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Dallas band teacher Stephen Burroughs takes a selfie with his newly assembled Dragons marching band from the streets of Portland in the 61st Annual St. John's Parade May 8.

Dragons march into Portland's St. John's Parade

By DAVID HAYES
 IO Editor

On May 8, marching bands filled the 1 1/2 mile route for the 61st Annual St. John's Parade. Among the 87 bands, for the first time in decades, 77 musicians from Dallas School District.

Stephen Burroughs, now in his second year in Dallas, directs the high school wind ensemble, four bands at LaCreole Middle School and the pep band. Now, he can add the marching band for the first time in over 30 years.

"I couldn't give you the exact year right now, but it was actually when John Skelton was here and they took the bands to Vienna," Burroughs said. "And in the same year,



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The Dallas marching band pauses to perform the Dallas High School fight song in front of crowds lining the streets of Portland May 8.

that summer, they marched the summer parade. But yeah, that was, I believe, over 30 years ago."

He also isn't sure when the marching band program was dissolved. But he does know the district has been slowly

building back up the overall music program since the

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Country music festival hits Monmouth on Memorial Day

By LANCE MASTERSON
 For The Itemizer-Observer

Three bands will take the stage at Main Street Park's amphitheater on Memorial Day, all sharing one connection — guitarist Lee Wanner.

Wanner performs with The Shinkle Band and the Schown Slade Band, and also fronts his own group, Lee Wanner and Counter Country. All three bands will perform Monday.

A professional musician and teacher, Wanner owns Northwest Music Studio, presenter of the concert. Cooper Hollow Residential Services and Aaron Shinkle will handle sound.

The free, family-friendly concert runs from 4-9 p.m., Monday in Monmouth.

Wanner recently sat down to talk about the concert. An edited version of that interview follows.

Lance Masterson: Let me get this right, you will perform with all three bands?

Lee Wanner: Yeah, and that makes it a little complicated because there are so many people involved. I don't want it to feel like it's all about me. The sponsors and other band members deserve recognition, too.

LM: Describe your role, then.

LW: In Lee Wanner and Counter Country, I'm more involved in the decision-making. In The Shinkle Band and Schown Slade Band, I'm more of a supporting player. I joke about it by using a "Star Trek" comparison. In Counter Country, I'm more like Captain Picard. In the others I'm more like Data.

LM: The name Lee Wanner and Counter Country wasn't your first choice for the band,

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Skip Jones and the Spirit of New Orleans playing at Dallas Nights

By DAVID HAYES
 IO Editor

Skip Jones has had decades of experience in the music industry, tickling the keys on the piano for such luminary acts as The Coasters, The Drifters, The Platters, Joe Houston, and Bo Diddley.

In the '80s, he toured with Canned Heat, holding down bass duties for Larry Taylor. Skip has also worked with local greats like Henry Vestine, James Thornbury, James Bradshaw, and The Etouffee Band.

But about a decade ago, something happened that

changed the course of his career. He played a record of a New Orleans legend bluesman.

"Once I heard Professor Longhair, that was pretty much it for me," Jones said. "He was a Gateway for me. I'd play other piano players from New Orleans, but Professor Longhair laid down the rudiments on almost all I do."

Jones, now 75, has a busy schedule in 2026, taking his four-piece act paying tribute to the R&B acts that came before, including Fats Domino, Huey and Clowns, Dr. John, and yes, Professor Longhair.

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Skip Jones and the Spirit of New Orleans makes its debut at Dallas Nights from 6-8 p.m. May 22 at the Academy Street Amphitheater.

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Weather

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Willamina artist awarded career opportunity program grants

Aubrey Sloan, of Willamina, was among 26 artists to receive Career Opportunity Program grants from the Oregon Arts Commission and The Ford Family Foundation.

Over \$91,000 was awarded, including \$46,665 from the Oregon Arts Commission for all artistic disciplines and \$44,338 in supplemental funding for 12 established Oregon visual artists, visual arts writers and curators of visual arts through a partnership with The Ford Family Foundation's Visual Arts Program. Grant funding received ranges from \$1,041 to \$7,000.

Sloan received \$2,000 to support "A Year and a Day," a solo exhibition at Stark Street Studios and Gallery in Portland centering on American working-class mothers through new ceramic works, invited collaborators and public dialogue.

Career Opportunity grants support individual Oregon artists by enabling them to take advantage of timely opportunities that enhance their artistic



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careers. Most grants support the artists' participation in residencies, exhibitions or performance opportunities.

"The creativity of Oregon artists and makers is so inspiring," said Commission Vice Chair Jenny Stadler, who served as a panel chair. "I always look forward to learning more about the wonderful opportunities they are invited to participate in around the country and world."

"Artists are anchors of Oregon towns and cities," said Kara Carlisle, president and CEO of The Ford Family Foundation. "By investing in artists' research, training, dedicated work time and new exhibition opportunities, we're not just amplifying their careers, we're reinforcing the cultural fabric of our communities. We're proud to join the Oregon Arts Commission in this shared commitment to impact."

Lauren Whisenhunt earns May Farmers classroom of the month

Lauren Whisenhunt was recently named the May Farmers Insurance Steele Insurance Agency Classroom of the Month.

Lauren was nominated during Teacher Appreciation Week by one of her student's parents for the incredible impact she has made as a first grade teacher. In the nomination, the parent shared how Whisenhunt consistently brings kindness, encouragement, patience and genuine care into her classroom, helping students feel safe, supported, and seen every single day.

"She has poured so much into her kiddos every single day with encouragement, guidance, and so much love," the parent wrote. "Years from

now, my daughter will look back and remember Ms. Whisenhunt and everything she loved about her."

The Farmers Insurance Steele Insurance Agency Classroom of the Month program was created to celebrate educators throughout the Dallas School District and surrounding communities who go above and beyond for their students. Each month, teachers are nominated by parents, students, staff, and community members for the positive difference they make in the lives of children.

"Teachers have one of the most important jobs in our community," said Zachary Steele, owner of the Zachary

Steele Farmers Insurance Agency. "Educators like Lauren Whisenhunt help shape the confidence, character, and future of our children. We are grateful for the dedication she brings to her classroom every day."

Lauren Whisenhunt is the final Farmers Insurance Steele Insurance Agency Classroom of the Month recipient for the 2025-26 school year. The program will resume in September when school begins again.

Community members who would like to nominate a teacher or learn more about the program can contact the Zachary Steele Farmers Insurance Agency at (503) 751-1484.

Rep. Scharf presents proclamation honoring Oregon Fire District Directors Association

By SW POLK FIRE DISTRICT

On May 14, Oregon state Rep. Anna Scharf presented a proclamation recognizing and honoring the Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA) for more than 75 years of promoting public safety and supporting fire district governance throughout Oregon.

The proclamation was presented to the SW Polk Fire District Board of Directors during a special recognition ceremony acknowledging the association's long-standing commitment to Oregon communities, emergency preparedness, and effective fire district leadership.

For more than seven decades, the OFDDA has worked to strengthen fire service governance through education, advocacy, and collaboration among fire district leaders across the state. The organization has played a vital role in supporting local fire districts and ensuring communities

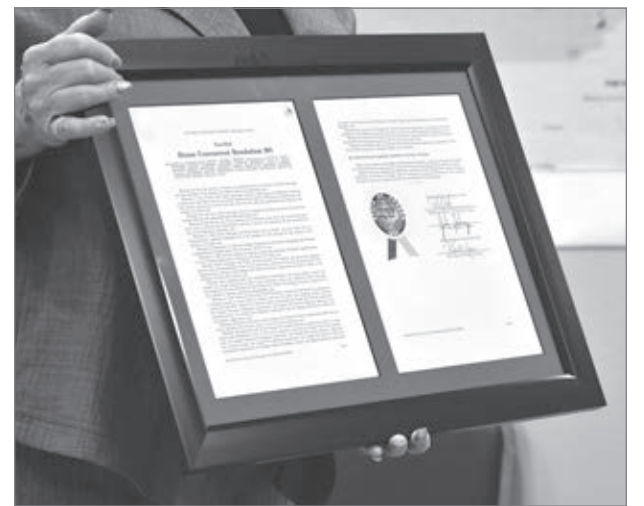


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Oregon state Rep. Anna Scharf presents a proclamation recognizing and honoring the Oregon Fire District Directors Association on May 14 to the SW Polk Fire District Board of Directors.

receive reliable emergency services and protection.

Representative Scharf praised the association's dedication to public service and its enduring impact on the safety and well-being of Oregonians.

"The Oregon Fire District Directors Association has been an important partner in promoting strong leadership and public safety across our state for more than

75 years," said Scharf. "Their commitment to supporting fire districts and the communities they serve deserves recognition and appreciation."

Members of the SW Polk Fire District Board of Directors accepted the proclamation on behalf of the association and expressed gratitude for the recognition of the organization's historic contributions to Oregon's fire service community.

Randi Storch named WOU Interim Provost

Western Oregon University recently announced that Randi Storch, Ph.D., will serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs beginning July 1. The appointment follows the departure of current Provost Jose Coll, who will assume the role of President at Western Mexico University.

Storch has served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Western since June 30, 2025.

Before coming to Western, Storch had a distinguished career at the State University of New York Cortland. She served as department chair for nine years and earned the rank of tenured full professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor. Storch also has extensive experience with collective



Randi Storch

bargaining and shared governance. Additionally, she was an A.C.E. fellow, during which time she served as Advisor to the President's Office at San Diego University and Advisor to the President and Board of Governors at Guilford College.

"I have been impressed with her work as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences since her arrival," said WOU President Jesse Peters. "She brings the right

balance of experience, new ideas, and vision while also demonstrating a passion for this institution, its students, and its employees."

Peters emphasized that this decision also allows the other leaders in Academic Affairs to maintain their strong and needed work in assessment, accreditation, bargaining, program review, professional development, academic innovation, and more.

Storch said that she is honored to serve as Interim Provost and to support the faculty, staff, and students who make WOU's academic mission come alive everyday.

"I look forward to working with President Peters and our talented teams to advance the work of academic affairs and our shared mission together," Storch said.

SKIP

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Based in Eugene, Skip Jones and the Spirit of New Orleans makes a stop in Dallas during their tour up the Willamette Valley for the second act for the revamped Dallas Nights on May 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the Academy Street Amphitheater.

The group, consisting of Byron Case on bass, Theo Halpert on drums, Stephen Arriola on guitar and Jones on the keyboard, has 10 performances in May alone. Jones attributes the busy schedule to familial intervention.

"My wife has taken over. I mean helping book the band. She's gotten us more work than just on my own. She's very good at it. I'm very fortunate that way," Jones said.

Beyond his band performances, Jones bio states he's been a pillar of the Eugene blues scene, hosting Eugene's longest-running blues jam for over 25

years.

"Whether leading the charge at a blues jam or performing with his band, or as a solo or duo, Skip brings an infectious energy and deep musical expertise that keeps audiences coming back for more," his bio states.

And he's looking forward to bringing that energy for the first time to Dallas.

"This summer gettin' busy. We've driven up to Portland a few times. But making a stop to debut in Sounds of Summer, I'm really excited about it," Jones said. "I don't do that much road work normally. But this is like three gigs in a row."

Jones said he enjoys playing for a crowd, whether it's indoors at a local Eugene bar or one of the bigger festivals up and down the Oregon coast. His set, behind his Hammond Organ (easy to set up while on the road), consists mainly of R&B hits from the 50s and 60s. He especially likes the

festival setting, regardless of the setting or size of crowd.

"We play as many as we can. Always a blast. Enjoy the festivals very much," he said.

This slots in nicely for Dallas Nights, offering a variety of musical genres during its expanded run through the summer to Oct. 2. The afternoons kick off twice a month from 4-6 p.m. with the Farmers Market and various activities for the whole family. Then musicians take center stage from 6-8 p.m. Jones said he's not worried about a two-hour set.

"We have plenty of material. We play three- to four-hour shows all the time. Certainly not a problem," Jones said. "Here, we can cram all the better stuff in two hours."

For more about Skip Jones and the Spirit of New Orleans, check out his new album Snapshot, now "all over YouTube" or go to <https://skipjones.com>.

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Dallas Chamber honors community spirit (of '69)



Business of the Year - First American Title



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The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 69th Annual Community Awards May 15 at the Dallas Events

center, honoring the top volunteers. Host chamber board member Erin Ryden, in full costume channeling astronaut

Neil Armstrong in tribute to the 1969 moon landing, introduced the evening's honorees. The award winners were:



Lifetime Achievement - Yolanda Zuger



First Citizen - Craig Howlett



Rich Wilcott Award - Eileen DiCicco



Young Professional - Mackenzie Newland



Junior First Citizen - Sofia Lozano



Educator of the Year - Audrey McMorrow



Non-Profit of the Year - Dallas Food Bank



Polk County Woman in Business - Tobey Higashi-Houser



New Business of the Year - Cosmos Tabletop Games



Chamber Choice - Clair Blosser

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Spring cleaning for your health routine

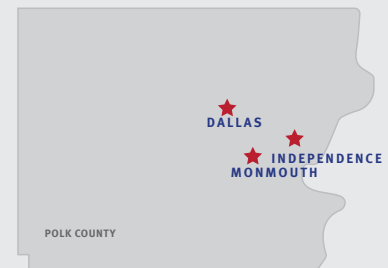
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SALEM HEALTH MEDICAL CLINIC

Oregon Health Authority 'closely monitoring' cruise ship hantavirus cases

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

On May 2, the World Health Organization (WHO) was notified of a cluster of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) among passengers and crew of a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean.

The cluster included two deaths and one critically ill passenger, whose laboratory tests confirmed hantavirus. On May 6, WHO confirmed that the type of hantavirus responsible for this outbreak is the Andes virus. As of May 8, 2026, WHO has reported eight cases (six confirmed and two suspected), including three deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Jonathan Modie told the Cottage Grove Sentinel that OHA is "closely monitoring" the cluster of Andes virus hantavirus cases associated with the M/V Hondius cruise ship.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has notified Oregon Health Authority that one Oregon resident has been transported to the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit for risk assessment and monitoring," Modie said. "All passengers returning to the United States will

be actively monitored for new symptoms by public health through 42 days following their arrival in Nebraska. No passengers have returned to Oregon at this time."

Hantaviruses can cause severe disease and typically infect humans through contact with rats and mice.

"The Andes virus is a type of hantavirus that is found in South America and can be associated with limited human-to-human transmission. The Andes virus is not found in Oregon," Modie said.

Media accounts said Central Oregon oncologist Dr. Stephen Kornfeld was reportedly on the quarantined cruise ship and helped to treat patients on the vessel.

The following information is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The cruise ship departed from Ushuaia, Argentina, on April 1, 2026, and traveled across the South Atlantic Ocean, stopping at several remote locations, including Antarctica, South Georgia Island, Tristan da Cunha, Saint Helena, and Ascension Island. It carried 147 people (86 passengers and 61 crew) from 23 different countries. The extent of their contact with wildlife before or during the expedition is unknown.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and health departments about the new cluster of hantavirus disease cases caused by infection with Andes virus.

CDC is working with partners (federal government, state and local and international) on safely repatriating American passengers from the cruise ship to a facility in Nebraska with specialized medical capabilities. On May 7, 2026, CDC sent a team to meet the cruise ship in the Canary Islands, Spain following travel from Cape Verde. The team is prepared to assess exposure risk among U.S. passengers and determine appropriate monitoring measures.

CDC is also coordinating with international partners to align public health guidance and has already issued health guidance to affected Americans via the State Department. The risk to the public's health in the United States is considered extremely low at this time. As a precaution, CDC is working to increase awareness of the outbreak among travelers, public health agencies, laboratories, and healthcare professionals nationwide.

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome

Hantaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause severe illness and death. They are most commonly transmitted (spread) to humans through contact with infected rodents (e.g., urine, droppings, saliva). Rarely, infection can occur from rodent bites or scratches. From 1993 through 2023, a total of 890 laboratory-confirmed cases of hantavirus were reported in the United States.

In the Americas, hantaviruses can cause hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), a severe and potentially deadly disease that affects the lungs. HPS can be life-threatening. Among patients who have severe respiratory symptoms, the case fatality rate has been estimated at approximately 38%.

Andes virus, confirmed as the cause of this hantavirus outbreak, is the only type of hantavirus that has been documented to spread from person-to-person. Although rare, spread between people has typically required close, prolonged contact with a symptomatic person. This could include direct physical contact, prolonged time spent in close or enclosed spaces, and exposure to the infected person's saliva,

respiratory secretions, or other body fluids (e.g., kissing, sharing utensils, handling contaminated bedding).

Symptoms of HPS caused by Andes virus usually appear within 4-42 days after exposure. Early symptoms can include fever, fatigue, and muscle aches, especially in large muscle groups like the thighs, hips, back, or shoulders. Early symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, nausea, and fatigue can be easily confused with influenza or other viral illnesses. About half of all HPS patients have experienced headaches, dizziness, chills, and gastrointestinal symptoms, including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. Late symptoms of HPS appear approximately 4-10 days after the initial phase of illness and can include coughing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. Individuals are generally only infectious while symptomatic.

Early diagnosis of HPS can be difficult, especially within the first 72 hours of symptoms, before the virus can be accurately detected in body secretions and excretions. Repeat diagnostic testing is often done 72 hours after symptom onset. CLIA assays for detection of New World hantavirus

IgM and IgG antibodies are available at CDC, some state public health laboratories, and Quest Diagnostics.

The CDC added a comparison with the COVID pandemic.

This outbreak is not like the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk to the American public is extremely low. Andes virus does not spread easily from person-to-person like a respiratory virus like COVID-19.

The risk of a pandemic caused by this outbreak and the overall risk to the American public and travelers remains extremely low. The Andes virus is the only type of hantavirus that is known to spread person-to-person. This spread is usually limited to people who have close contact with a person with symptoms. Close contact includes

- Prolonged direct physical contact
 - Prolonged time spent in close or enclosed spaces
 - Exposure to the infected person's saliva, respiratory secretions, or other body fluids (e.g., kissing, sharing utensils, handling contaminated bedding)
- If you think you had contact with a person with Andes virus and are experiencing symptoms, contact a medical professional immediately.

OBITUARIES



Christina Marie Stutzman
Aug. 18, 1943 - May 11, 2026

Christina "Tina" (Davis) Stutzman, 82, lived a life shaped by love-love she gave freely and love she received an abundance. Born on August 18th, 1943, in Portland, Oregon, she was raised by her parents Harold and Christina Davis. My OK, her compassion and steady kindness guided her towards a career in nursing. She earned her degree in practical nursing from Girls

Polytechnic and began working as an LPN. It was there that fate placed freeman in her path, and from that moment forward, their lives were intertwined. They were married on January 27th, 1967.

Their love was not loud or dramatic-it was steady, loyal, and deeply rooted. Together they built a life defined by hard work and partnership, managing their businesses side

by side for more than 59 years. After working in Fountain Valley, California, for 12 years, they moved to independence, Oregon. In 1981, they purchased an A&W restaurant, which they operated until 1999. Along the way, they traveled, finished, and explored new places, always happiest in each other's company. Tina's world was brightest when she was

surrounded by family. She and freeman raised two sons, Tom and Terry, and later welcomed their wives Tanya and Karin, into the family. She adored her 4 grandchildren- Tori, Ty, Michael, and Megan- who loved her deeply in return. Tina had a special place in her heart for children, and in her honor, the family asked that donations be made to the make a wish foundation in lieu of

flowers. In her final years, Tina experienced a different kind of love story-one defined by devotion and unwavering care. No one was more important to her than freeman, who tended to her every need, every day, with patience and tenderness. His care was the purest expression of love, and it will forever be a part of Tina's legacy.

On May 11th 2026, Tina slipped peacefully into God's hands, leaving behind a lifetime of memories that her family and friends will cherish forever. Though she has gone ahead, the love she shared-especially the love she and freeman built-remains unbroken. A celebration of life will be held in late June 2026 at cornerstone church in Monmouth, Oregon, where her story will continue to be honored by those who loved her most.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Eleven ways on managing loneliness

By STAN POPOVICH

Do you struggle with being alone? Persistent loneliness can heighten depressive symptoms, amplify anxiety in social situations, and reinforce negative thoughts about self-worth and belonging. However there are ways to deal with being alone.

Here are some ways on how you can overcome loneliness in your life.

1. Find enjoyable activities: Joining a hobby or group activity you like can be a fun way to spend your time. Doing something you enjoy while being around others can help lift your mood and give you a chance to meet

new people.

2. Spend time with a pet: Animals can be wonderful companions. You might volunteer at a local shelter or consider adopting a pet. Spending time with an animal you love can help reduce feelings of loneliness and bring comfort.

3. Help others: There are many people who could benefit from your time and talents. Assisting others can give you a sense of pride and accomplishment and help you to not focus on your loneliness. You can also meet people with similar interests.

4. Take things slowly: It might feel overwhelming to start opening up to

people. You don't need to rush into anything. To start small, try and make conversations with people in your day-to-day life. Go at your own pace when developing friendships with others.

5. Do some personal reflection: Connecting with your higher power, reflecting on your values, or finding sources of personal meaning can help reduce loneliness and ease the fear of the future.

6. Stay active: Sitting and doing nothing will not make things any better whether it is dealing with the fear of being alone or something else. Take it one day at a time and make the effort to be active with

others in your community.

7. Create a routine: Create a daily or weekly schedule that includes activities you enjoy, as well as tasks that need to be done. Manage your social interactions by going to the same places at the same time. You might start to recognize people in these places, which may lead to forming connections.

8. Focus on quality relationships: Building a few meaningful relationships can be more rewarding than having a large, superficial network. Find a few people that have similar interests and spend time getting to know them.

9. Connect with others:

Reach out to friends and family through phone calls, texts, or video chats. You can re-engage with old friends or acquaintances. It's important to share your feelings and be open to your need for connections. While online connections can be helpful, be mindful of spending too much time on social media and prioritize real-life interactions.

10. Remember others experience loneliness: Everyone experiences loneliness at some point. Focus on your life and don't compare yourself to others. Continue to seek friendships with other people. There are all kinds of people in various

circumstances who are also lonely.

11. Reframing loneliness: View loneliness as an opportunity for growth. Use your time to explore your values, interests, and goals. Spend time in nature, listen to music, or read a book. Sharing your emotions with someone you trust can help you feel less alone and more understood.

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers 200+ techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUMP CORRUPTION STEALS FROM US

I voted for Donald Trump in 2024 because I thought he would focus on working Americans and bring more stability to the economy. Like many people in rural communities, I wanted lower costs, stronger markets, and less pressure on family budgets.

Instead, I'm watching regular people struggle while wealthy insiders cash in.

By the time Trump took office, inflation had already fallen sharply from its 2022 peak of 9.1% to around 3%. Gas prices had also dropped well below their record highs. Families were still stretched, but there were signs things were stabilizing.

Now costs are rising again while tariffs and trade fights create more uncertainty. In Polk County, farmers are already feeling it. Seed crop growers and white winter wheat producers depend on export markets. Trade wars weaken relationships with international buyers and hurt rural economies that rely on agriculture.

What makes this harder to accept is watching wealthy

insiders profit from political access. Trump launched a cryptocurrency venture tied to his brand while major donors and investors poured money into Trump-connected businesses and PACs seeking influence. At the same time, he's pushing tax cuts projected to overwhelmingly benefit corporations and top earners while tariffs raise costs on groceries, appliances, vehicles, and farm equipment. Billionaires can absorb those increases. Working families cannot.

We were promised relief. Instead, more of each paycheck disappears while politically connected people position themselves to make even more money.

Barbara Wilson,
Monmouth

YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM IF YOU WANT NICE THINGS

Like most people, I don't enjoy paying taxes. But when the time comes around, I remind myself that nothing is really free. If I want something, I need to pay for it.

In the recent election, I voted in favor of higher gas taxes and car registration fees. If I want decent roads, I need to help pay for them. When I listened to our county commissioner candidates talk about what they wanted to accomplish, many of them talked about the availability of grants from state or federal governments to help pay for things. Guess where that money would come from? A state government trying to balance its own budget? A federal government \$33 trillion in debt? It all comes from taxpayers, individuals and businesses.

Unfortunately, our tax laws generally favor large companies that lobby for tax breaks. Our tax code is also much less progressive than it was back before Ronald Reagan made big changes. It's only gotten better for rich folks under our current failed national "leadership." If we want nice things, we all have to pay for them, and some of us should pay more, probably including me. I'm happy to do that, assuming a fair tax system and a government which doesn't throw money away for personal aggrandizement (Iran war, memorials everywhere, unnecessary amphitheatres.)

Dale Derouin,
Dallas

The debt we owe



TRUMP GUILTY OF BAIT AND SWITCH CAMPAIGN

I suspect that y'all (we spent a couple years in Kentucky, so I am allowed to use that), know the phrase, "Bait and Switch." By now you are likely feeling like it just seemed to have happened. Your president has just pulled that very B. & S. with we Americans just after taking office. Prices are too high he asked? Rising prices are accelerating. No more wars? We have a brand new endless swamp right in front of us. I recognize that almost all politicians must lie to some extent, to get into and remain in; their office.

The scale and enormity of the most recent example is breathtaking. Having read Mary Trump's book; "Too Much and Not Enough"; the B. & S. runs through my head every time I am unhappily reminded of who the squatter in the White House is.

I ask that readers get and read a copy of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Given that enough Republicans in our representative bodies would put their "grown-up" duds on and actually do their duty to America and its citizens we would be far better off than now.

I'm not optimistic. Way too many GOPers are more loyal to their party than they are to the Constitution or America. I am not optimistic that anything along those lines will occur. We will continue to pay the piper until the end of his term.

Fred Brown,
Dallas

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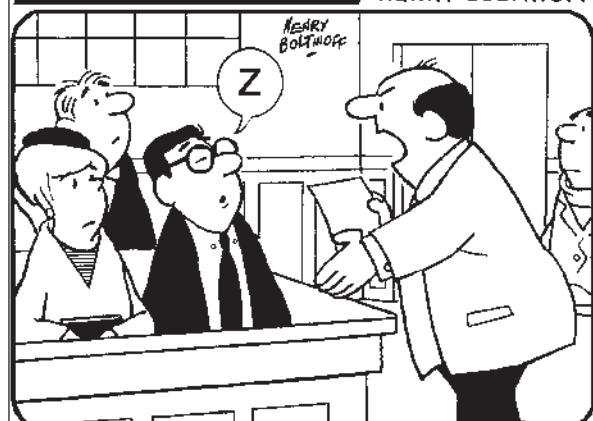
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **First Letter of Your Middle Name**

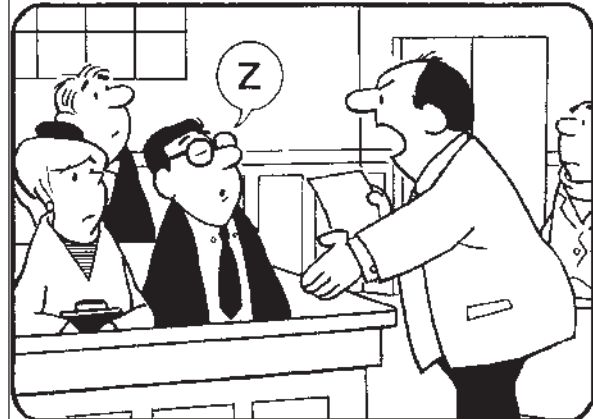
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The is different. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Handle is added to purse. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Arm is longer.

Americanisms



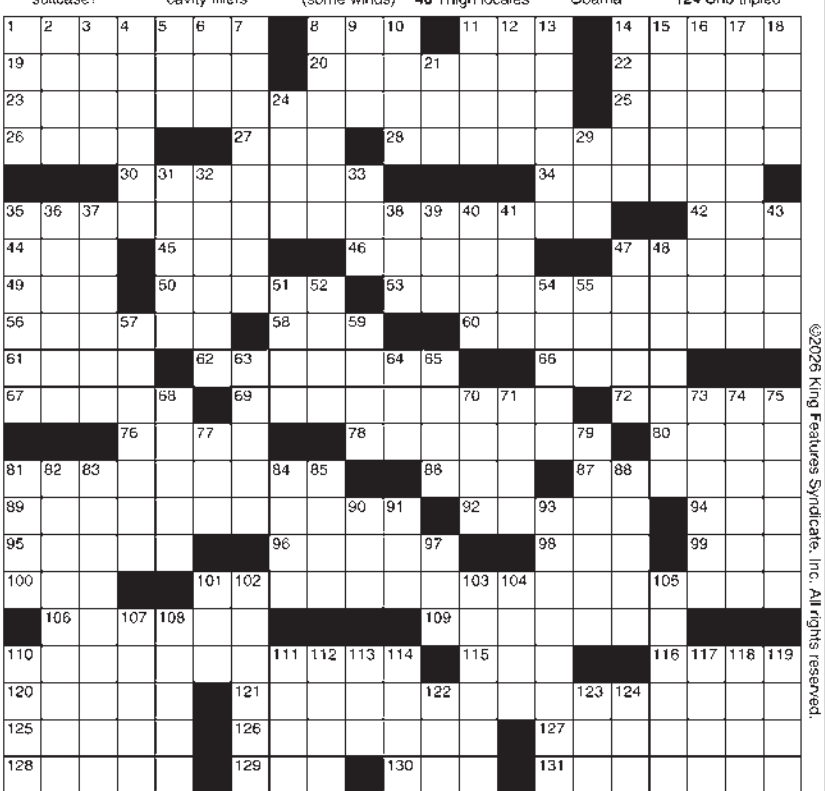
"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
 — Benjamin Franklin

Moments in time

- On **June 1, 1926**, Norma Jeane Mortenson, who would later become famous as the voluptuous, platinum-blond actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe, was born in Los Angeles, California.
- On **June 2, 1985**, Leonard Lake was arrested near San Francisco, California, ending one of the rare examples of serial killers working together. Lake and his partner, Charles Ng, committed a number of brutal crimes against young women in the 1980s. Lake committed suicide by ingesting a cyanide capsule while in custody, but Ng has remained on death row at San Quentin State Prison since 1999.
- On **June 3, 1754**, Lieutenant Colonel George Washington began construction of the makeshift Fort Necessity, designed to defend his forces from French soldiers angered by the killing of Ensign Joseph Coulon de Jumonville by Washington's Native American ally while he was in Washington's custody. A month later, the French, led by Jumonville's half-brother, succeeded in getting Washington's surrender and signed confession (in French, which he didn't read) to the murder.
- On **June 4, 1972**, Angela Davis, an activist and former UCLA philosophy professor, was acquitted on charges of conspiracy, murder and kidnapping. She had been accused of supplying weapons to Jonathan Jackson, who had stormed a courtroom in an effort to take hostages he hoped to exchange for his brother, a radical incarcerated at San Quentin. Jackson died in the subsequent police shootout.
- On **June 5, 2004**, Ronald Reagan died, a decade after his announcement that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Nicknamed the "Great Communicator" and one of America's most popular presidents, he had lived out his final years on his beloved ranch with his wife, Nancy, and was laid to rest at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.
- On **June 6, 1933**, eager viewers parked at the very first drive-in movie theater, the Camden Drive-In, in Pennsauken, New Jersey, to watch the English comedy "Wives Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou.
- On **June 7, 1692**, a massive earthquake destroyed the town of Port Royal in Jamaica, killing thousands. After-shocks discouraged the possibility of rebuilding, and the city of Kingston was constructed instead.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Clipboard's larger relative
 8 Nintendo game system
 11 Styled after Funny Fox
 14 Law of motion topic
 20 Behind bars
 22 Fabric design
 23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
 25 Iowa senator Jon
 26 Mid-voyage
 27 Imagine
 28 Unable to find your pool stick?
 30 Actor Caine
 34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
 35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?
 42 Animal throat
 44 Chicken —
 45 River of Bern
 46 "Cops" sound
 47 Office scribe
 49 Road furrow
 50 Basie's music
 53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?
 56 Ultimatum end
 58 Assist
 60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
 61 Stridex target
 62 Some schlumpy physiques
 66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
 67 Label anew
 69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
 72 Really heavy
 76 Lackluster
 78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
 80 Scandinavian thunder god
 81 Having a trio of components
 86 Alex and — (jewelry brand)
 87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
 89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
 92 Habituate (to)
 94 Org. for cavity fillers
 95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
 96 Itty-bitty
 98 Scot's refusal
 99 Occeak of the Cars
 100 Put a tear in
 101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
 106 "Othello" victim
 109 Pool variety with 22 balls
 110 Observe a hole in a pool table?
 116 Love god
 120 Jelson boy
 121 Last shot of a pool game?
 125 Be at a slant
 126 Mass in the throat
 127 Admiral Nelson
 128 Liv ol' "Super" Riddle-me —
 130 Facial locale
 131 Frightful flies
DOWN
 1 Peru's largest city
 2 Santa — (some winds)
 3 Certain small punch
 4 Reveries
 5 Zeta follower
 6 [not my type]
 7 Desert region in Africa
 8 Devalitize
 9 Vacation stop
 10 Long-range nuke carrier
 11 Gets mature
 12 Grasslands
 13 Last name of singer Adele
 14 Many PC pics
 15 Alceve-hiding tapestry
 16 Mixture baked in pies
 17 Aetna offering
 18 Kin of -ess
 21 Grande of pop. for short
 24 "Ozark" actor
 29 "Uh-uh"
 31 "No bid"
 32 Attacked as a cat might
 33 The, to Jules
 35 Hoopla
 36 Info provider
 37 Breadth
 38 Not a one
 39 "Dispicable Me" antihero
 40 Thigh locales
 41 Actress Swenson
 43 Pad thai pans
 47 Cut, as ties
 48 Reality shows, to some people
 51 Not a one
 52 Singer Barry
 54 Similar
 55 Baseballer Hodges
 57 Guides, biblical-style
 59 "A little dab'll do it"
 63 Mahmoud of Palestine
 64 "seaQuest" — (sci-fi series)
 65 Old Big Apple stadium
 68 — Roman offering
 70 Decade
 71 Lay waste to
 73 "Huckabees" (2004 film)
 74 Swedish, say
 75 Jerry of stage and screen
 77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
 79 Ex-president Obama
 81 Old autocrat
 82 In a spiral-shaped way
 83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
 84 Ostrich kin
 85 Arena level
 88 John of plows
 90 Ottawa loc.
 91 Abbr. on a bad check
 93 Not looked for
 97 Cen. divisions
 101 Tiny drink
 102 Over the line
 103 Central New York lake
 104 Complian
 105 Turkey's tallest peak
 107 Breadth
 108 More bashful
 110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
 111 Suffix with fungi
 112 Large joint
 113 Berlin article
 114 General — chicken
 117 Witty sayings
 118 Steinbeck migrant
 119 Old Olds cars
 122 Large joint
 123 Call for help
 124 Uno tripled



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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+	-	+	
+	÷	=	1
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21	1	22	

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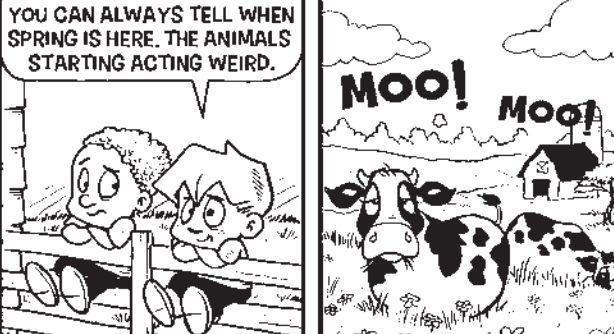
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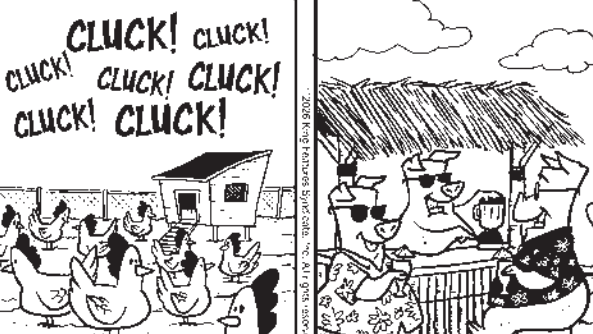
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

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

DUZZ TU DM HKID NMS JIN
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 NMS HKM NMS IQU.
 — GMWU MQDUOI N OIWWUD

Puzzle answers on page B2

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK:** When fish eggs are served as food, what are they called?
- LITERATURE:** Which Dr. Seuss book about trying new foods has a character called Sam-I-Am?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the most populated country in Africa?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is The Pine Tree State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What kind of animal produces mohair?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many tines does a standard dinner fork have?
- FOOD & DRINK:** In what year was Kool-Aid introduced?
- TELEVISION:** Which animated TV show features a baby named Stewie?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of the character played by John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever"?
- SCIENCE:** What is a googol?

- Answers**
- Roe.
 - "Green Eggs and Ham."
 - Nigeria.
 - Maine.
 - Angora goats.
 - Four.
 - 1927.
 - "Family Guy."
 - Tony Manero.
 - The digit "1" followed by 100 zeroes.

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FESTIVAL

From Page A1

is that right?

LW: Yeah, the original name was “Gender of the Pig.” It honestly came from a harmless, random idea. I thought it was funny and memorable. If someone told me a band with that name was playing nearby, I’d probably go check it out just to see what it was. But some venues were hesitant about booking us with a name like that, so we went with something safer.

LM: You’re also bringing uniqueness to how performances are scheduled.

LW: Yeah, instead of each band playing one long set, we’re rotating 20-minute sets. So each band will play four times throughout the evening.

LM: Why structure the rotation this way?

LW: A few reasons.



COURTESY PHOTO

Guitarist Lee Wanner performs triple duty on Memorial Day, organizing and performing with three bands at the Memorial Day Country Classic from 4-9 p.m. May 25 at Monmouth’s Main Street Park.

It gives sponsors more opportunities for shout-outs, which helps them. It also keeps things fresh for the audience. If someone comes to the park for an hour, they’ll still get to see three great bands. In addition, every set will be different, so there’s an incentive to stay longer.

LM: Are the bands of a

similar style?

LW: Somewhat, yet they are also quite distinct. The Shinkle Band has incredible originals and three-part harmonies. The Schown Slade band does a variety of covers from various eras, including impeccable Garth Brooks tribute material. Some of the Garth Brooks solos I

play are note-for-note recreations from the records. My trio, Counter Country, creates a fusion of country with rock, blues, and even a few moments of jazz and reggae, etcetera, that focuses on developing creative arrangements and putting our own spin on songs.

LM: How did the idea for

this concert originate?

LW: During COVID, when festivals and events were cancelled, I organized a community event on the Dallas courthouse lawn. What I came to realize is that if I could organize something during that period, I could probably organize something bigger in normal circumstances., too

LM: I imagine there were some challenges along the way.

LW: Definitely. Booking gigs has become difficult, and a lot of venues don’t pay much. Organizing my own event honestly seemed easier and more rewarding than chasing underpaid gigs.

LM: There’s also a personal connection, right?

LW: It’s close to 30 years since I started playing guitar, about 20 years since I first went to music school, and roughly 10 years since opening Northwest Music Studio. I wanted to do something

meaningful instead of just having a barbecue in the backyard.

LM: Is that why you chose bands you’re personally connected to?

LW: Partly, but mostly because they’re genuinely strong bands. The Shinkle Band and the Schown Slade Band are excellent. Audiences and venues respond really well to them.

LM: What is it about making music that motivates you after all these years?

LW: Honestly, I love it. Music is how I make my living, and I genuinely love the work. I still get excited about playing.

LM: How will success be measured?

LW: There’s no specific attendance number. More people is always better, of course. But mostly I want people to enjoy themselves. If the audience leaves happy, then the event was successful.

BAND

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pandemic.

“In the last four years, my friend Shayna was here. She kind of got the ground moving and built it. And took over. This is the first time we’ve had the newer kids do it. It was the first year we had marching percussion, so we didn’t have that equipment before,” Burroughs said.

He said assembling a marching band was the culminating vision of the Dallas School Board through input from the community.

“We really, really wanted this thing. So, it’s been a goal for the community, and it’s something that I wanted to bring to the school,” he said.

LaCreole 8th grader Delcina Melo-Silence joined the procession on her flute. She was excited to be a part of something old coming back to the school district while performing for a new crowd.

“I think it was a great opportunity for us because we’ve never had something like that

for us. And so I feel like that’s one way for us to represent our city and our town,” Melo-Silence said.

Burroughs assembled musicians from LaCreole Middle’s intermediate and advanced bands and the members of the Dallas high school band, 77 students in all, to march the streets of Portland.

For three weeks the students practiced together and individually, first in the classroom then out in the field. Burroughs said the biggest challenge for the students was simply learning how to move while playing their instrument.

“Meaning, can they step on the one on their left foot while also moving? I mean, they’re used to sitting, so when you’re moving, and if learning that marching technique, if you bounce at all, if you don’t have straight legs, if you’re not bracing your core, your embouchure, which makes your mouth move. And so, the whole sound is up.”

He also ran into unexpected challenges while changing the student’s mindset from performing while sitting to

performing in motion.

“What do they need to take? Where do they set up? How do they do it? All those little details. When I say take a break, how do you take a break? What’s the appropriate way to move? How do you organize the team? And when I say set, do they know where to put their body, do they know the position? So, just having enough time that no one’s done it, there’s enough institutional knowledge, was the big challenge,” he explained.

To keep the performance simple, Burroughs had the students master just two songs – a drumline cadence that they do at football games and the Dallas High School fight song. “So typically a parade is, you alternate between a song, two

songs, because you’re on the move, so as you walk through, you’re constantly at a different section of the crowd,” he said. “So typically you do one song alternating with a drum cadence. So that’s, yeah, we did the fight song. Being that we have 7th graders and seniors in that group, it was something that they could all play and all still be engaged.”

Burroughs, gave his unbiased opinion how all the preparation paid off. “I thought they did awesome. They looked sharp, they did really great,” he said.

Eighth grader Wesson Aloe-Tea, who plays tuba, but held the banner at the front of the procession the day of the march, was also impressed by the overall experience.

“That was a great

opportunity,” Aloe-Tea said. “It showed kids how good the band is. So it might encourage kids to join the band and explore more of their interests.”

Burroughs said the crowd was impressed when they saw the Dragons’ banner go marching by.

“We had people like, oh my gosh, Dallas is far away, they’re here,” he said.

After posting photos

from the event, Burroughs said he’s getting inundated with inquiries of what’s next for the Dallas marching band. He’s got his eye on local events like Dallas Days in the summer.

“This is the quote-unquote easy starting point. But yeah, I think the future for us is to continue marching in parades, and hopefully on the field sometime,” he added.

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The annual Battle of the Badges softball match held May 15 once again saw the Dallas Fire & EMS squad come out victorious over the combined team of the Dallas Police Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office, 26-11. Proceeds from the event, totaling \$942.29 went toward funding the senior all night graduation party for Dallas High School. Here's a look at images from the competition.

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SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Dragons capture league crown, seek bigger prize



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Mahayla Benoit of Dallas is safe at second, and the Dragons keep on cruising as they ready themselves for the state playoffs.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Lady Dragons are undefeated in league, at 13-0. They are also 24-4 overall and ranked second by OSAA. They played Lebanon

May 18 in their Mid-Willamette finale, and travel to Sunset today (Wednesday) and to fifth-ranked McNary on Thursday. Both games, which come against the Class 6A, begin at 5 p.m. First-round playoff action

begins Tuesday, with the quarterfinals set for May 29.

PANTHERS CLUTCH TO PLAYOFF HOPES

Central coach Wes

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PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY

Dallas golfer Bethany West tees off at the regional tournament last week en route to qualifying for state.

Dallas golfers eye personal best at state

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas golfers Bethany West and Lukas are returning to the Class 5A state tournament.

For West, a senior, this marks her third trip to state. She qualified as both a sophomore and junior, with last season's 23rd-place finish

motivating her heading into this year.

"I really want to be top 10," she said. "Last year, I wanted to be top 20 and got 23rd. So I was really close."

Her road back to state was anything but easy.

West entered the second day of the regional tournament sitting in 18th place after a

difficult opening round that included trouble off the tee and multiple hazards. Mallard Creek in Lebanon hosted the qualifier.

On day two, however, West responded with one of her best rounds of the season, an 89. This marked the first time

See **GOLFERS**, page B8

Panthers sweep Dragons behind timely hitting, clutch pitching

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Joe Mendazona dominated on the mound and at the plate for the Central Panthers.

As starting pitcher, the junior went five shutout innings and struck out eight batters in his team's 8-0 win over the Dragons on Friday.

But it was his three-run home run in the fifth that broke a scoreless tie and opened the floodgates. The Panthers scored two more runs that inning and three more in the sixth.

"Joe gave us a huge lift today," Central coach Ben Kramer said. "The home run really changed the momentum of the game and opened things up offensively for us. Up until that point it was a very competitive game. That swing gave our dugout a lot of energy."

Normally the team's clean-up hitter, Mendazona was recently



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Jackson Barba and Jace Matlack flank Joe Mendazona after Mendazona delivered a three-run home run in the Panthers' win over Dallas on Friday.

moved to the leadoff spot. It's a decision that is paying dividends.

"We like getting one of our most dynamic players more opportunities at the plate," Kramer said. "He brings energy right away, and today that paid off."

In four at-bats, Mendazona reached base three times, via two hits and a walk. He also scored two runs.

Owen Patrone, Santi

Alarcon and Jackson Barba each added an RBI. JT Girod applied pressure of a different kind, by stealing three bases.

The Panthers faced a tough challenge early against senior pitcher Bennett Cresswell, who kept them scoreless through the first four frames.

See **SWEEP**, page B8



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Ty Cirino (front) and Aidan Wendring are seeded one-two in three distance events heading into the Mid-Willamette Conference track and field finals.

Panthers want to leave lasting impression at district finals

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Panthers enter this week's Mid-Willamette Conference finals with

confidence, experience and several athletes capable of bringing home the gold.

Leading the way is the long-distance tandem

of Ty Cirino and Aidan Wendring who have strung together two of the most impressive

See **FINALS**, page B8

Perrydale trending in right direction as track finals near

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Greta Fillible is leading the way for the Pirates track team.

The senior pole vaulter heads into this week's District 1 finals as number one on its Top 10 list. Her season best effort is 9-3. It came at the Buckaroo-Watchman Invite.

Fillible is the only Perrydale athlete, boy or girl, claiming the top spot.

She is also fourth in

See **TRACK**, page B8



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Jack Pelzer (left) and the Pirates' 4x100 relay team are seeded seventh with the district finals set for later this week.

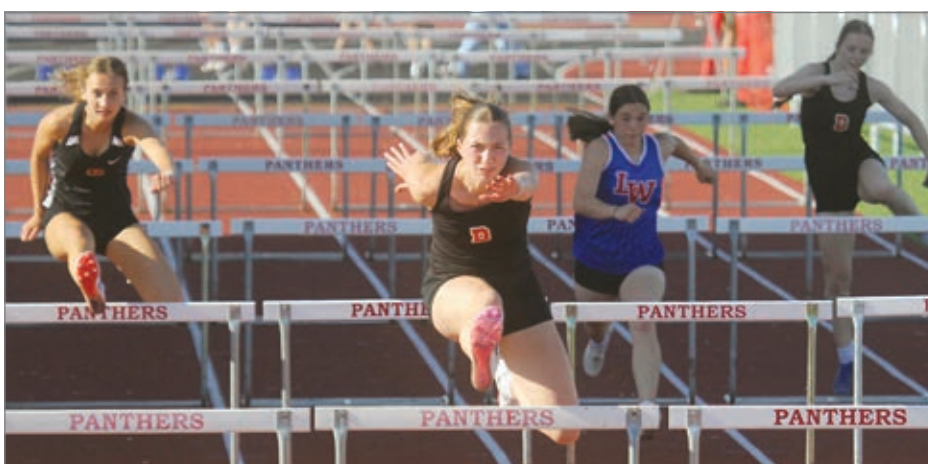


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All-around athlete Tanya Green of Dallas, in lead, is seeded eighth or higher in six individual events heading into this week's district track and field championships. She is number one in the 300m hurdles.

Challenges await in Lady Dragons' run for district title

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Expectations are high for the Dragons heading

into this week's varsity district track and field championships.

Dallas coach Bill Masei said several athletes enter

the meet in strong position to compete for league titles and potential state

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Blood pressure check, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6 p.m. - Death Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Music Jam night, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa

Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Celtic Harp concert performed by Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter, Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.
 6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to

Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Senior Trip to Keizer Iris Garden, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Dancehall Days, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Skip Jones Spirit of New Orleans, Academy Street Amphitheater
 6 p.m. - Speak Easy: A Community Story, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night

Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

9 a.m. - Independence Riverview Farmers Market, top of Riverview Park
 9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St.
 1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St.
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction preview, sale starts at 10 a.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Electric Boots (Elton John tribute), Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day - All city/county offices and senior centers are closed for the holiday
 5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Library,

175 Monmouth St.
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Melody Jordan, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

TUESDAY, MAY 26

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Spring Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board Meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 3 p.m. - Button Bookmarks with 4-H, for ages 5-18, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8 a.m. - Yoga,

Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Seniors trip to Brooks Peony Farm, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
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Community Briefs

DALLAS LIBRARY HOSTS LISA LYNNE AND ARYEH FRANKFURTER MAY 21

The Dallas Library presents a free evening of Celtic and folk music with acclaimed harpists and instrumentalists Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter at 6:30 p.m. May 21 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. The concert features an array of unique instruments including Celtic harps, the rare Swedish Nyckelharpa, Ukrainian Bandura, Cittern and more. Enjoy traditional instrumental music from Sweden and Ireland along with original compositions woven together with stories filled with humor, adventure, and musical discovery. For more information, contact the library at (503) 623-2633 or go to www.facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon?utm_source=chatgpt.com.

MOONFALL THEATRE PRESENTS 'MOONFALL GOES TO THE COUNTRY'

Moonfall Theatre presents 'Moonfall Goes to the Country, May 22 - June 13, featuring an evening of country music and comedy while supporting local charities. Performances are at 7 p.m. this season, with doors opening at 6:45 p.m., at 11140 Orrs Corner Road. Tickets are \$20-\$25 and help support a different charity each performance. The dates and charities are:
 May 22: Pio Sisterhood
 May 23: Moonfall Theatre
 May 29: Friends of Dallas Library
 May 30: Friends of Aquatic Center
 June 5: Dallas Food Bank

June 6: Dallas Downtown Association

June 12: Falls City Thrives
 June 13: Cancer Awareness
 For tickets or more information, email pennyembree@gmail.com, call (503) 917-9243 or go to www.moonfalltheatre.eventbrite.com.

MONMOUTH HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 25

Northwest Music Studio presents Memorial Day Country Music Festival from 4-9 p.m. at Main Street Park, at 161 Warren St. N., in Monmouth. The lineup features three bands - The Shinkle Band, The Schown Slade Band and Lee Wanner and Counter Country. There will also be food trucks, many different vendors, and booths.

FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS SABLE HOUSE BINGO FUNDRAISER MAY 27

Forest Pass Brewing hosts an evening of bingo to raise funds for Sable House from 6-8 p.m. at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. Buy in is \$15 for 10 cards and 10 rounds plus a black out round. Participants must be 21 and older to participate and claim prizes.

VOICES NETWORK COMMUNITY PRESENTS THE HISTORY OF CAMP ADAIR MAY 29

The Oregon Voices Network Community presents The History of Camp Adair from 7-9 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall. This presentation on the historic

and often untold stories of Camp Adair includes tales of general history and personal yarns brought by the hosts of Welcome to Oregon Live. The event will also feature beverages from Salt Creek Cider House, food from El Pique, and experts from Oregon State University! Tickets are \$10 and the event is suitable for all ages. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/4noCydD>.

WOU ATHLETIC AUCTION RETURNS MAY 30

Western Oregon University's 40th annual Wolves Athletic Auction is at 6 p.m. May 30 at 345 Monmouth Ave. N., in Monmouth. Proceeds from the auction directly support the over 430 student-athletes who represent the university and compete across 14 NCAA Division II men's and women's sports and cheer. Tickets are available online at <https://woudf.ejoinme.org/tickets2026>.

SALEM PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA PRESENTS PATHETIQUE SYMPHONY MAY 30-31

Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, featuring musicians from Polk and Marion counties, presents Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique Symphony" on May 30-31 at East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE. Conducted by SPO Artistic Director, Jonathan DeBruyn, the full programming includes Franz von Suppé's "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna Overture", followed by the world premier of Oregon

composer Randall DeBruyn's "Apocalyptic Maiden", featuring soprano Saori DeBruyn. The concert concludes with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's final symphony "Pathetique Symphony No. 6". Concerts begin at 7 p.m. May 30 and 2 p.m. May 31. Maestro DeBruyn's pre-concert talk begins 45 minutes before each concert. Admission is \$25 for adults ages 18-64, \$20 for students 18-64 and seniors 65 and up, and free for 17 and under. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.salemphil.org/buy-tickets/>, or at the door on concert day. Contact information@salemphil.org with questions.

MONMOUTH LIBRARY HOSTS COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER JUNE 6

Mid-Valley Parenting, Bambinos Oregon and Monmouth Public Library present a Polk County Community Baby Shower, on June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S. Drop in to the Monmouth Public Library for a free community baby shower! All expecting parents and families with babies will get a baby gate, books, raffle entries, light refreshments, and more.

ACRES OF HOPE YOUTH RANCH HOSTS BARN PARTY FUNDRAISER JUNE 6

Acres of Hope Youth Ranch hosts 2026 Barn Party Fundraiser - Throw Open the Windows, is June 6 from 5-8 p.m. at 6665 Rickreall Road, in Independence. During the

evening, youth and families will share powerful stories of transformation alongside the equine mentors who have walked with them on their journeys from hurt to hope. Guests will enjoy live music, authentic BBQ, fellowship and both live and silent auctions. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, go to <https://bit.ly/4dk6IRD>.

RICKREALL EVENT HALL HOSTS CREATIVE VENDORS & COLLECTIBLES MARKET

The Rickreall Event Hall hosts their biannual Creative Vendors & Collectibles market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6-7 at 305 Nesmith Road, in Rickreall. There will be vendors selling creative creations and collectibles, indoors and outdoors. Admission is free. Food will be available to purchase.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS RICKREALL AUTO SWAP MEET JUNE 13

The 27th annual Rickreall Auto Swap Meet returns to the Polk County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 520 S Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall. Festivities include 160+ Auto Swap Meet Vendors, Show 'n Shine Car Show, food, and music. Free parking. General admission is \$10 at the gate. Kids 12 and under are free.

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Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for Pacific Residential Mortgage, LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 4/22/2022, recorded 4/22/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-004980, modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 2023-000474 and recorded on 01/24/2023, further modified by agreement recorded as Instrument 2024-006672 and recorded on 09/09/2024 in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 2, MOUNTAIN FIR ESTATES PHASE 3, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 11, PAGE 42) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1098 S 7TH ST (AKA 1098 S SEVENTH ST), INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 568336; 568337 / 08429-DA-09101 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 7/1/2025, 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: 7/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$32,025.99 Late Charges: \$1,201.54 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,810.50 Unapplied Funds: (\$91.78) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$977.00 Total necessary to cure: \$36,923.25 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: \$391,760.86 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 9:00 AM on 8/11/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not

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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. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320).? If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n) (10-11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 3/31/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47413 Pub Dates 05/20, 05/27, 06/03, 06/10/2026

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budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The meeting will take place on May 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the budget by the Budget Committee will take place and comments from the public on the budget will be received. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed program with the Budget Committee in person at Monmouth Public Works, 401 N Hogan Rd in Monmouth, or by going to the following video link or conference phone number: VIDEO - https://meet.google.com/dnn-ckaz-fnu AUDIO - (US)+1 262-727-4076? PIN?: 394 220 686? # A copy of the preliminary budget document may be inspected or obtained on the MINET website at www.minetfiber.com or by request to budget@minetfiber.net on or after May 20, 2026. 5/20/26

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inspected or obtained on or after May 26, 2026, by calling (503)485-2446, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. 5/13/26, 5/20/26

PCIO26-251 Polk County Public Works Rock Purchase Quotes Due: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 Polk County is requesting quotes for aggregate material purchases in fiscal year 2026-2027. Quotes will be received by Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 until the end of business on Wednesday, June 3. The County estimates approximately 75,000 tons of aggregate material will be purchased during the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). There will not be a contract awarded for County aggregate purchases; quotes will be used to establish a scheduled price agreement for purchases from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting Polk County Public Works at 820 SW Ash Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338, (503) 623-9287. Polk County reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, waive formalities, and postpone establishing an Aggregate Material Price Schedule if it is in the best interest of the County. DATED this 13th day of May 2026 Polk County Public Works By: Heather Chase, Administrative Services Manager 5/13/26, 5/20/26, 5/27/26

PCIO26-252 Public Sale Rickreall Mini Storage 10255 Rickreall Rd, Rickreall OR 97371 503-623-0900 ONLINE AUCTION Will Be Held On 6/27/2026 At www.storageauctions.com Units To Be Sold As A Whole ALL SALES CASH ONLY Michelle Sides OP-62 513/26, 5/20/26

FORM OR-LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING Oregon Department of Revenue PCIO26-259
A public meeting of the Polk SWCD Board will be held on June 11th at 9:00 a.m. at 289 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Polk SWCD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 580 Main Street, Ste A between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at www.polkswcd.com. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital 1,302,864
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges 2,408
3. Federal, State & All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations 116,730
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt 0
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements 0
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes 79,860
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received 375,072
8. Total Resources - add lines 1 through 7 1,501,862
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION
9. Personnel Services 494,662
10. Materials and Services 193,080
11. Capital Outlay 0
12. Debt Service 0
13. Interfund Transfers 0
14. Contingencies 0
15. Special Payments 0
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure 693,750
17. Total Requirements - add lines 9 through 16 1,381,492
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*
Name Administration Department 335,191
Name Conservation Services Department 304,166
Total Requirements 687,695
Total FTE 5
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 0.05 Per \$1000) 0.05
Local Option Levy 0
Levy for General Obligation Bonds 0
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS
Long Term Debt
General Obligation Bonds 0
Other Bonds 0
Other Borrowings 0
Total 0

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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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

At 9:18 a.m., a debit card found on Willow Lane was turned into the police department. Officers were unable to find the owner. The card was placed in lost and found.

At 10:20 a.m., an officer discovered and removed a decently sized tree branch laying in the roadway on Uglow Avenue.

At 10:41 a.m., a stolen license plate was recovered on Ellendale Avenue.

At 2:51 p.m., a motorist from Independence was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Avenue. The driver also was warned for failure to carry proof of insurance. The driver was also advised he was set to be suspended at the end of month for failure to appear warrant from Marion County.

At 3:35 p.m., a resident on Oakdale Avenue reported an attempted fraud call of someone impersonating the Polk County Sheriff's Office. No information was compromised and no money given.

At 5:23 p.m., a report of a homeless/emotionally disturbed person trespassing on Harder Avenue. The subject was gone when officers arrived.

At 7:43 p.m., Erin Cochran was arrested on Ellendale Avenue, charged with aggravated harassment and harassment and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:22 p.m., Alama Johnston was arrested on Kings Valley Highway and lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

At 11:12 p.m., officers investigated a report of a suspicious person on Kings Valley Highway. They found a male subject waiting for his wife and looking for a bullfrog in the drain pipe.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

At 6:02 a.m., Shane Bowman was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl), possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), driving under the influence of an intoxicant and various other crimes.

At 7:44 a.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 11:19 a.m., two subjects were formally trespassed from a location on Mifflin Street.

At 11:52 a.m., a resident on Birch Street reported their truck had been hit sometime over the past two weeks by another vehicle, leaving an approximately 6-by-4-inch dent to the driver-side front fender.

At 12:30 p.m., Zena

Saunders was cited and released on Washington Street for failure to perform duties of a driver in an accident with property damage. She was also cited for no operator's license.

At 3:51 p.m., a subject reported losing her debit card at Grocery Outlet today. There was no suspect information.

At 7:54 p.m., an officer was flagged down by a passerby who located two dogs eating off a dead deer in the ditch near Salt Creek Road. The officer located a name and phone number via a dog tag. The owners, who resided on Salt Creek Road, were contacted but were out of town. Their dogs were placed in their garage.

At 10:17 p.m., an officer investigated a report of juveniles possibly trying to get into a pumphouse on Bridlewood Drive. The officer was unable to locate any juveniles and there were no signs of entry made.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

At 3:19 p.m., a cell phone found in City Park on May 6 was returned to the owner.

At 6:44 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a cooler and gas can found on Kings Valley Highway. The officer found no alcohol inside the cooler and the items did not meet the threshold for found property.

At 10:36 p.m., officers responded to a driving complaint of a possible impaired driver on Kings Valley Highway. They were unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

At 1:23 a.m., officers responded to multiple alarms at a residence on Rhododendron Avenue. The original alarm was a carbon monoxide alarm. They contacted the homeowner who advised she was asleep and heard alarms and could not locate the source of the problem. They found her vehicle was parked in the garage and had been left running for five hours. The resident denied medics and the alarm was turned off. She was advised to keep doors and windows open to air out the house.

At 3:18 p.m., a subject reported losing a wallet near Safeway.

Monday, May 11

At 4:38 a.m., an officer responded to a driving complaint of a vehicle shining bright lights on another vehicle that was last seen north on Jefferson Street. The officer was unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

At 4:54 p.m., a bike was found on Brandvold Drive. It was handed over to the owner in the morning.

At 7:06 p.m., a resident on Birch Street reported being a victim of being scammed out of \$8,500 by an unknown suspect claiming she had a warrant for missing court.

At 7:49 p.m., officers arrested Micheal Lee on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

At 7:59 a.m., a report of a school Bus vs parked vehicle accident on Miller Avenue that caused moderate damage.

At 8:58 a.m., an officer found a kids' Kent Cobra bicycle at the Arboretum. The bike was lodged at impound.

At 11:20 a.m., two

subjects were trespassed from a location on Mifflin Avenue.

At 4:55 p.m., a late report of a hit and run on Washington Street.

At 8:29 p.m., an officer investigated a late report of a vehicle vs pedestrian accident on Polk Station Road. The officer tracked down the involved parties and exchanged information.

At 9:35 p.m., officers responded with fire department personnel to a report of a car fire at Walmart. They found nothing criminal.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

At 8:39 a.m., a late report of the theft of small decorative fence panels on Ellendale Avenue.

At 11:19 a.m., a silver Honda Civic was repossessed on Monmouth Cutoff Road.

At 7:24 p.m., a report of juveniles ding-dong ditching a resident on Uglow Avenue and then cussing out the complainant.

At 8:45 p.m., two juveniles and one adult were trespassed from a location on Academy Street.

At 10 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for speeding and minor in possession of marijuana (under 21 and operating a vehicle). The officer did not have enough for a potential crime for DUII but admonished the driver for their behavior.

Independence Police Department

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Kaitlyn Rutledge was arrested in the 100 block of Monmouth Street and charged with fraudulent use of a credit card, identity theft, theft 3 and theft 2 after repeatedly using a debit card she found near an ATM machine back in August 2025. Before the victim realized that their card was missing, multiple transactions had taken place at fast food restaurants and online shopping sites. Through a subpoena duces tecum request the online purchases were traced to Rutledge who acknowledged the wrongdoing upon being questioned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

At 11:23 a.m., an officer on traffic patrol on Monmouth Street noticed a passenger not wearing her seatbelt. The driver was cited for driving while suspended, no insurance and a failure to carry or present an operator's license at the criminal level. The passenger was cited for no seat belt.

Britt Rodgers was arrested in the 600 block of South 5th Street and charged with failing to report as a sex offender and contempt of court for not following the pre-trial conditions after a previous arrest for failing to report as a sex offender.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

At 12:34 p.m., officers received an area alert for a stolen trailer.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

At 5:47 p.m., a county deputy stood by while officers investigated a domestic disturbance on 12th Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

At 9:05 p.m., officers investigated a report of a domestic disturbance on Picture Place. They found a male subject working on his car who was upset.

There were no crimes.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

At 12:06 a.m., a juvenile subject was arrested on Main Street and charged with theft 3 and minor in possession of alcohol.

At 12:27 a.m., officers responded to a report of a large party in downtown involving underage drinking. They shut down the party.

At 2:29 p.m., officers investigated a report of a dog biting another dog on Main Street. No injuries were found.

At 7:25 p.m., officers investigated a report of juveniles throwing glass bottles into the road on 7th Street. They were unable to locate any suspects upon arrival.

Officers received a report of a separated physical domestic at an apartment complex in the 300 block of Osprey Lane. Dylan Camp had restrained his domestic partner during an argument, forced her into a vehicle and drove them home. The victim was subjected to physical contact by being pulled into the vehicle and at one point was spat on by Camp. The victim was prevented from calling 911 for assistance during the encounter. Camp was arrested and charged with kidnapping 2, two counts of harassment/physical, coercion and interference with making a report.

MONDAY, MAY 11

At 10:05 a.m., officers responded to a late report of burglary/vandalism at a building on 13th Street used for storage. They referred the owner to the TLC Program.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

At 7:28 a.m., officers responded to a report of a vehicle crash on Corsair Drive. The driver said she was blinded by the sun while taking a curve too wide, causing her to crash into a tree. Officers called for a tow and stayed on the scene until the vehicle and driver were removed.

At 9:28 a.m., officers investigated a report of a driver slumped over in a vehicle on Main Street. The driver was just napping and not intoxicated.

At 3:40 p.m., officers located a stolen vehicle on I Street and had it towed for safe keeping. They also swabbed it for DNA and seized drugs found inside.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

At 9:31 a.m., a report of a late theft on Hemlock Loop.

At 8:43 p.m., officers investigated multiple reports of shots heard along Candlewood Way. They were unable to locate any gunmen or spent shell casings. However, another witness later reported a motorcycle that had driven by that was backfiring.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Hit and Run: A resident reported damage to their car that occurred the previous day, which included white paint transfer on the front right corner. Attempts to locate any camera footage were unsuccessful.

Follow Up: A juvenile was contacted in regards to a previous case and admitted to breaking a window. The juvenile

explained that the other person had pushed him first, which made him upset. The juvenile was referred for criminal mischief and the Juvenile Department is placing him on house arrest.

Driving: A person reported a white 4-door sedan passing cars at a high rate of speed before turning to leave the city. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Theft: A university public safety officer requested help locating a stolen, all-black electric bicycle. Officers were unable to locate it.

Driving: A silver vehicle was reported speeding and passing on double yellow lines. Due to a slight delay, officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Domestic Disturbance: A person reported her adult child threw an empty can of pet food at her face, dumped a cup of ice on her, and dumped pet food on the ground. The reporting party did not want to press charges but wanted the child trespassed. The child had left the area and could not be reached.

Citizen Contact: A person who uses a walker reported losing a wallet after getting off the bus. An officer was unable to find it, but the person located it in the parking lot as the officer was leaving.

Theft: A market reported that a juvenile attempted to purchase alcohol, refused to provide identification, and then stole the item. The juvenile was seen wearing a black baggy t-shirt and pants, and has tattoos on the left arm and left side of the face.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Driving: A white sedan was reported speeding and failing to maintain its lane before turning onto a cross street. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle, which was registered out of state.

Vehicle/Pedestrian: A person attempted suicide by walking into the highway in front of two trucks. The first truck avoided her, but the person was hit by the front corner of a box truck. The driver maintained control and slowed rapidly. The injured person was breathing and had a pulse, was transported to a hospital, and placed on a protective hold.

Graffiti: A transformer/substation was tagged with black paint and specific markings, believed to be an ongoing tagging battle. The estimated cost for removal is \$100.

Theft: Two people reported their vehicles were broken into. Miscellaneous items and a firearm left in one vehicle were stolen. Fingerprints were collected. One person later reported that a bank badge and branch keys were also stolen, leading the branch manager to arrange rekeying of the building.

Hit and Run: A person reported their pickup truck was backed into. An officer investigated a potential company vehicle, but dash camera footage showed the damage was already present before that truck arrived, indicating that company was not involved.

Domestic: A person was arrested and charged with strangulation and assault against another person

following a physical argument. The subject was lodged at the county correctional facility.

Trespass: A person reported that two unknown subjects driving a specific brand of car entered their home, which is for sale, using a known door code. Nothing was stolen or damaged, but the subjects were taking photos and videos, raising concern about fake rental listings.

Noise: A caller complained about a group playing basketball late at night at a park. The group was contacted and, although not excessively loud, apologized, packed up, and left after being advised of the complaint.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Overdose: A person called to report taking a dose of medication. While on scene, they explained it was a weak moment and they would not attempt self-harm again. The person was transported to a hospital by medics.

Overdose: A person overdosed inside an RV. CPR was started by a bystander. An officer administered two doses of medication, which led to the person breathing but remaining unconscious. After medics administered more medication and oxygen, the person woke up, refused transport, and was warned of the medication wearing off. Bystanders were provided with two doses of the medication and asked to monitor the person.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported that someone had banged on their door a couple of times that day and was gone upon checking. Officers were unable to locate anyone.

Illegal Parking: A complaint was made about an RV blocking a hydrant. The driver was spoken to and had the vehicle moved forward.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Arrest: A young adult was arrested for theft and cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol and lodged at the county correctional facility.

Fight: A report of two fights at a pub. Upon arrival, the fight was over, and the crowd was dispersing. Witnesses reported seeing two different males pushing each other before leaving the area.

Disturbance/Menace: A disturbance was reported at an apartment party involving three unknown males. When asked to leave, an argument began, and one male threatened to shoot a resident while another brandished a black handgun. They later broke the complainant's door upon leaving and may have been involved in a hit and run.

Trespass/Sex Offense: A male was reported found masturbating next to a residence. The residents chased the male to prevent him from escaping. A used condom and a black phone were found where the male was seen. Officers arrested the subject and charged him with trespass, public indecency, disorderly conduct, and offensive littering, and he was lodged at the county correctional facility.

Shots Fired: A person reported hearing at least five gunshots nearby early in the morning. Officers were unable to locate

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anything in the area due to a delayed response.

Suspicious Person: A large gathering of people in the street was reported, drinking and racing cars. Officers were unable to locate the group due to priority calls.

Suspicious Person: A male and female were reported digging through dumpsters and acting strangely when questioned by staff. Officers were unable to locate the subjects.

Suspicious Activity: A person was located looking around a farmstand before running away and jumping into bushes. The person was later located and explained he was just looking and did not steal anything. The person was released after consenting to a search of his backpack.

Domestic Disturbance: Reports of a male and female yelling with banging sounds inside an apartment. Residents denied any physical altercation and had no visible injuries, but were heard yelling again after the officer left, stating they were frustrated with nearby parties. They were told to stop fighting.

Crime: A report of a car's back window broken by someone who drove off quickly after honking. The complainant suspected it was related to her former boyfriend.

Assist Other Agency: A person was located and arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of the county.

Domestic Disturbance: A fight broke out when a mandated caregiver, assigned by human services, informed parents she needed to take their child. The parents ultimately agreed to release the child to the caregiver's custody to avoid the department taking formal custody with law enforcement.

MONDAY, MAY 11

Deceased Person: A person was found deceased in a chair by a spouse. Medics began CPR but stopped at the family's request. The medical examiner released the body.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person was found lying in the road after a dispute over money led to them attacking staff members, including attempting to stab one with a pen and punching another. The person claimed staff had kicked him prior to the fight. The person was calmed down by the time law enforcement left, and staff were unsure if they wanted to press charges.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported concerns about a daycare's door often being open or cracked, a staff member wearing inappropriate clothing, and having observed a child being changed through a window. The information was documented and forwarded to human services.

Overdose: A male who had overdosed ran away after being given a medication dose by a bystander. Attempts to locate the male for a welfare check were unsuccessful.

Suspicious Activity: A report of someone trying to force entry into a vehicle. The person was contacted and was just moving the vehicle because it had been tagged under the 7-day parking ordinance, which was confirmed by

the registered owner.

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Assist Other Agency: An anonymous non-emergency call reported a possible fight with someone potentially stabbed. The caller sounded like she was hiding the call and asked the dispatcher to call 911 for her before hanging up. Area checks were unsuccessful.

Crime: A person reported being threatened by an online user who demanded gift card money in exchange for not posting nude photos. The person had sent one gift card and was advised to block the account.

Crime: A person reported receiving threatening texts containing pictures of her husband's genitals and demanding \$500, which were also sent to other family members. She was advised not to send money and to block the numbers.

Check Welfare: A foul odor led to a welfare check on two young girls. The house and children appeared dirty. While nothing criminal was observed, concerns were noted, and human services was notified.

Disturbance: Juveniles reported being chased and recorded by a man after they yelled at him when walking by his house. The man was frustrated that the juveniles were allowed to walk by his house, especially since one of them had recently broken his window. The man was warned not to chase them.

Arrest: A person was arrested on an outstanding county warrant for contempt and lodged at the county correctional facility; the subject was cited and released for another city warrant.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Runaway: A juvenile ran away from a group home after learning he was being sent back to his mother's house. The staff signed the missing person paperwork, and the juvenile was last seen wearing a black hoodie, red sweatpants, and black shoes.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: Staff reported the same person from a prior emotional distress incident was threatening to stab them with a fork. The staff appeared terrified, and the person admitted to wanting to make them feel threatened for "revenge". The person was arrested and charged with menacing and unlawful use of a weapon and was lodged at the county correctional facility.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported a possible maintenance technician entering their home without permission, which was captured by a neighbor's camera. Management confirmed no maintenance was scheduled, and the home was found untouched.

Trespass: A property manager found a person sleeping in an empty carport at an apartment complex. The person was given time to clean up and was formally trespassed from the location.

Arrest: A person was stopped for a dangerous left turn and was subsequently arrested for driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

Harassment: A person reported that a former partner has been stalking her, showing up at her work, and calling/texting non-stop. The person is applying for a restraining order. The former partner was formally trespassed from the residence, and extra patrol was requested

during the night.

Suspicious Activity: A person reported receiving a scam call threatening a federal warrant, which escalated to the scammers threatening to come to the person's house. Officers responded and secured the house, advising the person to call back if anything suspicious occurred.

Domestic Disturbance: A person reported a disturbance between her sister and a male. Upon arrival, there was no active disturbance, and the sister refused to talk. It was later learned that a restraining order is in place between the two individuals.

Shots Fired: A state trooper and another caller reported hearing multiple gunshots. An officer later learned that a subject saw a motorcycle backfiring, which may have caused the noise.

Assist Other Agency: A person called in a medical concern for another person who was found combative and altered on the ground. An officer assisted with restraining the person until medics arrived to sedate and transport the person to the hospital with soft restraints.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

At 6:10 a.m., a deputy observed a motorist to not signal a lane change, driving into the lane of an oncoming vehicle and almost causing a crash. The driver was cited for failure to signal a lane change.

At 7:32 a.m., a deputy witnessed a vehicle drive by in which the driver was using her knee to assist in driving and texting at the same time. The driver was stopped and cited for using a cell phone while operating a vehicle.

At 10:14 a.m., a resident on Reuben Boise Road reported a motorist apparently struck their trash can at the end of the driveway, spilling trash and damaging the can. Republic Services requested a case # in order to not charge the comp for the can.

At 1:22 p.m., a resident on Maple Grove Road reported that his Springfield XD 40 pistol, which he'd left in a gun box inside his truck, was missing. He suspected an Amazon driver stole it while he was not at home. The firearm was entered into LEDS as stolen.

At 2:33 p.m., Jeremy Lyons was arrested on Church Street in Falls City on an outstanding failure to appear warrant. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:34 p.m., a motorist on Hoffman Road was cited for expired tags.

At 10:25 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported a suspicious male subject on the sidewalk was pointing a flashlight toward her house. A deputy arrived at the location and spoke to some female subjects who had been looking for a cat that ran off.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

At 3:02 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The deputy contacted two male subjects who were just sleeping in their vehicles overnight.

At 4:38 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a possible DUII crash on Ellendale Avenue. The driver displayed signs of impairment. She performed poorly on a field

sobriety test and was transported to PCJ where her BAC was 0.18%. She was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 6:48 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near milepost 23 was cited for speeding 11-20 mph over the 55-mph speed limit.

At 7:57 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for expired registration and warned for speeding.

At 10:03 a.m., a motorist on Highway 18 near milepost 19 was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 11:39 a.m., a motorist reported she hit a deer that needed to be dispatched at the top of Butler Hill on Highway 22. A deputy drove about a mile in each direction from that location but was unable to locate the deer.

At 2:11 p.m., Polk County Public Works reported a trailer parked blocking Oakdale Road. A deputy located the operator who had dropped half his load to deliver the first half. He was cited for illegal stopping standing and parking for leaving a trailer in the road without any flagging or cones around it creating a hazard. He understood and began to drive back to retrieve the trailer.

At 1:33 p.m., a report that someone hit a Polk County Public Works sign while they were out to lunch and had left behind their license plate. The registered owner of the license plate that was found was on probation out of Marion County.

At 2:46 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a road struck deer on Highway 22. The deer was injured with two broken legs and could not move. As the deer was definitely in distress, the deputy dispatched the deer.

At 3:30 p.m., a deputy took a report of a possible sex crime on Foundation Drive.

At 8:37 p.m., a female subject reported while checked in at Salem Hospital that she had been attacked by a male while delivering Amazon packages on Wallace Road. She told a deputy she was grabbed by the arms and shoulders by a male and she fell to the ground. She added that she would think about pressing charges and just wanted to focus on her health for now.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

At 12:34 a.m., a deputy tried to initiate a traffic stop on a black mustang for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone on Highway 22 near milepost 18. The vehicle took off and eluded the deputy, who was unable to get the license plate number.

At 8:05 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle vs pedestrian accident near Highway 99 and Stapleton Road. The pedestrian, a well known emotionally disturbed subject in Monmouth, was walking in front of vehicles trying to get hit. The pedestrian was struck by a box truck. Although she did not look to have major injuries, she was down. The deputy assisted Monmouth Police with traffic control.

At 8:59 a.m., a deputy executed a search warrant on Jefferson Street with the assistance of Marion County Sheriff's Office and Stayton Police Department to recover stolen items. A female subject was taken into custody and transported

to Polk County Jail where she was booked and lodged.

At 12:04 p.m., a deputy observed a car parked on Dorn Peak Road with an unopened pack of beer by the rear door. The deputy quickly discovered two consenting adults were trying to get dressed before contacting them. They spoke Spanish and the deputy used the translate function on a phone to determine they were both safe and consenting.

At 12:56 p.m., a very tiny female puppy (approximately two months old) was found on Zena Road. The finder thinks she was dumped there. A deputy picked up the puppy, gave her a bath and lodged her at the kennel. She will likely need extra care because she is so young.

At 10:08 p.m., a deputy came upon a vehicle that was broken down on Highway 22 but very close to the fog line. The deputy helped push the vehicle down the road to a wider pullout where they had help coming.

At 10:20 p.m., a deputy responded to a traffic assist call on Pacific Highway. The motorist had hit an unknown object that caused a flat tire. As the driver didn't know how to change the flat, the deputy helped him change his tire.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

At 12:20 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of trespassing on Andy Riggs Road. There, motorist Thomas Haight, said he had just driven to the location. However, he showed signs of impairment and failed a field sobriety test. The deputy arrested him and transported him to Polk County Jail, where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and trespassing. Thomas provided a BAC of .10%.

At 1:03 a.m., a deputy assisted a tribal police officer with taking custody of Travis Hanel on Salmon River Highway for a driving while suspended felony arrest.

At 9:19 a.m., a deputy reported that things were "creepy" on Bassett Street, but there were no crimes occurring.

At 5:22 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a rollover crash on Perrydale Road. The driver stated he was headed back from Salem and hit the gravel shoulder. There were no property damage or injuries. The driver's angry wife showed up and took him home.

At 6:23 p.m., a resident on Blanchard Road reported a female subject had called her approximately 30 times and texted her after being told to stop trying to communicate with her. The deputy called the subject and gave her a formal warning to not contact the resident anymore, or she would be arrested.

At 9:34 p.m., a resident on Kings Valley Highway reported the theft of two dwarf goats. The resident walked his property and observed a cut fence on the backside of his property. The goats were valued at \$500 each.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

At 12:50 a.m., deputies assisted Monmouth and Independence police on a report of an active burglary on Jackson Street. Witnesses had waved officers down and IPD located the suspect. He was transferred to MPD for their investigation.

At 2:42 a.m., deputies assisted Monmouth police in their investigation into a disturbance on Stadium Drive, involving three males with guns, and a hit and run.

At 3:18 a.m., deputies covered Independence police units on a domestic disturbance on Osprey Lane. A suspect was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with multiple felony domestic violence crimes.

At 12:01 p.m., a motorist on Dallas Cutoff Road was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for speeding.

At 10:34 p.m., deputies assisted Monmouth Police on a domestic disturbance call on Powell Street.

MONDAY, MAY 11

At 3 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 21- to 30-plus mph over the speed limit in a 55-mph zone.

At 7:49 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near milepost 17 was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:47 p.m., a resident on Pacific Highway reported her garbage can was stolen and had no suspect information. The resident needed a case number so she could let her garbage can company know and she could get a new one.

At 7:49 p.m., Micheal Lee was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant.

At 9:37 p.m., a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was stopped for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver initially lied about having insurance. He was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving uninsured, and was warned for speeding, expired registration sticker, failing to carry and present, and for giving false information about insurance.

At 10:55 p.m., a deputy stopped Danielle Meyer for trespassing on Glenn Creek Road. Meyer had an outstanding robbery warrant out of Marion County. She was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.

Tuesday, May 12

At 12:30 a.m., a deputy stopped a motorist that ran a red light on Main Street in Dallas. A passenger needed to go to West Valley Hospital and asked the driver to go through a light that had just changed to red. The deputy followed them to WVH to finish the stop there while the passenger could get medical attention.

At 6:18 a.m., a resident on Bethel Road reported his truck had been stolen by a known female subject. The victim filled out a stolen vehicle form and an area alert was sent to Yamhill County Sheriff's Office and to Salem.

At 8:25 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a hit and run on Ellendale Road. The victim had been rear ended and the other driver, instead of pulling over and exchanging information, drove off in his pickup truck, with heavy front-end damage (missing headlight). The victim was transported to the hospital. An area alert was initiated for the suspect vehicle.

At 8:53 a.m., a deputy stopped two motorcyclists riding illegally on Versetz Road. The deputy informed them of the

TITLE

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berths, led by standouts Tanya Green, Kelsey Rodli and Bertram Latta.

"Tanya is on top of the league in six different events, which is not seen very often," the coach said. "She's a very talented track athlete who will also be expected to be a league champion."

Green is seeded number one in 300m hurdles, third in the 100m hurdles, fourth in the 400m, fifth in the 800m, sixth in the 100m, and eighth in the 200m. She also runs with the second-seeded 4x400 and fourth-seeded 4x100 relays.

Rodli will contend for

district titles in both the 1,500 and 3,000 meters. She is seeded first in the latter and fourth in the former.

"I expect her to be a state qualifier for us in both events," the coach said.

Latta is another duo threat. He enters districts as a favorite in two events that he dominated throughout the season.

"Bertram is leading our conference in the shot put and discus by a lot," Masei said. "Those two events, I expect him to win the league title and advance to the state meet."

The Dragons expect strong performances from several other athletes.

Potential state qualifiers also include Izzy Mabry in

the javelin, Nick Walker in the long jump and 400 meters, Aidan Gallusha in the 100 meter, and Xander Hammill in the 300-meter hurdles.

"Our 4x400 team will also have a chance to qualify for state," the coach added.

On the girls' side, Dallas is expected to battle Crescent Valley and Silverton for the team title.

Based on seeding meeting results only, the Crescent Valley girls are the team to beat on paper with a potential to score 135 points, followed by Dallas (125 points) and Silverton (116).

"We will be in contention," Masei said.

The coach emphasized the importance of every

event in what could become a tight three-team race.

"Our girls need to really focus on trying to move up in placing," the coach said. "We need to win those individual battles because that's a double-point swing for us."

Corvallis will host the Mid-Willamette Conference Championships, Wednesday through Friday.

The OSAA State Track and Field Championships are Thursday through Saturday, May 28-30 at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Mid-Willamette District Finals
(Top 8 only)

Boys

First: 300m, Kelsey Rodli; 300m Hurdles,

Tanya Green.

Second: 1500m, Amber Green; 4x400 Relay, A. Green, T. Green, Harlow Nelson, Elizabeth Walker; High Jump, Walker; Pole Vault, Jana Deming.

Third: 100m, 200m, Nelson; 800m, A. Green; 100m Hurdles, T. Green; 300m Hurdles, Merced Ward; Shot Put, Savannah Dezotell.

Fourth: 400m, T. Green; 800m, 1500m, Rodli; 4x100 Relay, Walker, Jana Deming, T. Green, Nelson; High Jump, Ward.

Fifth: 800m, T. Green; 3000m, Avery Hoffman.

Sixth: 100m, T. Green; 400m, Walker; 1500m, 3000m, Josie Pierce.

Seventh: Javelin, Lillian Young.

Eighth: 200m, T. Green;

800m, Emma Lotz; Long Jump, Walker.

Boys

First: Shot Put, Discus, Bertram Latta.

Second: Javelin, Israel Mabry.

Third: 400m, Nicholas Walker; Discus, Nathan Cunningham; High Jump, Gaige Huff; Pole Vault, Daniel Russell.

Fourth: 4x100 Relay, Aidan Galusha, Walker, Noah Rautio, Xander Hammill; 4x400 Relay, Rautio, Walker, Hammill, Jacob Dehm.

Fifth: 300m Hurdles, Hammill; Long Jump, Walker.

Sixth: Shot Put, Cunningham.

Eighth: 100m, Aidan Galusha; Javelin, Matthew Bassham.

FINALS

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seasons the conference has seen in years.

Cirino is seeded first in the 800m, 1500, and 3000m and Wendring is second in these same races. They've topped the rankings for most of the season.

"I don't believe that there have been two boys that have been as dominant in the distance races as these two have been this year since we have been in the Mid-Willamette Conference," said Eli Cirino, the team's coach and father to Ty. "It's an awesome reflection of all of their hard work."

Runners are only allowed to compete in two of three distance races

at districts. The pair will compete in the 1500m and 3000m.

"We believe they will both have strong opportunities to reach the podium at the state meet" in these events, Eli Cirino said of the choice.

Another Panther leading the pack is Ryan Perkins, who has emerged as the conference's top long jumper while also becoming a threat in the javelin.

"Ryan has definitely had a big year," Eli Cirino said. "He's an incredibly hard-working guy and just such a versatile athlete."

Cirino credited Perkins' offseason preparation and consistency throughout the spring season for his success.

"He worked hard all winter and it has shown in the consistency of his

jumps and his overall performance this spring," Cirino said.

Still, Cirino emphasized just how competitive the conference has become in the jumps and sprint events.

"There are five boys in our league that have jumped within eight inches of Ryan's league-leading mark," the coach said. "So by no means are we overconfident in what may happen."

Ty Cirino and Perkins are the only Central athletes seeded first entering finals.

On the girls side, Central hopes several athletes will advance to state despite the challenges that await.

Anna Cole, Lyala Olsen, Bryn Taufau' Asau, Ava Sanchez and Ashlyn Viner

represent the Panthers' best chances to compete for state qualifying spots.

"All of these girls are among the top competitors in Central history," Cirino said. "The MWC conference is incredibly competitive in the girls division and it may take a school-record mark to get a state qualifier."

While Central may lack the depth needed to challenge for a team title, Cirino said the Panthers are instead focusing on personal best as the school says goodbye to the MWC.

"This is our last time competing at the 5A level and we want to impact this league one more time," Cirino said. "We're proud of the things we've accomplished and are looking forward to one last district competition."

The Panthers transition to Class 4A next fall, and will compete against such schools as Cascade, Stayton and Philomath.

Mid-Valley Conference
Top 8 (as of May 17)

Boys

First: 800m, 1500m, 3000m, Ty Cirino; Long Jump, Ryan Perkins.

Second: 100m, David Rice; 800m, 1500m, 3000m, Aidan Wendring; Triple Jump, Perkins.

Third: Javelin, Perkins.

Fourth: 400m, 300m Hurdles, Ryan Burgett.

Fifth: 4x100 Relay, Perkins, Kao Phantern, Rice, Burgett; High Jump, Cesar Navarro.

Sixth: 4x400 Relay, Jason Vega Ramos, Wendring, Cirino, Burgett; Pole Vault, Alexis Ramirez.

Eighth: 110m Hurdles,

Asher Baker; Long Jump, Triple Jump, Phantern.

Girls

Second: Shot Put, Brynn Taufau' asau; Discus, Anna Cole.

Third: Discus, Mikayla Young; Javelin, Kydalin Baker.

Fourth: 100m - Ava Sanchez; Long Jump, Lyala Olsen.

Fifth: 200m, Sanchez; Shot Put, Cole; Pole Vault, Ashlyn Viner.

Sixth: 4x400 Relay, Maddie Foreman, Elyssa Glasmann, Demi Overlin, Sanchez.

Seventh: 100m, Taufau' asau; 400m, Sanchez; 4x100 Relay, Taufau' asau, Olsen, Foreman, Sanchez.

Eighth: 100m Hurdles, Olsen; Shot Put, Lena Lakahala; High Jump, Taufau' asau.

GOLFERS

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West has broken 90 in competition. In the process, she climbed 15 spots in the standings.

Not that it was easy. Pressure built as the match progressed.

West said she became increasingly nervous over the final holes as she realized both a state berth and a sub-90 round were at stake. A difficult sequence on the 18th hole nearly unraveled the round, but she steadied herself and closed out the milestone

performance.

"I had to really lock back in and figure out where my feet were placed and how I was going to swing," she said of her last few strokes.

West credits much of her success to developing a stronger mental game and learning to keep focus on the next shot instead of on previous mistakes.

"You've got to narrow it down to each shot and make sure each shot counts," she said.

This approach, coach Kurt Woolner said, is what makes West such a good golfer.

"Bethany very rarely allows a bad hole to get her into a funk where she starts to nosedive in her score," he said. "She usually just moves on pretty easily and is very even keeled."

Lawless took a different path to the state finals. He earned an automatic state berth after finishing among the top golfers in league play. The sophomore said his season changed dramatically after a slow start.

"I started off the season playing some of my worst golf," he said. "Then something clicked toward

the end of the season."

Lawless eventually began posting scores in the low 70s and secured his passport to the finals.

In preparing for his second state appearance, his focus is on playing "calm golf" and avoiding unnecessary risks.

"Lukas does a really good job of thinking through his shots," coach Jennie White said. "He thinks about what he can do and finds better options instead of forcing something difficult."

Lawless will rely heavily on his iron play and shot game rather than

trying to overpower the course.

"I'm not doing anything extra fancy," he said. "That's usually what's been killing my game."

White praised both golfers for their maturity and growth this season, especially with how they handle adversity.

"Both of them have really learned how to move on from bad shots," White said. "That mental approach has made a huge difference in their success."

White advises her golfers to think like a goldfish. "This shot could be a

bad shot, but a goldfish takes one lap around the tank and they've forgotten everything," she said. "So when we're out on the golf course taking our next swing, we're a goldfish. It doesn't matter if you had your best shot in the world. We have to move on from the best shot so we can hit it again."

OGA Golf Course in Woodburn hosted the girls tournament while the boys tournament was at Tokatee Golf Club near McKenzie Bridge. State finals were held May 18-19, with results unavailable as of press time.

SWEEP

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"Give credit to Cresswell," the Panthers coach said. "He kept our hitters off balance with two competitive pitches."

But Mendazona was better this day.

"I thought Joe had one of his most complete games of the season because he impacted the game in so many ways,"

Kramer said. "To go five shutout innings with eight strikeouts, and then drive in three runs, is outstanding."

Santi Alarcon and Barba followed Mendazona to the mound and kept the shutout intact. Alarcon struck out the side in the seventh.

"Anytime you blank a good team on the road, that says a lot about the way (your) guys competed," Kramer said.

Freshman center Jacob Bancroft drew praise for his steady play behind the plate.

Cresswell and Landon Peirce combined for all three of the Dragons' hits.

Central began the two-game series with a 4-2 win over the Dragons on May 13.

The sweep guarantees Central no worse than a second-place finish in one of Oregon's toughest conferences while

strengthening its playoff positioning.

With the wins, seventh-ranked Central improves to 13-3 in league, 18-7 overall.

Dallas finds itself in a more precarious position, however, as the Dragons (10-6 in league, 13-10 overall) are fourth in the Mid-Willamette Conference, but 22nd in the OSAA rankings.

"Our only focus is to win Monday, and allow

outcomes of other games and rankings to fall where they fall," Dallas coach Keeton Luther said. "The boys are excited to compete this week, and extend our season."

For the Dragons, the last week of the regular season couldn't get any harder. They play league-leading Corvallis today (Wednesday) at home, at 5 p.m. The teams also met May 18 to open the last series of the regular

season.

The Spartans began the week 15-1 in league, 20-4 overall and number one in the OSAA rankings.

"We are continuing to improve and are playing good baseball," Luther said. "That has always been, and remains the focus."

The first round of the Class 5A state playoffs began Tuesday. Results were not available before this week's deadline.

TRACK

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the 100m hurdles, but only a second out of first place.

The girls squad has eight athletes ranked inside the district's Top 10, across multiple events. So plenty of Pirates could be standing on the podium by meet's end.

On the boys side, Clifford Fillible, Greta's brother, is second in the long jump and trails the top spot by 2.5 feet. He is the highest ranked athlete for the boys team, though Patrick Fox is fourth in shot put.

Six other boys are in the top 10 in individual events.

Surprises are possible,

however, as Perrydale entered finals week trending in the right direction.

"Our athletes overall have shown a lot of progress each week," coach Brad Ford said. "We've been averaging 22 Personal Bests each meet, including a staggering 28 at the (May 16) meet at George Fox."

The finals are Thursday and Friday at Portland Christian Schools.

Pirates ranked in the district's top 8 include:

Girls

(First: Pole Vault, Greta Fillible.

Third: High Jump, Reese Cornthwaite.

Fourth: 100m Hurdles, Fillible; Shot Put, Haideyn Markel-Hunt.

Fifth: 4x100 Relay, Isabelle Arthur,

Cornthwaite, Jan'Nice Taylor, McKenzie Freeborn.

Sixth: Triple Jump, Taylor.

Seventh: High Jump, Arthur.

Sixth: 100m, Freeborn; Javelin, Arthur; High Jump, Arthur.

Boys

Second: Long Jump, Clifford Fillible.

Fourth: Discus, Patrick Fox.

Sixth: 4X400 Relay, Colten Barcroft, Caleb Killo, Easton Thorson, Gavin Lieuallen; Shot Put, Broden Ferguson

Seventh: 4X100 Relay, Brandon Leslie, Fillible, Landon Eichler, Jack Pelzer.

Eighth: Shot Put, Wyatt Cox; Javelin, Leslie; Pole Vault, Silas Burns.

BRIEFS

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at 8 p.m. June 13 at 71 SW Court St.. in Dallas. Get ready for a night

of glam, performances, music, and unforgettable entertainment. Get tickets at <https://bit.ly/4db8LBO>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed

POLICE

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posted sign saying no motorcycles. They said they thought that was strictly for dirt bikes and they were operating dual sports. They deputy cited both operators for travel management violations.

At 6:20 p.m., a resident on Doaks Ferry Road reported finding two teens trespassing on

his property. Deputies responded and gathered parent information. The resident wanted to pursue trespassing charges due to the property being fenced in and having several no trespassing signs posted. The teens claimed they didn't have to hop a fence and did not see any signs. Both teens were cited and released for trespassing and their parents came to pick them up from the location.

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responded to a report of a crash on Kings Valley Highway. They held the scene until Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation.

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