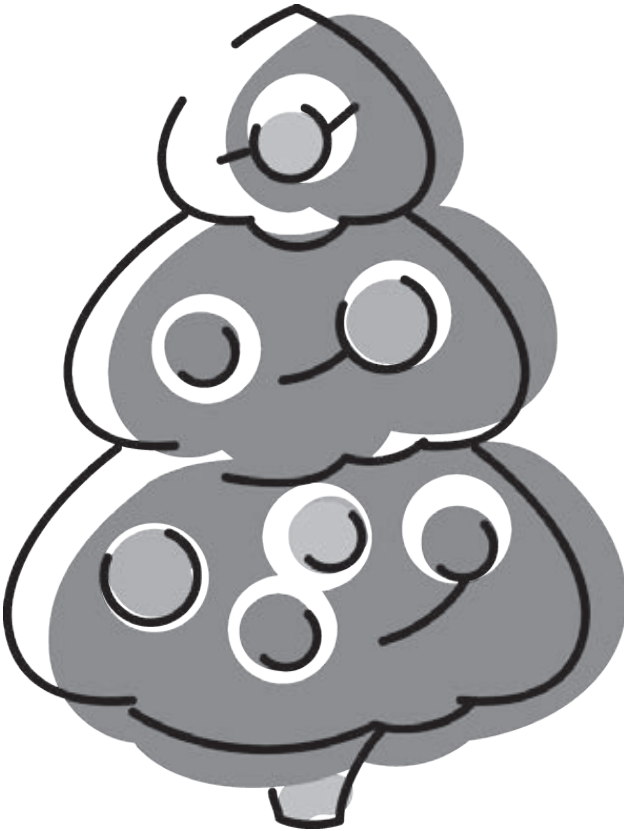
### DHS boys start 0-2, but look to improve

Improving, but still on the wrong side of the ledger.

Dallas High's boys basketball team got off to an 0-2 start after a lopsided loss at Columbia on Dec. 3, 81-50, and a 74-69 defeat at McKay on Friday. "We played very well," said Dallas coach Ken Lathen after the McKay game. "A lot of improvement. A couple days of practice made the difference."

# BLM Launches "One Dollar, One Tree" holiday savings across local public lands

The Bureau of Land Management has implemented a series of holiday affordability measures that will help families save money, enjoy public lands, and support wild-fire prevention efforts across Oregon and Washington during the 2025-26 winter season. Effective immediately through Jan. 31, 2026, the BLM is reducing many personal-use permit fees to just \$1, including Christmas tree permits and firewood permits. Local BLM offices are also opening new cutting areas in overstocked woodlands to provide families with more opportunities to gather their own firewood and Christmas trees, while also supporting forest thinning and hazardous fuel reduction. "Here in Oregon and Washington, families rely



These actions align with the Trump administration's mission to lower costs for American families and will contribute to national savings estimated at more than \$9.4 million this holiday season. Effective immediately, the BLM will:

- Reduce fees for personal-use Christmas tree and firewood permits.
- Increase household limits to up to 10 cords of firewood and up to three Christmas trees, with flexibility to adjust limits in areas with abundant resources.

These steps will help reduce household costs, expand access to local woodlands, and improve forest conditions by removing overstocked or hazardous fuels. The BLM will continue coordinating with community partners, tribal governments and local organizations to share information about permit availability and new cutting areas. Residents can find up-to-date information on permit locations, cutting area maps, and safety guidance at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/forest-product-permits/orange-christmas-trees>.

on public lands for tradition, recreation, and essential resources," said Barry Bushue, BLM OR/WA State Director. "These fee reductions and expanded access make it easier for people to gather firewood and Christmas trees close to home, all while helping us reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health."

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answers

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Super Crossword

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Community Calendar Dec.10 - Dec. 17

<p><b>Wednesday, Dec. 10</b></p> <p>7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Resource Navigation, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Watch Repair &amp; Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12:15 p.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Birthday Celebration, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. - Get Lit Book Club discusses "Bring Me Back," by B.A. Paris, at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Music Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p>	<p><b>Thursday, Dec. 11</b></p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Intermediate Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Bounces &amp; Rhymes, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Medicare Class with Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>2 p.m. - Medicare 101, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Trip to Keizer Lights No. 1, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.</p> <p>6 p.m. - Trivia &amp; Vino at Elysium, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence</p> <p>6 p.m. - Heritage Museum Winter Speaker Series featuring Marilyn Morton: The Ghosts of Christmas Past - Independence Hauntings, The Valkyrie Wine Tavern, 301 Main St.</p> <p>6 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>6:30 a.m. - Arts &amp; Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.</p> <p><b>Friday, Dec. 12</b></p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Trip to Christmas Storybook Land, meet at</p>	<p>Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Holiday Bazaar &amp; Bake Sale, Monmouth Senior Community Center closed to all other activities</p> <p>10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Birthday Party, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>6 p.m. - Live Comedy: Joe Stoddard Music &amp; Comedy, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence</p> <p>6 p.m. - Dallas Christmas Carolers Performance, Dallas Library at 950 Main Street.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Monmouth-Independence YMCA annual fundraiser Stronger Together: A Season of Unity, dinner and auction at WOU Pacific Room</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Dec. 13</b></p> <p>10 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Holiday Bazaar &amp; Bake Sale, Monmouth Senior Community Center closed to all other activities</p>	<p>1 p.m. - Bingo at the Elks Lodge, \$20 entry, 289 S. Main St., Independence</p> <p>6 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence, \$10 cover charge</p> <p>7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth</p> <p><b>Sunday, Dec. 14</b></p> <p>9 a.m. - Polk Productions Flea Market, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West</p> <p>2 p.m. - Live Music: Jon Franke, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence</p> <p>7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth</p> <p><b>Monday, Dec. 15</b></p> <p>7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group, Dallas Public Library</p> <p>10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/ Hand &amp; Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas</p> <p>1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p>	<p>4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Trip to Keizer Lights No. 2, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>5 p.m. - Dallas City Council work study session, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 555 S Main St.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>7 p.m. - Dallas City Council meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Dec. 16</b></p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Sesame Street's Raising Kids in a Digital World, ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Reading Rainbow Party, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library</p> <p>11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St W</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community</p>	<p>Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Dec. 17</b></p> <p>7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board Meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.</p> <p>8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.</p> <p>9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Resource Navigation, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.</p> <p>11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12 p.m. - Watch Repair &amp; Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>12:15 p.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Birthday Celebration, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center</p> <p>4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Parks Advisory Board meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St</p> <p>6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center</p> <p>7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.</p>
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Community Briefs

<p><b>DDA hosts free Christmas movie Dec. 10</b></p> <p>The Downtown Dallas Association presents a free showing of the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas" at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at Dallas Cinema, 166 SE Mill St. Free entry, refreshments available to purchase.</p>	<p>the Dallas Christmas Carolers. This free, family-friendly event features beautiful renditions of traditional Christmas songs. Light refreshments will be on hand to keep the festivities bright and cheery. For more information, contact the Dallas Library at (503) 623-2633 or visit their</p>	<p>Facebook page at facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.</p> <p><b>Guthrie Park Community Center presents 38th Annual Sounds of Christmas program</b></p> <p>The Guthrie Park Community Center's 38th</p>	<p>Annual Sounds of Christmas program is at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at 4320 S. Kings Valley Highway. The program is the non-profit's fundraiser for the</p>	<p>maintenance and operations of Guthrie Park Community Center. Admission is free. Raffle tickets are \$5 for gift cards, handmade quilts and</p>	<p>more or \$1 for toys, tools, and more. Doors open at 6 p.m. For information call or text</p> <p>See <b>BRIEFS B8</b></p>
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<p><b>Church presents Cooper Hollow Ward Christmas Party Dec. 12</b></p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints presents the Cooper Hollow Ward Christmas Party from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 12 at 1401 SW 13th St., in Dallas. This family event celebrates Christmas through a child's eyes. This family event is free to attend and open to all. Bring a dessert to share. Dinner will be served. For more information or to RSVP, go to <a href="https://bit.ly/4iI4o3J">https://bit.ly/4iI4o3J</a>.</p> <p><b>Dallas Library hosts Christmas Carolers on Dec. 12</b></p> <p>Bundle up and head to the Dallas Library at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 for a merry evening with</p>
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<p>The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce has selected Hunsaker Dental as Chamber Member of the Week.</p> <p>Hunsaker Dental is at 380 Pacific Ave N, Monmouth. The business expanded into Monmouth, opened in addition to the original facility is at 1595 Commercial St SE, Salem.</p> <p>There are five highly-trained dentists and dental specialists sharing the offices at Hunsaker Dental, first among them being Travis Hunsaker. This family-run practice was started over 30 years ago by his father Dr. Benjamin Hunsaker. Since its inception Hunsaker Dental has held a respected place among providers of dental services and in the local business communities of Monmouth and Salem.</p> <p>Technology is identified on their website as a big part of Hunsaker Dental. The team uses digital imaging, intraoral cameras, and the iTero scanner to assess problems patients may be having. Services include a wide range of general and cosmetic dentistry, from routine cleanings to dental implants and veneers.</p> <p>The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is so pleased to name Hunsaker Dental their Chamber Member of the Week.</p>	 
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PCIO25-1427 Notice of Regular Meeting Community Advisory Council Thursday December 18, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for? PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Community Advisory Council advises the Marion-Polk CCO on how to be responsive to Oregon Health Plan members' needs and preferences and is a chartered committee of the Willamette Health Council. The CAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 18, 2025, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97302) as well as online via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit? <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/more/meetings-events/>. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to? [ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org](mailto:ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org)

PCIO25-1428 INVITATION TO BID City of Independence, Oregon Corvallis Road Waterline Improvements Notice is hereby given that the City of Independence will open sealed bids from qualified contractors for the construction of the Corvallis Road Waterline Improvements (City PN 2023-13, OregonBuys No. S-K12730-00015199). Bids must be submitted to Oregon Buys at [oregonbuys.gov](http://oregonbuys.gov), not later than January 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM Pacific Time in accordance with the Bid documents. Late bids will not be accepted. No pre-bid meeting will be held. Prospective Bidders are requested to register with Oregon Buys as an "interested Supplier" for this solicitation. The solicitation documents will be posted at <https://oregonbuys.gov/>. This Contract is for a Public Work subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. This project is funded in whole or in part by local funds and the following funding Agency Partners ("Agency"): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Grant

PCIO25-1432 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY J. WONG, Decedent. Case No. 25PB10492 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DANIEL WADE PHILLIPS has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative at the address shown below within four months after the date of the publication of this Notice. All persons whose rights may be affected by the probate proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal

Representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED this 10th day of December 2025. MONICA D. PACHECO, OSB #064600 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Daniel Phillips 366 SE Stone St Dallas, OR 97338 (503) 999-0898 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Monica D. Pacheco, OSB #064600 DOUGLAS, CONROYD, GIBB & PACHECO, P.C. 528 Cottage St NE, Suite 400 P.O. Box 469 Salem, OR 97308-0469 Telephone: (503) 364-7000 Fax: (503) 585-0699 Email: [monica@dcm-law.com](mailto:monica@dcm-law.com)

PCIO25-1429 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF POLK, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE HAROLD LARSON, DECEASED, CASE NO. 25PB10294/ NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Date of first publication: December 10, 2025. Toni A. Schindler, Personal Representative of the Estate of Wayne Harold Larson, Deceased. Gregory V. Goebel, OSB #194952, Sherman, Sherman Johnnie & Hoyt, P.C., Attorneys for the Personal Representative, 189 SW Academy St, PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, (503) 364-2281.

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PCIO25-1433 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL J. BONSAINTI, Deceased Case No. 25PR10551 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Stephanie Bonsanti has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Michael J. Bonsanti in the above proceeding. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative at c/o Heather O. Gilmore, P.C. PO Box 21043, Keizer, Oregon 97307, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of

the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Heather O. Gilmore, P.C., Box 21043, Keizer, OR 97307. Dated and first published December 10, 2025. Personal Representative Stephanie Bonsanti By and through her attorney, Heather O. Gilmore

PCIO25-1434 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK No. 25PB10474- Probate In the Matter of the Estate of Richard N. Gardiner, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate No. 25PB10474, Robert J. Gardiner has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF RICHARD N. GARDINER, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present such claims to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Personal Representative, the attorney for the Personal Representative, or from the records of the court. Dated and first published December 10, 2025. Personal Representative Robert J. Gardiner c/o Sarah K. Rinehart 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301 Attorney for Personal Representative Sarah K. Rinehart, OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301

PCIO25-1421 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.bid13.com](http://www.bid13.com) on 12/22/2025 at 10:00AM. Alisia Schrader Unit #A1085; Sampakita Saiter Unit #A2104; Kyle Pippin Unit #A3054; Pamela Milligan Unit #A3086; Amy Hand Unit #A3156; Teresa M Coleman Unit #A4206; Matthew Oglevie Unit #A4272. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1416 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.bid13.com](http://www.bid13.com) on 12/18/2025 at 10:00AM. Tarah M Martin Unit #A1003; Teisa McElheran Unit #A4202. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1413 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE File No. 25-00699OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Breanna Christine Lundberg and Jason Michael Lundberg, as grantor, to Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Bay Equity LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated October 13, 2023, recorded October 24, 2023, in the records of Polk County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2023-007995, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: LOT 5, BLOCK 1, ISAAC LEVENS LACREOLE HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. ALSO: THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1, ISAAC LEVENS LACREOLE HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. SAVE AND EXCEPT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1, ISAAC LEVENS LACREOLE HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 70 FEET; THENCE WEST 54 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 70 FEET; THENCE EAST 54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. APN: 140339 Commonly known as: 1088 SW Hayter St., Dallas, OR 97338 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$32,513.70 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$366,778.10 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 the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on November 1, 2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on February 25, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 D, County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or [www.xome.com](http://www.xome.com). In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the

performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Affinia Default Services, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTIES AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 25-00699OR Dated: 10/15/2025 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Rhys Ran Name: Rhys Ran Title: Foreclosure Processor Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR 97015 Email: [inquiries@affiniae.default.com](mailto:inquiries@affiniae.default.com) NPP0479858 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/26/2025, 12/03/2025, 12/10/2025, 12/17/2025

PCIO25-1404 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE File No. 23-00322OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Cesar Lemus Torres, Pedro Lemus Lopez, and Josefina Torres, as grantor, to First American Title, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for American Pacific Mortgage Corporation, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated September 18, 2020, recorded September 22, 2020, in the records of Polk County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2020-013771, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: Parcel I: A portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Kingswood Acres, West Salem, Polk County, Oregon (Plat Volume 132, Page 33) more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence Westerly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Northerly parallel

with the Easterly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet to a point on the Easterly line of said Lot 4; thence Southerly along the Easterly line of said Lot 4, 85 feet to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 15 feet of the Following described property: A portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Kingswood Acres, West Salem, Polk County, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the Easterly line of said Lots, 126 feet; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of Lots 3 and 4, 85 feet to the Place of Beginning. Parcel II: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the Easterly line of said Lots, 126 feet; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of Lots 3 and 4, 85 feet to the Place of Beginning. Parcel II: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the Easterly line of said Lots, 126 feet; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of Lots 3 and 4, 85 feet to the Place of Beginning. APN: 312925 Commonly known as: 1343 6th St. NW, Salem, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$24,615.76 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$326,146.80 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 the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on February 1, 2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on February 25, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338, County of Polk, 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



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execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or www.xome.com. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Affinia Default Services, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to

state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 23-00322OR Dated: 10/09/2025 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Rhys Ran Name: Rhys Ran Title: Foreclosure Processor Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR 97015 Email: inquiries@affiniasdefault.com NPP0478660 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/19/2025, 11/26/2025, 12/03/2025, 12/10/2025

PCIO25-1403 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 139713-OR Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*9733 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JUSTIN LINDORFER, as Grantor, to AMERITITLE, LLC, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR CMG MORTGAGE, INC. DBA CMG FINANCIAL, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/6/2021, recorded 8/20/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-013376, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 9, BLOCK

14, CHATNICKA HEIGHTS NO. 4, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. APN: 315210 / 07319-AB-05100 Commonly known as: 3446 CHAMPLAIN CT NW SALEM, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is: CMG Mortgage, 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: 4/1/2025 - 10/1/2025 Total: \$13,646.78 Late Charges: \$511.35 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,869.98 Total Required to Reinstade: \$17,028.11 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$421,819.40 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 \$406,533.30 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.99 % per annum, from 3/1/2025 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 3/10/2026, 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 which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time

not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/27/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1372 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-74583 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by BENNY PULLER and CRYSTAL DOLLAR as Grantor to SANTIAM ESCROW, INC., an Oregon corporation, as trustee, in favor of DONALD ALLEN JONES, as Beneficiary, dated 10/3/2013, recorded 10/18/2013, as Instrument No. 2013-011112, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the South line of Sheldon Avenue and the East line of the John Sheldon Donation Land Claim No. 41, in Township 8 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; and running thence South 4.75 chains; thence South 50° East 3.88 chains; thence North 25°46' East 3.63 chains; thence North 49°12' West 5.95 chains to the place of beginning. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 233 SHELTON AVE FALLS CITY, OREGON 97344 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 296227 / 08621-CA-02200 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed

and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 4/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 4/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$10,836.00 Late Charges: \$511.70 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$252.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$3,019.50 Total necessary to cure: \$14,619.20 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: \$68,573.27 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 1/30/2026 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 main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main

Street, Dallas, OR Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 9/18/2025, ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 45230 Pub Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/03, 12/10/2025

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

Dallas Police Department

Wednesday, Dec. 3

At 12:57 a.m., Chris Smith was arrested on Walnut Avenue charged with trespass 2 and was lodged at Polk County Jail.  
At 8:10 a.m., a report of harassment on Uglow Avenue.  
At 9:45 a.m., a report of a VW Jetta parked on Polk Station Road for the last four days.  
At 11:18 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for reckless driving and failing to perform duties of a driver.  
At 11:33 a.m., a report of a dog in a vehicle on Ellendale Avenue that appeared neglected. After a late response, officers were unable to locate the vehicle.  
At 1:01 p.m., a construction worker on Holman Avenue requested assistance with locating the owner of a vehicle so he could retrieve his trailer.  
At 3:20 p.m., a fraudulent \$100 bill was recovered on Kings Valley Highway.

At 4:29 p.m., a subject was trespassed from the Post Office.  
At 8:22 p.m., a report of a pickup truck with possible juveniles entering the back of a church on Ellendale Avenue. Officers were unable to locate any vehicle or juveniles in the area. There were no signs of forced entry.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

At 1:28 a.m., an officer came upon a male subject sleeping in his truck in a parking lot on Howe Street.  
At 1:39 a.m., Nicole Wright was cited and released on Levens Street on an outstanding warrant out of Salem.  
At 9:01 a.m., a juvenile motorist was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 25-mph zone on Gerlinger Place.  
At 11:52 a.m., an officer came upon a crashed vehicle parked on the street on Bridlewood Drive in violation of the parking code. The officer advised code services and the owner says it will be gone by Thursday.  
At 2:14 p.m., a motorist from Salem was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue.  
At 2:42 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a location on Ellendale Avenue.  
At 3:12 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a location on Academy Street.  
At 4:31 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a location on Academy Street.

Monday, Dec. 1

At 2:43 a.m., a Kia vehicle was repossessed on Levens Street.  
At 3:37 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph zone.  
At 5:53 a.m., a motorist from Salem driving on Main Street was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph zone.  
At 8:32 a.m., a motorist from Sheridan on La Creole Drive was cited for driving uninsured and received a written warning for operating a vehicle without approved window material.  
At 10:51 a.m., police received an anonymous report of a possible drug dealer in Dallas.  
At 2:04 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding 37 mph in a 20-mph zone.  
At 2:55 p.m., Kenneth Green was arrested on Donald Street and charged with stalking (felony).  
At 4:07 p.m., officers on Fern Avenue referred a male subject to juvenile detention for harassment and criminal misconduct after a dispute with his girlfriend.  
At 7:09 p.m., a report of a dog bite that occurred near Shelton and Mill streets.  
At 9:31 p.m., Gregory Radke was cited and released for driving under the influence of an intoxicant and given a courtesy ride back to his residence in Dallas.

Sunday, Nov. 30

At 6:04 a.m., officers responded to a report of a hold up alarm on Ellendaler Avenue. It turned out to be a false alarm, where an employee had an issue with a keypad for the system.  
At 9:46 a.m., two young males were told to leave the park on Academy Street for violating park rules (smoking).  
At 5:57 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for driving uninsured and failing to register the vehicle.  
At 6:07 p.m., a motorist on Holman Avenue was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.  
At 6:44 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance and received a written warning for speeding 37 mph in a 25-mph zone.

Saturday, Nov. 29

At 1:26 a.m., officers responded to a report of a physical altercation on Court Street between three subjects.  
At 8:45 a.m., Florian Dobson was arrested on River Drive, charged with trespass 1 and was lodged at Polk County Jail.  
At 11:55 a.m. a subject called to advise he had lost his brown leather wallet with a black patch on Jefferson Street.  
At 2:04 p.m., Morgan Laster was arrested on La Creole Drive and charged

with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and was also cited for driving while suspended - violation and for having an open container of alcohol.  
At 3:40 p.m., an officer reissued a citation to a motorist on Ash Street for driving while suspended.  
At 5:44 p.m., a report of white moped speeding, driving erratically and honking on Hayter Street.  
At 8:44 p.m., a report of someone attempting to break into a vehicle on Mill Street. Officers searched the area and checked vehicles parked on the street; but with the weather, they found no evidence of someone breaking into a vehicle.  
At 9 p.m., officers responded to a report of cars revving motors on Mill Street. While enroute to the location, they stopped one vehicle for no lights. The other vehicles took off while on the stop.

Friday, Nov. 28

At 9:54 a.m., a report of a found dog on Ellendale Avenue. The complainant located the owner and facilitated the dog's return.  
At 10:26 a.m., officers responded to a glass break alarm on Newton Drive. They found all the exterior doors and windows were secure.  
At 3:43 p.m., a report of a wallet stolen out of a vehicle on Dimick Street.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

At 12:32 a.m., a resident on Walnut Avenue, while out of town, received a report their garage door was open. Officers secured the garage door and informed the home owner.  
At 2:26 p.m., a subject was formally trespassed from housing authority properties on Jefferson Street.  
At 9:21 p.m., Shana Zajac was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with criminal trespass.

Monday, Nov. 25

At 6 a.m., a Dallas motorist on Jefferson Street was cited for no operator's license and failing to install an ignition interlock device.  
At 9:11 p.m., officers coordinated the return to its owner a wallet found on Main Street. All contents were accounted for.  
At 11:54 p.m., Shirren Jacobson was arrested on Washington Street and was lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with trespass 2, disorderly conduct 2, and attempted assault of a police officer.

Independence Police Department

Friday, Nov. 28

An officer was driving northbound on North Main Street when his patrol vehicle's License Plate Reader notified that the oncoming



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vehicle was stolen. The officer turned around, then spotted the vehicle at a gas station. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted and Joshua Dornon was detained. Multiple items were seized from the vehicle including a weapon, drugs and credit cards that did not belong to Dornon. He was arrested, charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, felon in possession of a weapon and unlawful controlled substances and was transported to the Polk County Jail.

At 2:06 p.m., a motorist on Stryker Road was cited for speeding 56 mph in a 35-mph zone.

**Saturday, Nov. 29**

At 4:12 p.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on White Oak Circle. The parties were gone by their arrival. They developed probable cause for a no contact order violation and harassment for the involved male subject.

At 7:12 p.m., a resident on C Street reported hearing “one loud belch of a scream” and then did not hear it again afterwards. An officer drove the area and did not hear any screaming and most lights were out in the area.

At 8:15 p.m., a motorist on Chestnut Street was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 8:45 p.m., officers responded to a welfare check on a resident on Thorpe Street. A 91-year-old male was transported to the hospital.

**Sunday, Nov. 30**

Harley Lukins was stopped on Monmouth Street for continually driving around town and was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

**Monday, Dec. 1**

At 11:30 a.m., a report of a power tool stolen from High School Pharmacy on Monmouth Street.

At 7:22 p.m., a resident on Monmouth Street reported an unknown suspect tried to break into her garage via the garage door, but was unsuccessful.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

A motorist was stopped on Monmouth Street for expired vehicle tags. The driver Guadalupe Trujillo was cited for not possessing a valid operator’s permit, failing to register his vehicle and not carrying proof of insurance.

At 4:49 p.m., a resident on Jasmine Circle reported that sometime overnight someone ripped up their flag outside their house. There are no suspects at this time.

At 7:20 p.m., a bar on Main Street reported a male subject showed up at the bar with an outside drink. When he was asked to leave, he became disorderly and eventually got into his car and peeled off at a high rate of speed.

**Monmouth Police Department**

**Wednesday, Nov. 26,**

Warrant: An individual was located and arrested on a county warrant for failure to appear and lodged at the county jail.

Animal: Response to a complaint of two loose dogs. A resident admitted their two puppies had gotten out through a side gate. The

resident was advised on how to secure the gate, the leash ordinance, and how to license the puppies once they were old enough. No further action at this time.

Property Crime: A person reported someone stole their power cords, which were later found cut and damaged in another city. The complainant, who was instructed to send photos of the cords and damages, also reported defamation on social media, for which they had already contacted the county police.

Sexual Offense: A person requested to speak with a female officer to report a sexual assault that occurred in another state. An initial report was taken and will be forwarded to the associated agency for further investigation.

Harassment: A person reported that their ex-partner’s new boyfriend, who lives in a different state, obtained their contact information and was calling them multiple times a day with accusations. The person was advised to block the caller and to contact the police department in the caller’s state if the issues continued.

Driving: Report of a motorist swerving and appearing intoxicated on a highway/ street. The vehicle was unable to be located.

Assist Other Agency: Assistance was provided to the county for a two-vehicle blocking crash. Both sides of the street were shut down until a tow service could arrive. No injuries were reported.

Citizen Contact: A person called wanting to make a report regarding property damage and verbal assault, and also stated that if police responded, they would commit suicide-by-cop.

Citizen Contact: A person reported concern that an ex-partner, who is prohibited from possessing firearms due to a protective order and probation, might be in the city with two handguns located in an apartment. The person did not have proof but was concerned. The person was advised to contact the police in their own city if the ex-partner showed up there. The information was documented to be sent to the probation officer.

**Thursday, Nov. 27,**

Suspicious Activity: A person reported getting into an argument with a brother, who threatened to break down their door and beat them up, and also threatened to shoot the person and their mother. The person’s mother believed it was unlikely the brother would come. Contact with the brother and his stepmother suggested he is not violent, has no access to guns, and there were no concerns he would hurt his family. The brother denied making the threats.

Animal: A caller reported finding a small black/white dog and a German Shepherd running loose. The caller caught the small dog. Both dogs were placed into kennels. The dogs were later released to the owner, who paid kennel fees and was cited for Dog at Large.

Check Welfare: A welfare check was requested for a neighbor whose dog was out and lights were off. The caller later advised they had spoken with the neighbor, who said they were sick but alright and would check in with them again tonight.

Suspicious Person: A caller reported a suspicious juvenile outside. An officer contacted the juvenile, who said they were waiting for their sibling to return with their dog. The juvenile was advised to stay on the sidewalk and not on private property.

Citizen Contact: A person called asking if the trail cameras captured their garage door opening, as it was open when they got home, though nothing was missing. The person became upset when told the cameras did not show anything and suggested the cameras needed to be moved.

Suspicious Activity: A person and their partner reported their young daughter, who was visiting them in another state, had bruising and made statements about being hit and choked by her mother and older brother in Oregon. The police department in the visiting state was contacted and is planning to meet with the child. Child Protective Services was notified.

**Friday, Nov. 28**

Missing Person: A person reported not knowing the whereabouts of their mother. The mother was confirmed to have been arrested the previous day by another police agency on multiple charges. Assist Other Agency: Officers provided cover while another police department investigated and cleared a property following a prowler call.

Alarm: Officers responded to a drive-thru window alarm activation. The window was found unlocked but closed. The business was cleared with a manager present, and no signs of forced entry were found.

Suspicious Activity: Report of two individuals in an apartment laundry room. Officers contacted the individuals who said they were visiting a friend and drying clothes. They gathered their items and left.

Theft: A report was taken for three packages stolen from a doorstep. The victim declined to pursue charges. A person with a similar dog to the suspect description was contacted and denied taking the packages.

Citizen Contact: A person called with additional information regarding a hit-and-run incident involving a mailbox, which was forwarded to the appropriate officer.

Lost Property: A person reported losing a bag containing keys on a highway. The bag was later found and turned in. The owner was contacted and advised when they could retrieve the property from evidence.

Follow-up: An officer followed up on a report with a social worker concerning a child abuse allegation from another state. The child’s mother denied hitting her children and suggested the child’s injuries were from wrestling. A follow-up with child protective services is planned for the next week.

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants: An individual was arrested and lodged at the county jail where they were charged with driving under the influence and cited for other driving offenses, with a BAC of 0.14 percent.

Citizen Contact: A person called about their missing vehicle. It was determined that the vehicle had been repossessed overnight, and the person was given this information.

Harassment: A person from a client organization reported being harmed by staff. The alleged victim denied the incident. It was determined the reporting person made a false report due to being upset with a staff member. The reporting person was warned about making false reports.

Alarm: An interior motion alarm was activated at a client organization. Staff reported that other staff had set the alarm before confirming everyone was out, and one staff member was still cleaning.

Burglary: A person reported a broken shed lock and a break-in at their house where a computer and electrical sockets were stolen. A suspect matching the video footage description was found and arrested. The individual was lodged at the county jail and charged with burglary, criminal trespass and theft.

Assist Other Agency: Officers responded to assist other officers after a stolen vehicle was located at a gas station. The driver was compliant and arrested. Various contraband, including illicit substances, a weapon, and multiple cards in other people’s names, was found.

Arrest: An individual was arrested for driving while their license was suspended after being seen driving on a street. They were lodged at the county jail and cited for failure to install an ignition interlock device.

**Saturday, Nov. 29**

Theft: A person reported their bicycle stolen from their backyard greenhouse, with another bicycle left in its place. The stolen bicycle matched one recovered from the burglary the previous night, linking the theft to the same suspect. An officer will seek surveillance footage to confirm the suspect at the residence.

Noise: A person called to complain their neighbor’s music was too loud. An officer arrived and could not hear loud music. The officer spoke with the resident of the unit in question, who was playing music while teaching their son to ride a quad. The music was not unreasonably loud, and the ordinance was explained and understood.

Follow-up: Two people turned in suspected illicit substances and a cell phone found on their property, believed to have been left by the burglary suspect from the previous night. An officer will coordinate with the investigating officer regarding additional charges.

**Sunday, Nov. 30**

Suspicious Vehicle: A person called about a vehicle parked at a vacant address. An officer found no vehicle but was flashed by one that drove up. The officer contacted the driver, who was delivering food to a shared address and was told to leave by two people, causing them to drive away.

Domestic Disturbance: A domestic disturbance occurred between three people at an apartment. One person, who was intoxicated, pushed and punched the other two, who declined to press charges as their injuries were minor. The intoxicated person refused to let the others retrieve their clothes and pets, despite one having residency. The issue was left to be resolved civilly in the morning.

Sexual Offense: A person reported being the victim of a sex offense that occurred the

previous night. Following an interview, there was probable cause for unlawful sexual penetration and sodomy. The person went to a medical center for a sexual assault forensic exam (SAFE) kit. The case is open for follow-up.

Driving: A person reported being nearly rammed and followed by a former customer. The pursuit ended at the police department. The male claimed he only recognized her distinct vehicle and followed her to the department. He was counseled about following people and suggested alternative contact methods. No crimes were committed.

Assist Other Agency: An officer assisted another police department in locating a juvenile runaway, who was found at an intersection. The officer remained with the juvenile until the other department arrived.

Assist Other Agency: An officer assisted another police department with an incident involving an emotionally disturbed person and an assault.

Assist Other Agency: An officer assisted another police department in attempting to locate a juvenile runaway but was unable to find the youth.

Citizen Contact: A person called from a community park to report being threatened by another resident. The caller advised that if police showed up, they would commit suicide-by-cop. An attempted call went straight to voice-mail, and there was no in-person response.

**Monday, Dec. 1**

Runaway: A person called to report their son was overdue coming home. While taking the report, an officer saw two people running, one of whom was a different juvenile runaway from another jurisdiction. The person’s son returned shortly after. The person went inside with their son, and the other police department responded for their runaway.

Alarm: A residential burglary alarm was reported for an apartment garage door. An officer checked the entire residence and found no signs of forced entry. The alarm was not sounding, and there was no answer at the doors.

Theft Follow-up: An individual was interviewed and arrested at the county jail and was charged with theft and criminal trespass related to an existing case.

Assist Other Agency: A police department in another state called regarding a case number. By the time the officer returned the call, the other officer had signed off for the day. A message was left asking them to call back the next morning.

Follow-up: Contact was made with a person who explained that two others had moved her recreational vehicle, and one of them had hit mailboxes and failed to report it. Both individuals were contacted. One was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and failure to perform duties of a driver (property).

Found Property: A state identification card was turned in to the station after being found outside of a business the previous night. The owner was contacted and advised that they could pick up their ID.

Missing Person: A person called to report their adult son missing, whom they hadn’t seen in five years since he became addicted to drugs and left home. The son was found to have an active failure to appear warrant for theft from

another city. That city’s police confirmed the son was not missing, and the father was advised to contact them for further information.

Driving: Following a tip from a state agency about a driver brake-checking a semi-truck on a highway, the vehicle was located at an intersection. The driver was not impaired but was counseled on safe driving around commercial vehicles.

Citizen Contact: A person called because their minor daughter was being defiant after having her phone taken away as a disciplinary measure. The officer advised that this was a parenting issue and that police would only get involved if the situation became physical or a disturbance was caused. The caller said she would call back if the situation escalated.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

Animal: Report of loose livestock on a street. The owner was located nearby and responded to retrieve their animals.

Suspicious Activity: A resident reported suspicious activity at an apartment, including frequent short-stay traffic at all hours of the night, quick visits with “gift bags” and discussions about owing money. The complainant also mentioned a subject staying there who was reportedly trespassed, but no official record was found. Patrol was informed to monitor the residence, and the complainant was advised to work with the landlord regarding the trespass issue.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal domestic dispute occurred between family members after one failed to bring the other four beers. An officer confirmed the incident was strictly verbal with no crimes committed. The person who called stated they did not anticipate any further issues.

Found Property: An officer was called regarding an abandoned bike found at the WOU baseball fields. The bike was missing parts and came back clear in the system. It was deemed abandoned property, and the finder took possession.

Missing Property: A person initially reported that a purse with contents, including identification and cards, was stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a store. Reviewing the video confirmed no theft had occurred. The person was contacted and realized they had dropped and subsequently found the purse outside their residence with all items present.

Assist Other Agency: Social services were involved after a juvenile reported his father entering the bathroom while he was naked and touching him non-consensually in the past. The juvenile confirmed his father touched him once on the butt but stopped when told to. The father admitted to the incidents, claiming the touch was a joke and entering the bathroom was to remind his son about chores.

Domestic Disturbance: A possible verbal disturbance was reported. Officers spoke with a man and woman. The woman explained she was having a “mental breakdown” and was yelling into her pillow, wanting to be left alone. No injuries were observed on either person.

Citizen Contact: A person called to inquire about a child abuse report and was given an officer’s email address to send

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