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Fairgrounds generates more revenue, interest

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Commissioners were given a look at the increased revenues generated by the Polk County Fair and other facilities used on the fairgrounds last week.

Fair Manager Tina Anderson and Fair Board President Tim Ray broke down the numbers comparing this year’s fair to last year’s; while containing mostly good news, revenue still falls short of being self-sufficient without aid from county coffers.

“We’re obviously very proud of the progress the fair has made,” Ray said. “We also understand the fair faces some severe challenges. We are prepared to roll our sleeves up, look at solutions and work together to whatever that looks like, understanding we are huge advocates of the fair and believe it is a resource for the county and want it to continue. We also know it is a financial drain at some points.”

This year’s admission revenues – were up 3% over last year, which

surprised Ray, as it didn’t feel as full to him.

“The numbers don’t lie. More people were there, doing more things,” Ray said.

One of the biggest draws, the Youth Livestock Auction, attracted 219 animals which was up 4.5%. The overall revenue of the auction was down by 15.5% with a total of \$528,686.

“Anyone in the Ag economy knows that no one in the Ag economy is making any money,” Ray explained. “Predictably, revenue

was down a little bit on those animals, but still topped half a million dollars.”

Cash sponsorships, which includes banners and donations, were up by 6.5% from last year, while in kind sponsorship was down by 7.5%. Ray said this is still growing, as there were four banners sold during the Good Morning Polk County event that are still coming in.

Premiums for 4-H, FFA and open class youth were covered by donations from Polk County Farm

Bureau, who paid out \$2,774, plus special awards, that were donated.

Numbers were up and down regarding vendor booths. There were 13 food vendors (one more than last year) and Oregon Beverage handled all alcohol sales. Food sales were up 2.5% and alcohol sales were up 14.5%. However, there were 39 commercial vendor booths, which is a decrease of 11 from last year.

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Dallas freshman wins world championship in mini horse competition

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Sometimes, the biggest rewards come in the smallest packages.

Dallas High School freshman Lillie Nicole was always into horses growing up. But it was her discovery of miniatures that has led her to the current title holder of World Champion.

During the American Horse Association World Championships in Fort Worth Texas Sept. 18-27, up against about 600 of the world’s best horses competing in various categories, Lillie and Hootie, an 11-year-old American miniature (with a little touch of Arabian in his bloodline) won in cart obstacle, deftly maneuvering cart and horse around, over, around and even on top of obstacles, better than any of the other competitors.

On their property off Airlie Road, Lillie practices with Hootie through such elements as the bridge, ladder and jumps, all handcrafted by her father, Ben.



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Lillie Nicole and Hootie, her 11-year-old American Miniature, celebrate after getting three perfect 10s in the cart competition at the American Horse Association World Championships in Fort Worth Texas last month.

“Most horses freak out over these things,” her mother Becky explained. “But Lillie takes (Hootie) through them over and over and over again. She never got a ‘gate’ in one of her competitions, which is very hard to do.” A gate is failing to place in the top 10, thus being eliminated from the event. “Which is a big deal. She was in, like, 30 classes.”

When she was 7 and still had her heart on acquiring a horse, a trip with “poppa” changed her future.

“When I was little, my poppa (her grandfather Stan) took me to a little miniature horse show. I loved it and told my mom about it. But she didn’t know how much we could do,” Lillie recalled.

Becky figured if anything the family would go with big horses.

“What are you going to do with a mini? Apparently everything you can do with a big horse you can do with a mini,” Becky said.

The other difference, she explained, is with big horses, you ride them over the elements. With minis, the handler stands beside them as they guide them through each obstacle.

They started looking for a horse and found Hootie in 2021.

“When we did, I was really excited, because I just loved the pictures of him,” Lillie said.

Becky said Lillie and her father Stan teamed to bring Hootie up from Texas.

“The whole competition was dedicated to him,” Becky added. “On his paperwork, it has her name and his. This was their horse. She really wanted to win it for him.”

When they acquired him, Hootie was trained for driving, hunter and halter.

“I trained him for driving obstacle and hand obstacle, showmanship and Liberty,” Lillie said.

After qualifying to go to world championships by getting an American Legion Award under her belt, Lillie raised all the funds to get both her and Hootie to the competition, doing everything from selling art to loading logs.

“We didn’t know how well she could do,” Becky said. “We were hoping for some top 10’s. She ended up taking it.”

Lillie won some special awards along the way.

Becky explained Lillie developed a really cool, unique signature move for the Liberty event.

“You let them go. They (the horses) have to run for 1 minute and 30 seconds and then you have to catch them (which Hootie runs to a

recording of Tina Turner’s ‘Simply the Best’). But all she has to do is kneel down and he comes right to her. People love it,” Becky said.

“This little horse will do anything she asks. The horse has a really good head about him.”

The trick earned Lillie an additional award for Best Catch.

Having trained Hootie to do well all around in each event, she’s training their other two mini’s – Dynamo, Hootie’s brother, and Luke – and a horse of a friend of theirs in the showworld to also be all around excellent performers as well.

Becky explained one of the reasons Lillie enjoys competing so much with Hootie in cart obstacle is it takes away the decisions from judges.

“If you go through cart obstacle and nick something or bump something, that’s a point deduction. So, she’s more in control of the outcome,” Becky said.

When it was Lillie’s turn to compete, not a competitor or family member in the arena could miss Becky cheering her introduction.

“Yaaah! That’s my baby!” Becky could be clearly heard on their family recording.

“I cried so hard,” Becky admitted after watching Lillie compete.

Lillie’s known for her cart obstacle. But at this level, ages 13-18 year olds, it’s not a given against the world’s top competitors.

Once through the course, she later learned she received a unanimous set of perfect 10s, one from each of the three judges.

However, the scores are not announced until after everyone has competed.

“It’s really nerve wracking,” Becky said. “You don’t know if you got gated or got first.”

In that class, a harder category of competition with a smaller amount of participants, Lillie was up against about 10 others.

“It wasn’t a big class, but it was really hard. When you know there are 10 people there, you know why they are all there, they all have enough talent to win,” Lillie said.

After she was announced the winner, she couldn’t stop smiling.

“I was really proud of Hootie. Because he’s come a really long way since I’ve had him,” Lillie said.

In total, Lillie won 17 ribbons at the championships, showing six horses, including a reserve World Champion working with a friend’s miniature horse.

She said the secret to working with Hootie is practice.

“With Hootie it’s better, because I have a bond with him. And just building the bond and having him trust you. We trust each other and it helps a lot,” Lillie said.

“He’s had a rough past. When he got her and the love of a little girl, he’s kinda of a little puppy dog and just follows her,” Becky added.

Lillie said the sport is growing back in popularity after the pandemic closed down much of the competitions. She’s even training her best friend to show a miniature horse of her own.

“We’re going to let her ‘besties’ show the other two. We’ll have a little girl gang. Girls and geldings,” Becky said.

There are no more shows this year, but she’s already got eyes on the 2026 AMHA circuit with shows in Washington, California and Eugene.

“If we can figure a way to make it happen again, we’ll send her back to worlds,” Becky added.

New behavioral health crisis stabilization center opens in Dallas

By OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

The doors will open soon at the Polk CARES Center, a behavioral health crisis stabilization facility, thanks in part to strategic funding and support from Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The center held its grand opening on Sept. 30 and will offer walk-in care for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. The center leverages state investment to expand behavioral health crisis services across Oregon.

“This center is a result of our state’s ongoing work for more spaces and places for Oregonians to get the help they deserve,” Governor Kotek said. “This is the type of capacity that we need across the state so someone in crisis can stabilize and get the help they need.”

The Polk CARES Center, which stands for Connect, Assist, Respond, Empower, Support, provides walk-in crisis care at 182 SW Academy St. in Dallas.

The county administration abandoned their original plan of transforming the old Wells Fargo Building on Main Street after re-evaluating the location in the wake of public concerns over it being located so near a school and businesses.

Noelle Carroll, county health services director, said the new location next to the current Academy building is much better suited for the services they provide.

“We were able to bring both sets of services to the same place. And even though it’s two different sets of services, these two teams can actually leverage what they can do to help a lot of the same clients at the same time,” Carroll said.

The 10,300 square-foot CARES center provides a range of critical services, including suicide prevention, safety planning and referrals to longer term behavioral health care. Individuals can also get support on their recovery journey from substance use disorder

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News in brief

County launches new Property Recording Alert Service

Polk County has launched its Property Recording Alert Service (PRAS). This free service is designed to enhance the monitoring of recording activity related to land records, offering transparency and control over your property records.

PRAS provides timely and automated email alerts to property owners when new

documents are recorded under monitored names. Each alert includes a direct link to view or download the recorded documents, making it easier than ever to stay informed and protect your property.

For more information, go to www.co.polk.or.us/clerk/property-recording-alert-system-pras.

Monmouth hosts mattress, box springs collection event Oct. 18

Polk County residents can recycle mattresses and box springs for free from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 18 at Brandt’s Sanitary Service, 158 Pacific Ave. S. in Monmouth.

The event is possible thanks to an Oregon state law that took effect this year and the Mattress Recycling Council’s

(MRC) Bye Bye Mattress program.

The MRC is a nonprofit organization that operates recycling programs in Oregon and other states that have passed mattress recycling laws. MRC was founded by the bedding industry and recycles nearly 2 million mattresses each year. To learn how to recycle your mattress or to find a collection location or event near you, visit www.ByeByeMattress.com or call

Brandt’s Sanitary Service at (503) 838-0464.

Dallas woman sentenced for role in area counterfeiting operation

Stephanny Shabri Johnson, 37, has been sentenced to serve 66 months (5 ½ years) in prison for her role in a scheme to create and distribute counterfeit currency in the Salem-Dallas area as well as being in possession

of multiple stolen documents containing personal identifying information.

Johnson, of Dallas, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso, after a jury found her guilty of aggravated identity theft, criminal possession of a forged instrument 2, two counts of forgery 1 and two counts of criminal possession of a forgery device. Johnson

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“We’ve problemed solved that. We anticipate an uptick in vendor booths next year,” Ray said.

In regards to the creative competitions, open class exhibits were up by 9.5%, totalling 2,146 exhibits, and exhibitors were up by 7.5% (277 exhibitors). Meanwhile, 4-H and FFA exhibits totals were mixed. FFA had 78

exhibitors (down 2.5%) with 163 exhibits (up 35%). 4-H had 251 exhibitors (up 5%) with 1,860 exhibits (down 27%).

Generating additional funds, Ray said, were five fundraisers held during the fair by local organizations including the auction that raised \$542,571 which is reinvested back into Polk County.

He then summarized the hits and misses in the bigger fair events. The Rough Stock Rodeo and FMX Rampage were both big hits that filled the stands, with extra seats even brought in for the rodeo. Meanwhile the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack show was a big miss.

“We were sold a bill of goods that was not delivered. It was not good. Live and learn,” Ray said.

Overall, Ray summarized, the Fair Board felt the 2024 fair was one of the best they’d hosted in a while and

2025 was very similar and they’re very happy with.

The fairgrounds also is used throughout the rest of the year. Ray said in 2024-25, it hosted 717 events with 119,664 people in attendance. There were 17 fundraisers held by local organizations which raised \$177,980, bringing the total amount of funds reinvested back into Polk County, including Fair’s total, to \$719,951.

Ray said the fair board essentially took it hard when the operations levy failed in May. At their meeting the next week, “they were in a ‘mood’.

They raised the prices on rentals, camping and storage. Rental increases overall represented a 35% increase.

“I’ll speak for myself. I may have been in a mood. If all citizens of Polk County don’t want to support the fair, then the ones who use it are going to support the fair because there are costs to those things,” Ray said.

“We took a look at our rental fees. We wanted to be reasonable. But we didn’t want folks to be subsidizing folks to be using the grounds. That may have been our mindset,” he added.

However, he shared an anecdote involving their increased storage prices. After one person complained and left to utilize a private storage facility, Ray said the person was soon back, ready to pay in cash, the fairground’s rates were that much better competitively.

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst asked how much revenue raising all the raised prices would generate over the year.

Anderson said they haven’t run the numbers yet, but explained storage itself normally brings in \$20,000, That will be \$45,000 this year.

“It won’t quite double it, but we’ll get close to that,” she said.

County administrator Greg Hansen said all rental revenue has been averaging between \$150,000 to \$160,000 annually.

Ray said they’re hoping to push that number closer to \$200,000 this year.

Overall, he said financially the fair is still struggling to keep up the revenue necessary to run the facility.

“The Fair Board has raised the prices of facility rent,

camping and storage. We are hoping to get a little help with water and electric fees for the Dog facility,” he said.

He added the Oregon Facilities Authority (OFA) is currently working on taking the cap off of the lottery funds and for infrastructure funds for fairgrounds that are used as emergency uses.

In good news, Ray said the Fair Board is bringing back the fundraising dinner auction. Friends of the Fair will have a Dinner Auction on Oct. 25, to pay for projects that need to be done on the grounds. They hope to make this an annual event.

“This year, we designated those funds to go for new bleachers for the rodeo grounds and the show arena. I don’t care which livestock show you were watching at the fairgrounds, the stands were full and people were standing.

He said they want to increase seating capacity and replace the wooden ones with aluminum.

“So we’re trying to do two things, increase revenue, usability and cut down on our maintenance costs,” he said. Ray doesn’t expect the dinner auction to fill the budgetary holes, but will help make ends meet.

Free forum open to the public

Solid waste management in Polk County: What happens to our trash?

Thursday Oct. 16, 6–8 pm

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Prism community center has grand expansion plans with T-Mobile grant

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

While the main purpose for Partnerships in Community Living Inc., is expanding the quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the non profit has also had a grand vision to create a space to be a center for creative outlets. That idea has since developed into Prisms Art & Community Center, which started in a garage before moving to Reed Opera House in Salem and settling into a new space in Monmouth. And thanks to a T-Mobile Hometown Grant, the space is about to expand even further.

Clarissa Adams, Prism’s manager, clutching an oversized check presented by T-Mobile Sept. 25, said Prism Art & Community has occupied the space at 215 Main St. in Monmouth for about three years now. Originally, they only had access to half the space and have since been slowly building up their open studio for the community.

“We do art, education, dances, classes. We’re open to be somewhere for people to hang out,” Adams explained. “Sometimes people come and just bring their lunch and practice ASL within the ASL community.”

Prism recently hosted a 12-week ASL grant-funded class in March. “That was a lot of fun. We were able to serve about 215 people and teach ASL to the community. So we hope to continue to do things like that, including CPR classes and pretty much anything the community wants,” Adams said.

Adams said it was a pretty big deal to be just one of 25 out of 1,100 applicants last quarter to receive T-Mobile’s Hometown Grant recipients.

T-Mobile has now provided more than \$500,000 across 15 cities through the program, including the latest recipient. Since 2021, T-Mobile has invested over \$19 million in Hometown Grants to 425 communities across 48 states and Puerto Rico.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
Prism Art & Community Center manager Clarissa Adams explains how the T-Mobile Home Town Grant of \$45,960 will be used to expand the space Monmouth’s Main Street.

Prism’s share this quarter was \$45,960.

“We had a very small chance to be chosen, but we were. So we’re

pretty stoked about it,” Adams said.

Monmouth Mayor Cecilia Koontz said during the check presentation party the city’s partnership with PCL has been invaluable.

“It gives us that sense of inclusion, welcoming, diversity, that is really, really critical to Monmouth, having the clients they serve, their employees in our town, really adds to the vibrancy to our community,” Koontz said. “We’re kind of becoming an arts district in downtown, which we love. Having a place where people can come and create is a dream for us.”

Prism plans some big changes for the space with the grant money, including adding drop-down overhead doors to separate the interior space into smaller units. They’ll also construct a dark room for photography projects and a sensory room for somewhere for people to go for “quiet time” Adams said.

“Having a dark room to develop film is something people can’t find anywhere locally, so that will

be really cool to bring that to the community. It will give people a nice way to have self expression to make their own art,” she said.

Admas said she’s received great feedback from those that utilize Prism’s space.

“Since we’ve started, I always ask people what do you want? I can only see my vision of what I want to do. So what do you want to see in here?” Adams said. “That’s where we got the idea for the kiln for pottery.”

Prism had received a grant from the Ford Family Foundation that is paying for the kiln and pottery supplies as well as a throwing wheel.

Adams said Prism hopes to put the T-Mobile funds to use in their expansion plans as soon as possible (they’re waiting just for city permits to clear). She added the space will remain open during construction, which should be done by the first of the new year.

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including referrals to treatment and overdose prevention education.

The center is funded through an investment of nearly \$2.5 million from House Bill 5202, directed to Polk County by OHA.

Additional funding came from a Measure 110 grant supporting the statewide Behavioral Health Resource Network and from Senate Bill 5506.

Rep. Anna Scharf fought hard to get those funds secured for the project, something she doubted was possible as a freshman representative in Salem.

During the open house, Scharf recalled in 2023, the Legislature finally started saying they were concerned about

mental health and were not keeping up with the promises that were in Measure 110.

She reached out to county commissioners and Polk County health officials.

“I said what can we do? What do you need? How can I help? How can I advocate if funding becomes available, what can we do?” Scharf said.

They put in a \$2 million request.

“My very first session in office, I thought ... there was no way as a freshman they’re going to give me \$2 million,” Scharf said. “And when we got that funding, it was the happiest day of my life.”

The happiness spread to everyone involved.

“I’m very proud to finally open the doors of the CARES Center,” said Jennifer Lief, Polk County Health Services division manager. “The CARES Center means so

much to our team, our agency and to me personally because we all know how critical it is for people to have somewhere to turn in a moment of crisis. We’ve built this center for our community members — family, friends, and neighbors — so they can walk in and find immediate support, whether through our crisis services or our welcome center for substance use and peer support. No appointment needed, no judgment given — just compassionate care and a pathway to recovery and healing.”

The opening of the Polk CARES Center embodies the broader vision from OHA and its partners to ensure behavioral health services are responsive, accessible and equitable across Oregon.

“The Polk CARES Center reflects a powerful commitment to ensuring every person in Oregon has access



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES
The new Polk CARES Center opened for public tours Sept. 30.

to timely, compassionate and lifesaving behavioral health care,” said Ebony Clarke, behavioral health director at OHA. “By investing in community crisis response, we are supporting recovery,

preserving dignity, and building stronger, healthier communities.”

All services are available to individuals of all ages, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Note: I-O Editor David Hayes contributed to this story.

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Ron Mountain
Feb. 23, 1944 - Sept. 25, 2025

Ron Mountain passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2025, in San Diego, California, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Feb. 23, 1944, and grew up in Lincoln City, Oregon. He attended Taft High School where he excelled as a four-sport athlete playing football, basketball, baseball, and golf.

Ron attended Linfield College from 1962 to 1966, where he was a dedicated student-athlete, playing both golf and basketball. His passion for sports and education led him to a fulfilling 30-year career as a physical education teacher at Talmadge Middle School in Monmouth, Oregon. During his tenure, he also coached golf, basketball, football, baseball, and gymnastics. He was the Central High School golf coach and assistant basketball coach for many years, inspiring countless students through his leadership and enthusiasm.

Following his retirement from public school teaching, Ron continued to shape future educators as an adjunct professor at Western Oregon University. For 14 years, he supervised student teachers with the same commitment and care that defined his entire career.

Ron is survived by his beloved wife Sandy; children Jennifer (Paula), Janay (Andrew), Kim (George), and Scott (Alaura); sister Judy; grandchildren Alexis, Parker, Quinn, Chloe, Riley, Jack, and Kyle; and many cousins.

He found great joy in spending time with family and pursuing his favorite pastimes — traveling, golfing, hunting, and fishing. He volunteered for the Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. These passions enriched

his life and brought him closer to those he loved.

Ron’s legacy lives on in the many lives he touched through teaching, coaching, and family. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 19, 2025, at 3 p.m. at Green Villa Barn in Independence, Oregon.



Judy Ann Roden
July 9, 1954 - 2025

Judy Ann Roden was born on July 9, 1954, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to John and Bernadine Roden. She grew up on a farm in Albertville, Minnesota, alongside her three brothers Jim, John, and Tom. She attended St. Michael-Albertville High School where she was very active in student government and as a cheerleader.

Following graduation, Judy studied at St. Cloud State College for a short period before moving to Shawnee, Oklahoma, to obtain her associate’s degree from St. Gregory’s College. While there she worked with special needs students and played intramural soccer. She eventually returned to Minnesota where she graduated from Augsburg College with a degree in elementary education and worked for three years in Deer River, Minnesota.

In 1980, Judy moved to Oregon and began working as a grade school teacher at Monmouth Elementary School. She married Grant Boustead in 1981, with whom she had three sons - Grant II, Jordan, and Jesse. Before retiring in 2014, she taught elementary education and worked as a librarian at Lyle Elementary School for 10 years. From there she taught another 12 years in physical education at LaCreole Middle School, coaching track and field and helping as an assistant athletic director.

Having been an active member of Faith Evangelical Free Church for many years, she increased her involvement in church-led and

community initiatives such as the Glow Run and Christmas Cheer. Judy was always concerned with serving the most essential needs of our community members. Later, she volunteered with Samaritan’s Purse, a humanitarian organization focused on disaster relief, where her faith and strength were able to expand beyond her local community.

Some of Judy’s other hobbies included traveling and experiencing new locations and cultures, both in the U.S. and internationally. She always enjoyed the beach, hiking and exploring nature, and attending her children’s and grandkids’ extra-curricular activities.

Judy is survived by her husband and three sons, as well as eight grandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. at Dallas High School.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to consider supporting Dallas Christmas Cheer, an organization and initiative near and dear to Judy.” Donate to Christmas Cheer’s online at www.dallaschristmascheer.com/donate.



Nancy Rosenbalm
Sept. 15, 1933 - 2025

Nancy Hanson was welcomed into the world on Sept. 15, 1933. Her lucky parents, Martin and Hjordis, lived in Portland, Oregon. They moved to Ketchikan, Alaska, in 1935. There she was raised with love, music and a sense of adventure! She grew up to become a brave, strong, independent woman. She met the love of her life, Boyd Rosenbalm, while attending college in Salem. They married in 1954.

She got her music degree at Willamette University. She was a music teacher at Ketchikan High school and an organist at the Lutheran Church. They moved to Dallas, Oregon, in the summer of 1967 where she started working as a

choir director at Dallas High School. She taught much more than music; she taught confidence and pride in a song well sung. She was such a strong influence on so many kids through the years. She made a huge impact on many students that will stay with them forever.

She went on many trips with Boyd, and her friends over the years and saw every country she ever wanted to visit, and then some.

Her husband, Boyd, passed away July 1, 2001. Her grandson, Adam Parker, passed away July 25, 2004. Her son-in-law James Hanna passed away Dec. 19, 2016.

She’s survived by her son Boyd Jr (Shirleen); her daughters Lauri Hanna and Julie Finegan (Doug); and her cherished grandkids and great grandkids, who have embraced her strength and her love of life, music and adventure, which she lived every single day of her life. It will be passed on for eternity.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Nancy at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas, Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.



Richard B. Ferguson
Dec. 9, 1945 - Sept. 28, 2025

Richard B. Ferguson, more affectionately known as Rick, was born on Dec. 9, 1945, at the Dallas Hospital and passed away on Sept. 28, 2025, in Bend, Oregon.

Rick grew up in Falls City, where he spent his youth hunting and fishing with friends and family. He enjoyed playing high school football and basketball until a knee injury in his junior year ended his sports career. He graduated from Falls City High School in 1964 and went on to work at Boise Cascade in Valsetz Oregon until the mill closed in 1984. He then worked for the city of Falls

City and later at Schuler Cabinets in Salem, where he drove a forklift.

Rick was also a dedicated volunteer fireman with the Falls City Fire Department until 1989. It was there he met his future wife, Andi. They were married on Valentine’s Day in 1992 and moved to La Pine, Oregon, later that same year. Rick then worked for JELD-WEN Windows & Doors in Bend, Oregon, until 1999, when a work-related injury led to his retirement on disability.

In his free time, Rick loved the outdoors. He especially enjoyed hunting deer and elk, fishing for trout and steelhead, camping with friends and family, or simply taking a scenic afternoon drive with his wife.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Andi; his son, Darin Ferguson and his wife Jessica; daughter Debbie Gregg and her husband Troy; his grandchildren Tiffany Dannehl, Caleb, Caeden and Colbie Gregg; and his brothers Dean and Steve Ferguson; any many more cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Erma Ferguson, and his older brother, Duane Ferguson.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 11, 2025, at the Falls City Community Center, from 2-4 p.m. Arrangements are handled by Baird Memorial Chapel. Please visit www.bairdfh.com to sign the online guestbook.

Sharlane Hattan

Sharlane Hattan passed through the arms of our savior on Sept. 8, 2025. She was 82 years old.

Sharlane is survived by her husband Gregg, her brother John Moe, and her sister Darlene Christiansen. She was preceded in death by her brother John Moe, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

There will be a memorial service at Trinity Lutheran Church on Oct. 12 at 2 p.m.

Death Notice

Winona Archer

May 10, 1943 - Sept. 28, 2025

Winona Archer died Sept. 28, 2025. A Memorial Services is Oct. 11 at 1401 SW 13th St., Dallas, Oregon. Visitation is from 9:30-10:30 a.m., the Memorial is at 11 a.m. and the Internment follows at 12:30 p.m. at Dallas Cemetery.

AARP Oregon awards grants to strengthen local communities

Communities across Oregon are working to become more livable for people of all ages. AARP is working in partnership with local leaders, organizations, and dedicated residents to help make that vision a reality. The city of Monmouth and the Dallas Downtown Association were among five grantees to receive Age-Friendly Communities Grants. These grants fund innovative projects that inspire

change in transportation, public spaces, diversity and inclusion, civic engagement, and more. The grantees were chosen from applicants for the national AARP Community Challenge Grant and are funded by AARP Oregon.

The local, diverse projects funded were:

- Dallas Downtown Association, \$6,000 — Purchase and installation of weatherproofed signage for

posting community events, open seating area at the new office and visitors center, and equipment to increase accessibility for seniors and those with limited mobility to participate in downtown cleanups and other community service projects.

- City of Monmouth \$3,000 — Conduct an age-friendly assessment on senior housing needs. The project includes a survey of residents aged

50+ in both Monmouth and Independence to better understand housing concerns and priorities. The city will host a Senior Housing Speaker Series exploring key issues such as housing security, current trends, and innovative solutions for older adults.

“The AARP Oregon Age-Friendly Communities Grants aim to support efforts across the state to make communities more inclusive and livable for

people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds — with a special focus on those 50 and older,” said Bandana Shrestha, State Director of AARP Oregon. “These quick-action projects spark lasting change and help build momentum toward more age-friendly environments.”

AARP’s nationwide work on livable communities supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities, and

counties across the country to become great places for all residents. To learn more about the work funded by the AARP Community Challenge here in Oregon and across the nation, visit www.aarp.org/CommunityChallenge. You can also view an interactive map of Community Challenge projects and AARP Oregon’s livable communities work at www.aarp.org/livable.

We're still with you.

If you are one of the family members we have served, we'd like you to know you are still in our thoughts.

Experiencing a loss can affect your own life in profound ways, and we'd like you to know that you can call on us for grief resources, recommended reading, or just to hear a voice that cares.

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Letter to the Editor

ChatGPT couldn't have written a worse column

ChatGPT – Write an 800 word essay on the holiness of division. Prove the wickedness of people I disagree with (you know who they are) using Bible quotes out of context. Ignore Jesus' teachings. Let me repeat. Ignore Jesus. Provide a historical reference to the Founding Fathers as Christian theocrats. Make sure this makes me appear

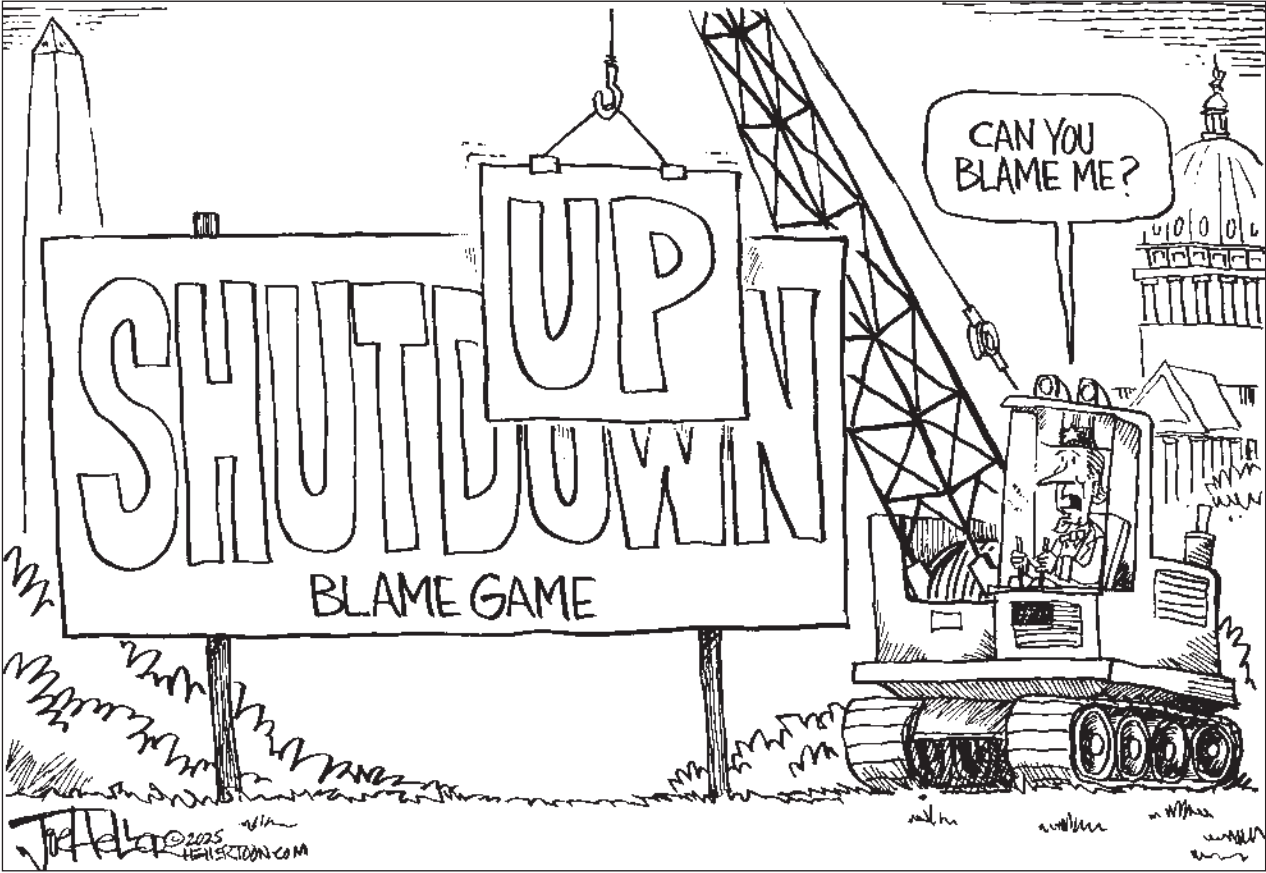
relevant and ignore my past campaigns to slander and admonish others, and use bigoted words to describe people with disabilities. Please make my dreams of being a kingmaker even though my endorsements are toxic. Make me appear holy and righteous despite the hate I have for lgbtq people, immigrants, and anyone who doesn't agree. IO: brilliant! I'll publish that. Chad Young Independence

State News

Take charge of fire this Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the Oregon State Fire Marshal and Oregon Fire Marshals Association invite all Oregonians to Take Charge of Fire Safety by buying, using, and recycling rechargeable batteries safely. Rechargeable batteries, including lithium-ion batteries, power many of our everyday devices, such as smartphones, laptops, wearable technology, e-scooters, power tools, electric vehicles, and much more. While they are convenient and powerful, they can create serious fire risks if not used correctly. "Rechargeable batteries, especially lithium-ion types, are incredibly useful but can be dangerous if they're not used or stored the right way," State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said. "Since more families are using them at home, it's important to know how to use them safely." "Oregon's fire service personnel see firsthand the impact fire can have on families and communities," said Lora Ratcliff, president of the Oregon Fire Marshals Association. "Fire Prevention Month is about taking simple steps that make a big difference, whether that's charging batteries safely, checking smoke alarms, or creating a home escape plan. By working together, we can reduce fire risks and help keep Oregonians safe." Safety Tips for Rechargeable Batteries • Buy Only Listed Products. When buying devices that use rechargeable batteries, make sure they are tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory

to meet established safety standards. • Charge Devices Safely. Always use the charger that comes with the device or one approved by the manufacturer. Charge devices on a hard, flat surface and avoid charging them on beds, couches, or under pillows. Unplug devices once they are fully charged. • Dispose of Batteries Responsibly. Do not put rechargeable batteries or devices in the trash or regular recycling bins. They can start fires. Instead, take them to a designated battery recycling location. Visit www.call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you. While rechargeable batteries are a growing risk, the top causes of home fires in Oregon remain the same year after year: • Cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Never leave cooking unattended and keep flammable items away from stovetops. • Heating equipment, such as space heaters, should be kept at least three feet from anything that can burn. • Electrical issues, including overloaded outlets and faulty wiring, are major contributors to home fires. Fire Prevention Month is a great time to check your smoke alarms, review your home escape plan, and talk with your family about fire safety. A few minutes of prevention can save lives. Learn More For more information on home fire safety, including downloadable resources, safety checklists, and educational materials, visit the Oregon State Fire Marshal's website at www.oregon.gov/osfm.



Commentary

Special moments, special memories: Part 3

By GARY DEROWITSCH

Ricky Speden

I believe it was in my fourth grade year that I noticed during recess a boy standing all by himself. I don't remember ever seeing him playing or even talking to anyone. He just stood there all alone. This really bothered me so one day while on the playground I walked up to him and introduced myself. I asked him if he could come over to my house Saturday to play. He said yes, and that Saturday he did show up. We walked around the neighborhood talking and getting to know each other. I remember walking on the train tracks, both of us picking up rocks and throwing them at various objects. Ricky was always very shy

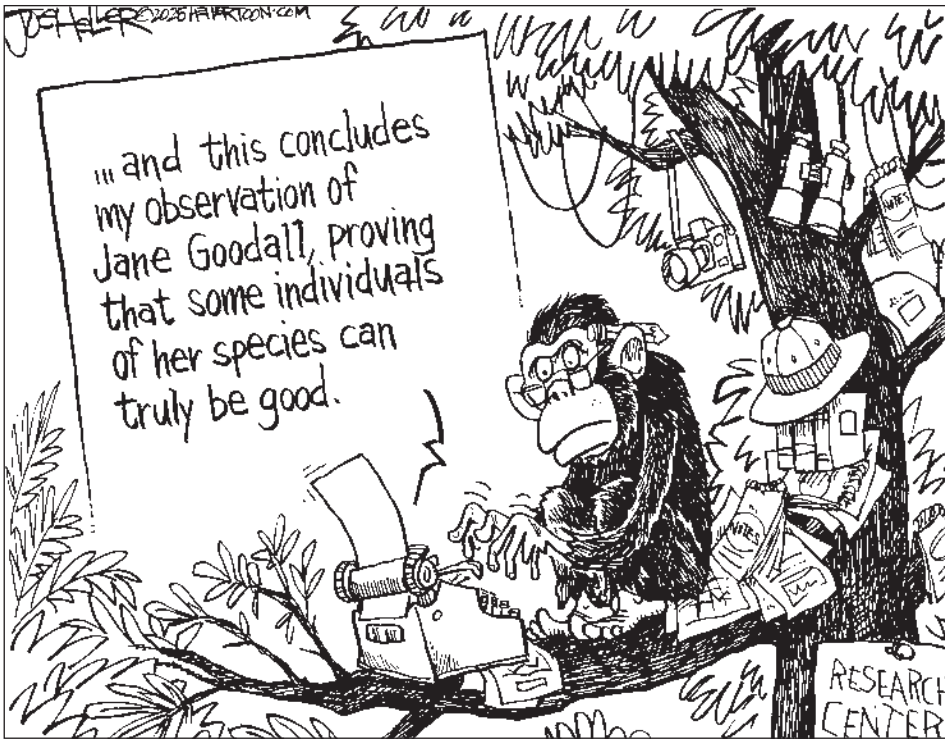
and didn't talk much so I'm not sure if he really enjoyed our time together but I was determined to do my best to become his friend. When he said he had to go home I felt very good inside and looked forward to spending time together on the playground at school and at his home or mine on the weekends. The next week I remember my mother asking me about Ricky. She asked if he was the boy that came over last Saturday. I said yes, that was him. She looked at me with a look that I knew something was wrong, and then proceeded to tell me. Ricky is dead, that he, his brother and another boy were found deceased in an old unused freezer in a shed located behind his home. His home was a few houses

down from the First Baptist Church located on 3rd street in Independence. At first I was shocked and then began asking myself, how could this happen? I had just met him a couple of days ago and now he was gone. Later that week my mom took my brother and me to the Mortuary to view the three boys. Words just can't explain what was going through my mind standing there looking at the three of them lying in caskets. I remember thinking, maybe they will all sit up and begin talking. To me they didn't look dead. They just looked like they were sleeping. It was so surreal. A new friend I had just been with last Saturday was lying right here in front of me. For a 10-year-old boy, that was a lot

to digest and think about. I'm not sure when my feelings became less acute, but eventually they did. Today, many years later I find myself on occasion driving through Ricky's old neighborhood. I pull over and park along the curb across the street from where he lived and look at the small shed where this happened. I see a lonely boy standing all alone on the playground. I think about how happy I was to get to know him and hopefully become his friend. I think about all the fun we might have had throughout the years. I look... I stare... I ask why? Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.

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Weekly Online Poll

What do you like best about the transition into the fall season?

- ☐ Fall Colors 40.6%
- ☐ Cooler weather 53.1%
- ☐ Pumpkin pie 6.3%

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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: DISTANT — WHISTLE

Alarm

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Robins

Walkers

Aspen leaves

Coffee pot

Shower

Wind

Barking

Geese

Snoring

Yawning

Cars starting

Paper boy

Squirrels

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: W equals L

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GO FIGURE!

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

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Boots up again

9 Spill-cleaning implement

15 Manages OK

20 Nontraditional protagonist

21 Interview "With History" author Falacci

22 — gards

23 Kamala Harris is his veep

24 Guys in the petroleum industry

25 San Diego major leaguer

26 Clearasil may clear it up

27 Hands-on program for law students

30 Highest point

31 Vowel sound in "tent" or "peg"

33 Made efforts to come from behind

36 Bieber who co-hosted "Drop the Mic"

39 Piv on a musical staff

40 Measure of temperature plus humidity

44 Exaggerated tales

49 Passing reference

50 Get nude

51 Cargo weight units

52 Heartbeat frequency

53 ALF et al.

56 Tablian wrap

57 Alabama speedway city

58 "I Am —" (reality show starring Jenner)

59 Bluish form of oxygen

60 People plundering

61 Alter a while

62 Frilly fabric

63 Tightrope walkers, e.g.

64 Kind of chimpanzee

65 Mork's planet

66 1955

67 16th-century Spanish ship

68 Restoration to factory defaults

69 "Yes, I'm 100% for it!"

70 They may follow right jabs

73 Deterrents to auto thefts

74 Balcony cry from Juliet

75 "The Scarlet Letter" protagonist

76 Early 1940s, politically

82 Draws a bead on

87 Part of i.e.

88 Bulbs controlled with phone apps

91 Acronym comparable to "carpe diem"

92 Irritated

95 Storm into

96 Dog food brand

98 Each

99 Less original

100 Full of life

101 John of farm equipment

102 Esteems

103 Some pastries

DOWN

1 Indian rulers

2 Cain's eldest son

3 Pro at transcription

4 Rome's river

5 Yellowfin

90-Down, in Hawaii

6 Apt to vote Republican

7 It has limbs

8 Aria, e.g.

9 Like sheep

10 Winter long

11 Actress Meg or Jennifer

12 Mrs. Eisenhower

13 Nonstop

14 Fail to stay calm

15 Salary ceiling

16 Eggs, formally

17 Asian noodle dish with peanuts

18 On the way

19 Central Asian plains

28 Highest point

29 Many a Bach choral work

32 The thing right here

34 Actor Peter O—

35 PC key abbr.

37 Vows heard at weddings

38 "Mexico Set" novelist

40 Boba Fett captured him

41 Aaron's son, in the Bible

42 Genre for Beck and Nirvana, in brief

43 Tommy — (power pop band)

44 Mistaken beliefs

45 Official doing taxing work

46 Sowing machines

47 They fill job positions

48 Does' mates

50 Rounded edge, as on a stairstep

52 Royal homes

53 One at a time

54 Transverse rafter-joining timber

55 Easy walks

57 Many bath-room floor installers

58 Locale of Hudson Bay

60 Don of TV announcing

61 Legendary Rhine siren

63 Single-wheel load carriers

64 Peel that changes from green to yellow

66 Sprinted, e.g.

67 Polenta grain

68 WWW page code

69 Calendar box

70 Decreased

71 Tending to cause wear

72 New Jersey city opposite Manhattan

73 Jagged cliff

75 Meddling sorts

77 Sect in "Witness"

78 Made a dash for

79 1991 Daytona 500 winner

80 Novelist

81 Earlier-born

83 Avian mimics

84 Part of ESE

85 "The Sandbox" dramatist

86 Some tadpoles, in time

89 Hat's place

90 Sushi staple

93 Drop the ball

94 Coloring stuff

97 Buddy, in Burgundy

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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!

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Moments in time

- On Oct. 20, 1967, the mythical Bigfoot was believed to have been filmed in northern California, firing the imaginations of numerous enthusiasts. However, when a prominent researcher sent the FBI a supposed hair sample, agents concluded that it was, sadly, of "deer family origin."
- On Oct. 21, 1797, the USS Constitution launched in Boston Harbor. A 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate, it was constructed to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli, and performed admirably during those conflicts. In 1805, a peace treaty with Tripoli was signed on the Constitution's deck.
- On Oct. 22, 1895, a train with a faulty brake tore through the Gare Montparnasse in Paris and out the front before landing nose down in the street. Onlookers purchased train tickets just to see the damage.
- On Oct. 23, 1958, Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for "Doctor Zhivago," a romance set during the Russian Revolution and World War I. The book was banned in the Soviet Union, and the Soviet government forced Pasternak to renounce the honor, but his admirers smuggled the manuscript out of Russia in pieces and the CIA helped with distribution behind the scenes. Appearing in numerous translations around the world, it was hailed as a classic, but Pasternak was banished from the Soviet Writers Union, ending his literary career.
- On Oct. 24, 1921, in the French town of Chalons-sur-Marne, an American sergeant chose the body of the first "Unknown Soldier" to be honored among the approximately 77,000 American servicemen who died on the Western Front during World War I.
- On Oct. 25, 1964, Minnesota Vikings star defensive end Jim Marshall ran 66 yards in the wrong direction into his own end zone after recovering a fumble against the 49ers in San Francisco. Despite the gaffe, the Vikings won.
- On Oct. 26, 1984, 19-year-old John McCollum was found shot to death on his bed in Indio, California. The boy's parents believed that singer Ozzy Osbourne was responsible, because John was listening to Osbourne's album "Blizzard of Oz," which contained the song "Suicide Solution," when he died, but the suit was dismissed in 1988.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: In the United States, what is the title of the first Harry Potter movie?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Prime Meridian Line runs through which major city?
- HISTORY: When did federal child labor law start in the United States?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym VPN stand for?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president appeared on the 1960s comedy show "Laugh-In"?
- TELEVISION: Which teen show starred Mayim Bialik before she got the role as Amy Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where did the Minoan civilization flourish?
- SCIENCE: What pH balance is considered neutral?
- LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Polonius appear?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: In which African country can the Bonobos species of ape be found in the wild?

Answers

- "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."
- Greenwich, London, England.
- 1938.
- Virtual Private Network.
- Richard Nixon.
- "Blossom."
- The Island of Crete.
- 7.
- "Hamlet."
- Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Puzzle answers on page B2

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

SONG LYRIC COFFEE TALK...

I GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE...

SORRY SEEMS TO BE THE HARDEST WORD.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

"IT'S TOO HOT, TOO COLD, I KEEP HITTING POTHOLES, SLOW DOWN".... I'M SURE WHATEVER I DID SHE WILL AGREE.

Americanisms

"Anger can teach us forgiveness, hate can teach us love, and war can teach us peace."

— Le Ly Hayslip

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

OK, EVERYONE, YOU'RE ALL IN FOR A REAL TREAT! I'VE OUTDONE MYSELF.

I SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN IT DOWN AS I MADE IT UP.

YOU CAN'T GO BY THE WAY IT LOOKS OR SMELLS. IT'S AN ACQUIRED TASTE.

UH, I THINK MY DAD CAME UP WITH A FIFTH FOOD GROUP?

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is smaller. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Tie is longer. 4. Thumb is moved. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Cap is a different shape.

Western Oregon University renames athletic facilities

By UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

Western Oregon University is celebrating the renaming of two of its athletic facilities. The Old PE Building has been Ruth Lautenbach Hall, while the New PE Building is now known as the Wolves Athletic Center, highlighting its role as the primary venue for training and competition for many WOU athletic teams.

The renaming of the Old PE Building honors Ruth Lautenbach, Ph.D., the pioneering female physical education teacher and advocate for women’s sports at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University). This renaming aims to recognize her legacy while also enhancing the visibility and prestige of the Wolves’ athletic program.

Former OCE administrator, women’s basketball coach, and athletic director from 1993 to 2010, Jon Carey ’76 shares that Lautenbach’s strong personality and devotion to what she knew was right led to a wide range of athletic opportunities for women at OCE. “This powerful foundation created the opportunity for female athletes and coaches at OCE, and her influence continues to be felt at Western Oregon University,” Carey said.

Carol Brownlow, a former teacher and coach at OCE, and former student-athlete Sharon Baugh ’75, ’86, a proponent and advocate of women’s athletics, explained that Lautenbach was instrumental in developing the Physical Education curriculum at OCE, setting a standard of excellence for teaching and coaching.

Professor Emeritus Ruth Lautenbach was a trailblazing faculty member in health and physical education at Western Oregon University, serving for over 30 years. She began her career at OCE in 1940, becoming the sole PE teacher during World War II, and retired in 1974. Lautenbach was instrumental in establishing the health, physical education, and athletics departments, coaching volleyball, basketball, and bowling, and managing the swimming pool.

“We are excited to rename Old PE in honor of Dr. Ruth Lautenbach, a pioneer in women’s sports,” said Randi Lydum, executive director of intercollegiate athletics. “This decision not only pays tribute to her remarkable legacy but also emphasizes our commitment to elevating Wolves athletics in today’s landscape. By highlighting our history and identity in both building names, we are moving forward with pride and purpose.”

A staunch advocate for women’s sports long before Title IX, Lautenbach expanded participation opportunities when they were scarce. Upon her retirement, the women’s athletic program budget had quadrupled to \$9,000. She played a crucial role in developing the curriculum for nearly 300 physical education majors, which helped support her induction into the NAIA District 2 Hall of Fame in 1974. An active supporter of WOU athletics, she established a scholarship endowment to benefit future generations of women athletes and was part of the inaugural Wolves Athletics Hall of Fame class in 2004.

Lautenbach’s career spanned from the Old PE Building’s construction in 1936 to the completion of the New PE Building in 1971.

“As we look to the future of our university, it’s essential that we symbolize our progress and commitment to excellence,” said Western President Jesse Peters. “Renaming these buildings not only honors the legacy of Dr. Ruth Lautenbach, but also reflects our desire to innovate and move forward as we enhance our vibrant community.”

BRIEF

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will also be required to serve a two year term of post-prison supervision upon her release.

The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and the United States Secret Service, and was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen.

West Salem woman sentenced on identity and theft, fraud charges

Ashley Wood, 32, has been sentenced to serve 72 months (6 years) in prison for her role in a large-scale mail theft, fraud and forgery operation that ultimately victimized over 600 separate individuals and businesses in the Salem and surrounding areas.

Wood, of West Salem, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Norm Hill, after pleading guilty to four counts of aggravated identity theft, one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument, three counts of forgery 1, two counts of computer crime, and 26 counts of mail theft. Wood will also be required to serve a two-year term of post-prison supervision upon her release.

In two separate cases, Wood also pled guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and supplying contraband. During the course of the investigation, five 10-gallon bags of stolen mail were discovered in Wood’s residence. Efforts are being made to deliver those items to their rightful owners.

The case was investigated by the Salem Police Department and the United States Postal Service and was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen.

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State issues ‘gold bar’ scam warning

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) is issuing a warning to Oregon residents about the “gold bar” scam that is rapidly spreading across the nation. This scam involves fraudsters impersonating government officials who convince victims to purchase gold bars to supposedly protect their nest eggs.

This scam involves contact from someone claiming to be a government official, often associated with the U.S. Department of Treasury, who convinces the victim to convert money held in financial accounts into gold bars. The fraudster claims the victim’s financial institution isn’t safe and that physical gold is the only way to protect the assets.

Once the victim agrees to convert the funds to gold, the fraudster either appears at the victim’s front door or arranges for the victim to meet them at a nearby location to pick up the gold bars. DFR urges the public to stay alert, informed, and safe. Do not become the next victim of this scam.

More generally, the scam goes like this: Victims are contacted through text, email, or phone call and told their financial accounts are at risk of being compromised for various reasons. The reasons given may include that the accounts were subject to a cyberattack or are being used for illegal activity and must be closed.

Victims are directed to empty the account, purchase the gold bars, and then deliver the bars over to the “government official.” For those unable or unwilling to purchase the gold themselves, the fraudster will offer and even insist on making the purchase for them.

Sometimes this includes giving the “government official” remote access to the victim’s electronic devices. Victims are tricked into believing that converting their assets to gold and storing it with the government via the scammer, or “government official,” is necessary to protect their assets. This is positively – and always – a scam.

It has already caused millions of dollars in losses to Oregon investors and others across the country.

“It is troubling that these criminals are using fear and a false sense of urgency to pressure victims into making devastating financial decisions,” DFR Administrator TK Keen said. “Even more troubling is the reality that they are in our communities and facilitating these crimes in person.”

As an additional precaution, DFR emphasizes that government officials will never contact you and demand payment using gold bars. To stay safe:

Be cautious of someone contacting you and claiming to be a government official. The imposter scam was the most common scam reported to the Federal Trade Commission in 2024. Government officials will never threaten you or demand that you make a payment using cryptocurrency, gift cards, or gold. If you need to communicate with a government agency, look up the contact information yourself, verify that you have not been directed to a scam site, and – only then – contact the agency using the information provided on its official website. Never share your home address with strangers who contact you.

A government official will never give you a top-secret

password. Some victims are given a supposedly top-secret password and instructed to give assets to a person who provides them with the password. This is always a scam.

Never click on suspicious links or respond to unsolicited messages. If you receive an email or text from an unknown sender (even if the details appear accurate), do not respond, and do not click on any links or attachments found in that email. You could unknowingly download malicious software.

Never give out your personal and financial information. Do not share personal and financial information with strangers. Steer clear of communication and calls from strangers.

Those seeking employment might be tempted to accept positions as a driver or courier from these scammers. This is part of the scam, to use outsiders – referred to as “money mules” – to help facilitate the crime. Be very skeptical about these employment offers. Research a company thoroughly before agreeing to become involved in any “employment” of unusual activity.

DFR cautions Oregonians to remain cautious and informed. Contact local law enforcement to report this scam. You can also contact DFR to report suspected fraud, inappropriate securities business practices, or to obtain consumer information.

Free investor education and fraud prevention materials are available at dfr.oregon.gov or by calling one of DFR’s consumer advocates at 888-877-4894 (toll-free) or dfr.financial-serviceshelp@dcbs.oregon.gov.

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Dragons unstoppable streak continues against Panthers

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

The Dragons' varsity football team again left no doubt as to which team under the Friday night's lights was best. Dallas ran its unbeaten streak to five straight games after dismantling the Panthers 49-13 in a Mid-Willamette Conference showdown between two Polk County schools.

Coach Andy Jackson praised his Dragons' toughness and resilience. He emphasized the physicality of his team's play.

"I think we scrapped and we physically outplayed them," Jackson said. "We played really hard football."

Coach Joel Everett of Central agreed with Jackson's assessment.

"They just ran their stuff really well. They're coached hard. They played hard," Everett said. "If our guys miss an assignment, they can bust a big play - and that's what Dallas did."

Dallas's preparation and intensity were evident from the first snap. The Panthers were unable to handle the pressure.

"Our kids really got after it and showed we were at a different level," Jackson said.

Last week Jackson expressed concern about the

Panthers' passing attack. Central has the capabilities to challenge the Dragons by air, with JT Girod at quarterback and a core of talented receivers led by Joe Mendazona and Ryan Perkins.

But the return of Dallas lineman Bertram Latta and pre-snap movement by the defense proved to be too much for Central.

"We created a different picture every play for their offensive line," Jackson said. "That made it really hard for them to pick us up."

Max Pittman and Israel Mabry combined for 14 tackles, seven each. Hunter Rivers added five. Kameron Tullock and Nathaniel Hughes each recovered a fumble. The Dragons recorded nine quarterback hurries, though the pressure Girod faced was nonstop.

The team's intensity dipped in the second half, something Jackson said the coaching staff will address.

"We have a standard of 48 minutes of absolutely playing (football)," he added. "Right around minute 39 or 40, we lost our approach and focus a bit."

The drop in intensity may also be a reflection of the opponent. Jackson gave credit to Central's players and staff for their halftime adjustments and execution.

The Dragons' are scoring better than 50 points a game. But lighting up the scoreboard isn't the team's primary goal.

"We're a balanced offense that focuses on getting first downs," Jackson said. "It's not about scoring a bunch. It's about attacking weaknesses, putting defenses in conflict, and moving the chains."

The team's stable of running backs continue to run wild. Dragons quarterback Tommy Hess rushed for a team high 86 yards while Landon Holbrook added 74. Dallas netted 264 on the ground.

Hess rushed for three touchdowns and connected with Holbrook on a scoring strike. Holbrook added two rushing TDs.

Hess completed 10 of 15 passes for 164 yards and the one TD.

"Tommy had the best game he's ever played, in the run and the pass," Jackson said. "He's really coming into his own."

This, after just five games as a starting varsity quarterback.

"He's always been a phenomenal leader. But now he's playing with confidence," Jackson said. "He's running the ball more, making



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Running back Aidan Galusha, No. 27, stretches for a few more yards against the Dragons' defense on Friday night.

better reads, and showing his speed."

Next up is a road trip to West Albany, the only team that beat Dallas last year. And they did it twice, including a heartbreaker in the playoffs.

That loss "means something to our kids and our coaches," Jackson said. "They knocked us out last year, and they're a really good team."

But revenge isn't the driving motivation this week. Instead, focus remains on development, preparation and depth.

"We're going to focus on having four great days of

practice," said the coach. "Injuries are a real part of football, and we've had our share. So we need every kid ready to step up when the time comes."

Game time is 7 p.m. As for Central, Everett praised the play of linebackers Mason Vela and Moses Garcia against a tough foe.

The Panthers have little time to dwell on the loss as a crucial matchup against Corvallis looms.

"They're going to get our full attention, I guarantee that," Everett said.

Last year, after two losses to open league play, the Panthers rattled off three straight wins to make the postseason. They have to do something similar this year to have a shot at the playoffs.

"We've got to get ourselves right in the head. We told the team this would be a long storm, and it's still going," Everett added.

Friday's game, which begins at 7 p.m., is homecoming for Central against Corvallis.

"I expect to see a real focused team," Everett said.

Expectations on the rise for Panthers volleyball

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

Expectations are on the rise for Central's varsity volleyball squad.

It's been years since the Panthers made it to the postseason. That might change this year, however, as the girls are 5-3 in Mid-Valley Conference play, 6-5 overall.

Not that a playoff berth is a given.

The Panthers sit on the bubble. Sixteen teams qualify for the play-in tournament. Central's RPI ranking as of Saturday had them at 15th.

The good news is that the team controls its own destiny. Four games remain on the regular season schedule. Two are against teams that are among the state's best in Class 5A. Win those games and the ranking will only improve.

Coach Cammy Baker believes the Panthers are up to the task.

"We haven't always been successful. We haven't been in the playoffs for a while," Baker said of a drought that's exceeded seven years. "You're always holding your breath - 'Can we pull it off?' But I'm starting to hold my breath not

so much, and just let them do what they know how to do."

Self-confidence only increased after Central turned back an old nemesis, Silverton (3-1), on Sept. 23.

"We played the best we've ever played as a team," junior Brynn Taufa'asau said of the signature win. "Everyone pulled their own weight and we did really good."

That win also came during a run where the girls were winning five of six matches.

Improved play is rooted in accountability, intensity, and focus.

"We constantly remind ourselves, what are our goals? Make the playoffs," Baker said. "What do we need to do to get there? Play right here. Right now."

That mantra was tested last week against Lebanon. Central opened with a win, then dropped the second set because of "sloppy play," the coach said. But the girls regrouped, got aggressive with serving, made fewer mistakes, and won two straight to close out the match.

Quality play like this must continue if the Panthers are to make the postseason. The Panthers close out the regular

season with tough matches at seventh-ranked Corvallis Oct. 21, and versus second-ranked Crescent Valley at home Oct. 23 in the conference finale.

As the stakes become more important, tone at practice is different for the Panthers. It's more challenging, more demanding, and coated with a greater sense of urgency. This is all by design.

"I've told the girls, 'This is the type of coach I've been, a cheerleader. But now, the tone of my voice, the urgency in how we do things, it's going to be amplified,'" Baker said. "We're holding ourselves accountable to a level we've never been held to before. It's exciting to play volleyball in a way where you don't always need the hip-hurrah. You just go out there and get the work done."

The trick now is for the Panthers to bring that new attitude with them on game nights.

"We just need to keep working together as a team," Taufa'asau said. "This is the best we've played in years."

West Albany proved much more challenging than Lebanon on Oct. 2. The Bulldogs prevailed 3-0 to take



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Bringing the hammer down is Kamdyn Nelson (11) of Central. Also pictured: Kydalin Baker who delivered the ball to Nelson.

over sole possession of third place in the conference standing. The loss dropped the Panthers into a fourth-place tie with Corvallis.

Central and Crescent Valley will meet twice during the regular season. They also met Oct. 10, but results from that

match were unavailable at press time.

The girls host Silverton in a rematch Thursday at 6 p.m.

Improved Panthers' defense leads to shutout, draw

By **LANCE MASTERSON**
For The Itemizer-Observer

A completely revamped girls Panthers' soccer defense did what it was supposed to do against South Albany on Sept. 30 - keep the RedHawks from scoring.

"We've been focusing a lot on our defensive shape, learning when to press and when to hold, and encouraging smart, calculated risks upon regaining

possession," Central coach Arturo Alfaro said after the game.

Goalie Lucia Landeros did her part, as she turned back several RedHawks' attempts at the net.

"This is Lucia's first season playing full-time in goal, and she's been solid," said the second-year coach.

The defenders in front of her were just as solid.

"This was the first time I saw real communication and

cohesion between our backline and keeper, and that's a huge step for us," Alfaro said.

Team captain Bridget Humphreys, injured earlier this season, is back and helped spark Central's effort.

"Bridget's leadership has made a big impact for us," Alfaro said. "She has been instrumental in organizing the defense, and she showed her versatility by stepping in at both

left back and center back when needed."

Emalee Davis and Mia Estrella Galvin did their part by maintaining structure at the back for the Panthers.

Last week's game was the Mid-Valley Conference opener for both teams. Central's season began with five losses against tough competition.

"It's been tough to assess our progress with such a challenging preseason against strong

Portland teams," Alfaro said. "Last night's result was a big confidence boost."

Central fell 8-0 to McKay on Thursday and hosted Woodburn on Tuesday, results of which were unavailable. Central (0-1-1, 0-6-1 overall) are at Dallas High School on Sept. 14. The match begins at 7 p.m.

The Dragons (0-2, 1-6 overall) defeated non-league Reynolds 3-0 on Sept. 24 for their first win of the season.

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1975

Petition spurs hearing

A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday room 107 of the Polk County Courthouse to hear testimony on a protest involving 69 signers of a petition that wish to keep four families from moving onto a 110 acre tract of land on Parker Road near Independence.

The four families, members of the Trinity Missionary Missionary in Corvallis, wish to farm the land. They plan to move three trailers into the property.

Dwight Ferris, Polk County Counsel, said he has investigated the case and has found no reason why the people should be kept off the land.

Commission investigating area mass transit system

The Polk County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to have Assistant District

Attorney Dwight Ferris seek an opinion from the Oregon Attorney General concerning the proposed Marion-Polk County Mass Transit System. The board members stated that they are not satisfied with any answers from Mass Transit project staff concerning the service area and taxing area.

Last week Commissioner Walt Gjersvold said that he did not like the idea of Salem exclusively benefitting from the transit system and the fact that Polk County families would be taxed for a service they are not receiving.

Dallas runners gain first win over new 3-mile course

The Dallas High School Cross Country team tried out its new three-mile course for the first time in competition Monday and came up with its first win of the season as it defeated a team from McMinnville by a score of 26-31.

The new course, located at the Dallas City Park, is

one-half mile longer than the previous standard of 2.5 miles.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1985

Voters pick school fate Thursday

Voters in the Dallas School District will vote on the same levy in the Nov. 5 general election if the district's \$3,502,276 levy proposal is rejected in Thursday's emergency election.

With one Dallas School Board member strongly against the decision, the

five-member board voted 4-1 last week in a special meeting to go with the same amount that was first turned down by district voters in a Sept. 17 election.

The board also adopted seven policies that will go into effect in the event of a school closure.

Polk polygraph study focuses on probation

Polygraph testing can act as a deterrent for sex offenders who are on probation, according to a Polk County study released last week.

According to Larry Smith, director of the Polk Community Corrections Department, a two-year study conducted by Dr. Ernest Ogard from Western Oregon State College is the first research of its kind focusing on the use of polygraph testing as part of probation.

"We need some way to supervise those going on probation after the 1980 federal court decision ordered that Oregon's prison population must be reduced," Smith said.

Dallas drops Foxes for 7-0 league mark

Dallas High School enters what may be a tough week of volleyball with another league win and a strong tournament showing under its belt.

The Dragons defeated Silvertown 12-15, 15-4, 15-12 on Thursday, then advanced to the final eight of the 16-team Sandy/Barlow Tournament on Saturday before bowing to Mountain View, 16-14, 15-3.



This week's Flashback is from Oct. 8, 1975: LEVI CONTEST WINNERS - Crider's Department Store in Dallas recently announced the winners of the Levi and Denim Art Contest and the winner of the Levi Rivet Contest. Diana Day (left) of Dallas won first place in the Art Contest and is shown with the clothing which she decorated. Steve Spady of Dallas (right) won first place in the Levi Count the Rivet Contest. The actual number of rivets was 5,995 and his guess was 6,000.



Community Achievement

Coast Guard promotes Matt McCammon

Matt McCammon, of Dallas, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard. He currently serves as a helicopter rescue pilot at Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak.

His upcoming assignment is a sabbatical to Purdue University to earn a STEM related MBA before returning to line duty with the Coast Guard.

Garon Stanley makes Dean's List at University of Maryland Global Campus

Garon Stanley, of Monmouth, was named to the Dean's List for the summer

2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5.

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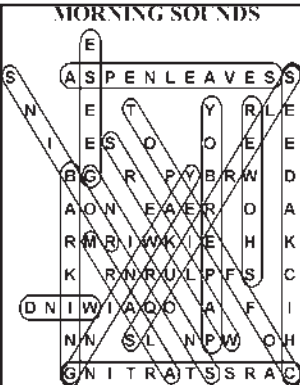
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Community Calendar Oct. 8 - 15

Wednesday, Oct. 8
7 a.m. - Monmouth Library Board meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Seniors Trip to the Oregon Zoo, meet at the Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Free Computer Class: Google Drive, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - Dallas Historic Preservation Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
5:30 p.m. - Independence Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting
6 p.m. - Music jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Thursday, Oct. 9
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Medicare Class w/ Bethany, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/table games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Calvary Chapel Dallas Sewing and Craft group meeting, 628 SE Jefferson St.
10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Master Gardener Chat: Seed Saving, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Bounces & Rhymes, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
11 a.m. - Grief 101 Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Needle Craft Group, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Medicare 101, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
6 p.m. - Trivia & Vino at Elysium, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
6 p.m. - Dallas Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
6 p.m. - Senior Housing Speaker Series Part 2: Guest Speaker Bandana Shrestha from AARP Oregon, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Pentacle Theater presents “Comedy of Tenors,” 324 52nd Ave. NW, West Salem, for tickets go to <https://pentacletheatre.org>.

Friday, Oct. 10
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. - Pottery Workshop/Cards, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Drawing for fun/ writer’s workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 a.m. - Oregon Home & Hearth Ag Show, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Fall Fest, pump-kin decorating, games and crafts for kids of all ages, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
5 p.m. - New author book release party: O.R. Sykora signs her debut novel “Son of the Mountain King”, New Morning Bakery, 788 Main St., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
6 p.m. - Live Music: Roundhouse, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

Saturday, Oct. 11
9 a.m. - Dallas Farmers Market, 850 Main St.
9 a.m. - Independence Farmers Market, Umpqua Bank parking lot
10 a.m. - Oregon Home & Hearth Ag Show, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
10 a.m. - Community Craft Day, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
11 a.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Arts & Crafts Supply Sale
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Sunday, Oct. 12
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
9 a.m. - Polk County Coin Show, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
10 a.m. - Cultural Harvest Collective Market, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E.
10 a.m. - Oregon Home & Hearth Ag Show, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
10 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

Monday, Oct. 13
7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Alzheimer’s Support Group, Dallas Public Library
10 a.m. - Cribbage/ASL Class/Card Making with Jen/ Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Card Making w/Jen, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

1 p.m. - Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Tuesday, Oct. 14
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling/ Intermediate Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Meet volunteers from Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum at the Arboretum Center to maintain arboretum grounds, coffee break at 10:30 a.m., Dallas City Park
9 a.m. - Seniors trip to Silver Falls State Park, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center
9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Financial Education, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Storytime, for ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Healthy Soul, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
5:30 p.m. - City of Monmouth Quarterly Town Hall, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.

6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas

Wednesday, Oct. 15
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Free Computer Class: Google Docs, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - Our Friends: Firefighters, visit Polk County firefighters and explore their truck, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
6 p.m. - Ukulele Jam, Monmouth Senior Community Center
6 p.m. - Independence Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 S. Main St.
7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

Community Briefs

Signups open now for annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tourney on Nov. 9
Cross Creek Golf Course is now accepting applications for their 27th Annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament Nov. 9. The format is a two-person scramble, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. All players will compete for net, gross and hole prizes. Entry fees are \$80 per player and one can of food (cans may be turned in at registration on the day of the tournament). The entry includes green fees, snacks, prize money and the chance to win a turkey. Applications are limited to the first 120 players to pay fees. Players may sign up as a team or as individuals and be placed on a team. All food and a portion of the proceeds will go to provide Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in Polk County through the Dallas Food Bank and a portion of the funds raised will go to St. Jude’s. The deadline for sign up is Oct. 31. For further information and/or an application visit or call the pro-shop at (503)

623-6666, or go to the Cross Creek Facebook page or web-site www.crosscreekgc.com.

Monmouth hosts artist’s reception Oct. 9
The city of Monmouth hosts an artist’s reception for Pam Serra-Wenz from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 9 at City Hall, 151 Main St. W. Serra-Wenz’s artwork will be on display through November.

Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom Oct. 9
The Polk County Democrats meet via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. Sign in on Oct. 9 when they will hear from Deb Patterson, Roxanne Beltz, and other candidates who have filed to run for offices that serve the residents of Polk County To receive the link to this meeting and be put on our email announcements list for future events, please go to: www.polkdems.org. Scroll down and click on the link to our Newsletter.

Dallas Rotary Club presents Purple Pinkies for Polio Oct. 18
The Rotary Club of Dallas is hosting Purple Pinkies For Polio Oct. 18 to raise awareness about Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio and raise funds for PolioPlus. Visit the club’s booth at the Dallas Farmers Market, located at the Polk County Courthouse Square, 850 Main St., between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., where they will paint pinkies purple and add gems representing the two-drop polio vaccine, or offer End Polio Now stickers, for donations to PolioPlus. Last year, the club’s efforts raised \$1,100 towards the PolioPlus fund. For more information, contact Eileen DiCicco at (775) 560-3349 or agedicicco@gmail.com.

Monmouth library hosts free Medicare 101 class Oct. 9
The Monmouth Public Library presents a free Medicare 101 class at 2 p.m.

Oct. 9 at 168 S Ecols Street S, 97361. Learn about Medicare from a Certified Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Counselor.

Author O.R. Sykora hosts book release party Oct. 10
Dallas author O.R. Sykora hosts a book release party from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 10 at New Morning Bakery, 788 Main St., Dallas. She will sign copies of her debut novel “Son of the Mountain King”. Visitors can also buy a book or pre-order a copy online. Learn more about Sykora at www.orsykora.com.

Fairgrounds hosts Fall Home Show Oct. 10-12
Oregon Hearth and Home Events presents the Polk County Fall 2025 Home Show Oct.10-12 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Highway 220, in Rickreall. Check out 50+ vendors with products and services for your home and garden needs. Hours are: - Oct. 10: 12-6 p.m.
- Oct. 11: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m
- Oct. 12: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Two Wolves hosts comedy extravaganza Oct. 11
The Two Wolves Tap Room hosts the Nate Hernandez presentation Extravaganza Comedy Show, from 8-10 p.m. Oct. 11 at 171 SW Court St, in Dallas. The

Extravaganza features hilarious performances by Zach Chappell, JB Garner, Cameron McCormick and James O’Neil.

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The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce has named Maganda Glassworks, LLC, the Member of the Week.
Maganda is located in Independence. They have already moved once to larger quarters to accommodate their expanded studio, all of their art and all of their business. Here’s what the owners of Maganda say about working with glass: “No other artistic medium has the ability to absorb, reflect, and transform like glass.”
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You are invited to visit Maganda Glassworks, LLC at 599B South 3rd St in Independence. Call them at 503 606-6646. Find them online at magandaglassworks.com, or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.
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PCIO25-1367 Notice of Regular Meeting Community Advisory Council Thursday October 16, 2025 1:00 - 3:30 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for? PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Community Advisory Council advises the Marion-Polk CCO on how to be responsive to Oregon Health Plan members' needs and preferences and is a chartered committee of the Willamette Health Council. The CAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97302) as well as online via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit? https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/our-work/community-advisory-council/. A request for accommodation for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to? ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org

PCIO25-1365 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of GARNET M. SCOTT, Decedent. Case No. 25PB08207 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOAN M. DALEY has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative at the address shown below within four months after the date of the publication of this Notice. All persons whose rights may be affected by the probate proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED this 08 day of October 2025. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Joan M. Daley, 425 Burlwood Ave N, Monmouth, OR 97361, (541) 729-4709. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Monica D. Pacheco, OSB # 064600, DOUGLAS, CONROYD, GIBB & PACHECO, P.C., 528 Cottage St NE, Suite 400, P.O. Box 469, Salem, OR 97308-0469, Telephone: (503) 364-7000, Fax: (503) 585-0699, Email: monica@dcm-law.com

PCIO25-1366 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 10/20/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by CHERRY CITY TRANS/COMPLT AUTO 853 9TH ST NW SALEM, OR 2015 FRHT FM2 DP VIN= 3ALHCYCY7FDGJ8207 Amount due on lien \$11492.68 Reputed owner(s) > SMITH CONTRACTING GROUP WASTE CONNECTIONS OF OREGON

PCIO25-1362 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 10-31-25, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 264 NW Howard Ln. Dallas, OR. 97338. The court case number is 24CV46004, where SELCO

COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, an Oregon State Chartered Credit Union is plaintiff, and DAVID J. YBARRA is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: http://oregonsheriffssales.org/

PCIO25-1361 PUBLIC SALE Public Sale at Godsey Secure Storage, LLC, 1360 SE Godsey Road, Dallas, OR 10:30AM Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025. All sales CASH, VISA or MASTER CARD ONLY. Units will be sold as a whole. Call (503) 831-0234 for details. Blanchard, Jacob F334 Blanton, Mike B100 Davis, Mitch B062 Dennis, Drew A034 Dixon, John F335 Fowler, Josh E255 Rutledge, Katlyn B095 Sickles, Sherie D176 Trine, Andrew E242 Yeager, Jennifer E297

PCIO25-1358 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE at Dallas Secure Storage, LLC, 1497 SE Brookside Avenue, Dallas, OR (east off Godsey Road) 10 AM Saturday, October 18, 2025 All sales CASH, VISA, M/C ONLY. Units sold as a whole. Call (503) 623-3703 for details. William Bolinger L355 Joseph Bubier B038 Tammie Colby I217 Allan Duncan K338 Sherri Holley L417 Mechelle Millmaker I314 Jennifer Osterhoudt L390 Sandra Page I300, L440 Shannon Patterson M485 Robert Poole J227 Neal Read I205 Colton Sanford E111

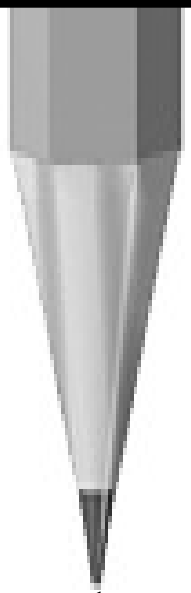
PCIO25-1349 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. Number: 2025-00010-OR Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by FRANK DICKSON AND SARAH DICKSON AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as grantor, to TICOR TITLE as trustee, in favor of SYNERGY ONE LENDING, INC AS LENDER MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lenders successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated 04/26/2022 recorded on 04/28/2022, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book --- at page --- and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2022-005223, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 563049 MAP NO.: 07317-DD-13100 LOT 282, WEST HILL ESTATES PHASE 9, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly Known As: 1674 OLYMPIA CT NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary PHH Mortgage Corporation and the trustee Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE AS OF 07/10/2025: \$102,781.80 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 07/10/2025: \$785,500.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said default being the following: Installment of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 10/01/2023 plus late charges, and all subsequent installments of principal, interest, balloon payments, plus impounds and/or advances and late charges that become payable. Therefore, notice hereby is given that Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services the undersigned trustee will on 11/12/2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, In the new lobby of the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 as established by ORS187.110, in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power

to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying the sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. In construing this notice the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale has been issued by the Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the Trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential properties sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential properties should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services Dated: Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 Dated: STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO On _____ before me, _____ Personally appeared _____ _____ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/

are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal. _____ Notary Name (Seal) FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299 NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 11/12/2025. The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you in you own this property of if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 1 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE: OR 1 AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: 1 Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; 1 Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and 1 Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT - YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you

that sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: 1 You do not owe rent; 1 The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and 1 You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak to a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. Oregon State Bar: (503) 684-3763; (800) 452-7636 Legal assistance: http://oregonlawhelp.org/ PCIO25-1336 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of: Case No. 25CV46054, VERONICA C. FUHRMANN, AS TRUSTEE OF VERONICA

C. FUHRMANN TRUST, U/A DATED JULY 13, 2020, Plaintiff, v. CASCADE CEMENT CO., Defendant. NOTICE OF CIVIL PROCEEDING: CASCADE CEMENT CO., its shareholders or their successors or assigns are hereby required to appear and defend COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication, and in case of your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title). The COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) alleges that you have failed to advance rights you have in certain real property of Plaintiff. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY! THE DEFENDANT HEREIN SHOULD TAKE NOTICE THAT IF IT IS YOUR INTENT TO CONTEST THE MATTERS INVOLVED HEREIN, A WRITTEN RESPONSE SPECIFYING THE MATTERS TO BE CONTESTED MUST BE FILED BY YOU WITH THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR WITH PROOF OF SERVICE OF A COPY THEREOF ON PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION, September 17, 2025, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney. ABSENT GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, NO CONTEST TO THE COMPLAINT (Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title) SHALL BE PERMITTED UNLESS THE CONTESTANT HAS FILED A WRITTEN RESPONSE. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503)684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800)452-7636. Zachary Dablow, OSB #073723 Attorney for Plaintiff 1491 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302 (503) 485-4168 / Email: zachary@dablowlaw.com. 9/17/25, 9/24/25, 10/1/25, 10/8/25



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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, Sept. 25
At 2:26 a.m., a juvenile on Cascade Mountain Drive was lodged on a Polk juvenile detainer/ violation of a conditional release following a disturbance.

At 3:56 a.m., a report of a suspicious person in the front yard of a residence on Clay Street. Police were unable to locate a suspect.

At 10:52 a.m., a motorist involved in an accident on Gardner Road was issued a criminal citation for failing to perform duties of a driver - prop damage.

At 12:18 p.m., a report of a lost wallet near Dollar Tree and Safeway yesterday evening.

At 3:43 p.m., Leanna Rios and Makhenzie Mcdonald were cited and released on Kings Valley Highway for theft 3 and were trespassed for two years.

At 5:22 p.m., a bag of presumptive positive methamphetamine was found near a location on Jefferson Street.

At 5:44 p.m., a resident on Clay Street reported being scammed out of \$1,225 from a person pretending to be a Polk County Deputy.

At 5:45 p.m., an officer assisted a driver in jumpstarting her car on Washington Street.

At 6:19 p.m., a business on Main Street reported an unknown male was hanging around the store property and was asked to leave, but the subject refused. An officer arrived but was unable to locate the subject.

At 8:52 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was issued a citation for failing to renew registration.

Friday, Sept. 26
At 2:34 a.m., a female subject camping on Ellendale Avenue was warned for trespassing and moved along.

At 10:09 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 1:52 p.m., Nathan Mendenhall was arrested on Hankel Street on an outstanding warrant and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 3:43 p.m., a report of a possible stolen trailer being seen entering Dallas. Officers were unable to locate.

At 11:07 p.m., a report of an unknown male seen possibly messing with mailboxes on Ellendale Avenue. It is unknown at this time if anything was stolen. Officers were unable to locate a suspect.

Saturday, Sept. 27
At 2:53 a.m., residents on Oakwood Drive reported an unknown subject(s) banging on their door and ringing the doorbell. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate anyone.

At 9:23 a.m., a motorist on Clow Corner Road was cited for speeding 55 mph in 40 mph-zone.

At 2:15 p.m., a motorist on Brown Street was cited for failing to carry/present an operator's license.

At 10:01 p.m., an officer could hear a party at a residence on Oregon Trail Drive that had some music audible from the street. The officer spoke with a resident who said she would quiet the party down right away which she seemed to do as the officer left.

Sunday, Sept. 28
At 2:02 a.m., a subject on Allgood Street was excluded from all Dallas Parks for 30 days.

At 6:08 a.m., a motorist on Levens Street was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device and was warned for failure to carry an operator's license.

At 9:45 a.m., Charla Vaughn was arrested on Kings Valley Highway on an outstanding Dallas Muni Warrant and was also charged with trespass 2.

At 11:26 a.m., Phillip Haight was arrested on Ellendale Avenue for driving while suspended - misdemeanor and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 4:50 p.m., a motorist on Court Street was cited for failing to carry/present a license.

At 6:02 p.m., an officer helped a resident on James Howe Road catch her dog.

Monday, Sept. 29
At 12:20 a.m., a report of a road-struck deer on Perrydale Road. The deer was deceased and moved off to the side of the road.

At 12:29 a.m., multiple reports of fireworks in the area of Levens and Lewis streets. An officer located used fireworks but they seemed to be legal.

At 5:32 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for no operator's License and was warned for driving uninsured and failing to obey a traffic control device.

At 8:03 a.m., a report of a Four Loco alcohol drink stolen from Center Market on Washington Street.

At 8:34 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using a mobile electronic device.

At 10:35 a.m., a report of a hit and run on Maple Street.

At 1:40 p.m., a motorist on Orchard Drive was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device and was given written warnings for speeding and driving uninsured.

At 1:59 p.m., Desire O'Day was arrested on Mill Street on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

At 2:10 p.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device.

At 8:39 p.m., a motorist on Clow Corner Road was cited for failure to carry proof of financial responsibility and was warned for speeding 52 mph in a 40-mph zone.

Tuesday, Sept. 30
At 3:45 a.m., a report that Dallas Skate Park was tagged last night at about 10:33 p.m. Officers are reviewing video footage.

At 5:03 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failing to carry a license and was warned for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 6:20 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for speed 38 mph in a 25-mph zone and for failure to install an ignition interlock device and was warned for failure to carry proof of insurance.

At 7:31 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 7:41 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 8:12 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for speeding 30 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 8:21 a.m., a motorist on La Creole Drive was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 8:46 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while using mobile electronic device.

At 9:17 a.m., a motorist on Walnut Avenue was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 9:24 a.m., James Green and Jhenna Gilbert were cited and released on Kings Valley Highway for theft 2.

At 10:04 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph zone and was warned for failing to carry proof of insurance.

At 11:38 a.m., a juvenile motorist on Main Street was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 20-mph zone. The officer had a conversation with him about his driving behavior and the danger he poses to the public and his passengers.

At 12:41 p.m., a report of a motorist sideswiped the front of a parked vehicle in Safeway parking lot and then took off and went home. He was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver in an accident.

At 2:10 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 35 mph in a 20-mph school zone.

At 4:40 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for no license and no insurance and was warned for no registration and speeding 33 mph in a 20-mph zone.

At 7:45 p.m., a resident on Washington Street reported telephonic harassment.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
At 1:49 p.m., an area alert for a possible stolen GMC Envoy heading into Dallas. Officers were unable to locate it.

At 5 p.m., Devan Brooks was arrested on Birch Street on outstanding warrants and was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Independence Police Department

On Sept. 3, officers attempted to assist a code enforcement officer with serving a parking ticket for an ongoing issue in the 1300 block of Marigold Drive with Jose Velasquez Sanchez continually parking across the sidewalk, impeding pedestrian traffic. Previously multiple neighbors had reported Velasquez Sanchez acting aggressively and wearing what appeared to be

a bulletproof vest while carrying an AK-47 around his front yard. Officers observed him having the AK-47 positioned at "low-ready" when they attempted contact. A warrant was applied for and Velasquez Sanchez was arrested on Sept. 26.

Thursday, Sept. 25
At 2:55 p.m., a teacher reported a student reported unwanted contact via text messages. The student blocked the other student and will pursue school measures.

At 3:51 p.m., police received an alert to look for a female subject. They were unable to locate her and she did not answer her phone.

Friday, Sept. 26
At 1:01 p.m., police stood by as security as a warrant was served on Marigold Drive and the subject was taken into custody.

Saturday, Sept. 27
At 6:25 p.m., a resident on 4th Street reported a neighbor's dog jumped the fence and attacked his dog. The resident sustained scratches and the dog an apparent puncture wound. The case was referred to the County Sheriff's Office for licensing follow up.

At 8:55 p.m., a caller on 2nd Street reported being slapped two different times by two different people who wanted him to leave them alone. The caller did not want to press charges as he had no pain or marks. Police talked with the subjects involved as the caller requested. However, they were angered when the caller was not taken to jail.

Sunday, Sept. 28
At 8:30 p.m., a report of fireworks on Hemlock Loop. When police were finished with another call, they were unable to locate anyone lighting off fireworks.

Monday, Sept. 29
At 7:51 a.m., an officer spoke over the phone with a male subject on White Oak Circle who confirmed medics were able to get his vehicle unlocked.

At 1:20 p.m., an officer contacted a high school student on Monmouth Street about issues at home.

At 3:41 p.m., officers investigated a threat made by a student at Talmage Middle School.

At 6:34 p.m., officers responded to a welfare check request on 4th Street. They found the subject opening her door as she was on the phone with family.

At 7:48 p.m., officers responded to a reported domestic disturbance on Maple Court. A subject pushed an involved male who wouldn't leave the room, causing scratches. The pushing subject was reported high according to the family. He would not come out and talk to police. Officers talked to the family about eviction procedures.

Tuesday, Sept. 30
At 8:18 p.m., officers responded to a report of a male subject walking into the road, obstructing traffic on Monmouth Street. The juvenile subject had escaped from a group home. Officers kept an eye on him until

group home personnel came to get him.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
At 7:52 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a crash on Buena Vista Road. It turned out to be a resident trying to move a vehicle out of his property while it was parked but was unable to fully move it, causing both lanes to be blocked. The officer waited until a third party tow arrived to move it off to the shoulder.

Thursday, Oct. 2
At 9:50 a.m., an officer performed a welfare check on Maple Street, only to find the family had already connected with Northwest Health and Senior Services.

At 3:07 p.m., an officer responded to a report of suspicious activity on Williams Street. The officer was unable to locate anyone.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday Sept. 25
Drugs: Drug paraphernalia, including empty drug baggies, lighters and a used pipe with black residue, was found in a client's room at a group home. A small amount of white powder tested positive for cocaine.

Ordinance Violation: A three-day tow notice was affixed to an RV for a parking violation. The owner was informed and stated they were preparing to move it and clean the surrounding area.

Theft: A report of a blue and yellow bicycle with "300" written on the frame stolen from outside an apartment. Management is checking cameras.

Driving: A complaint about a van swerving and using its turn signal for an extended period. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was warned for observed violations, including not wearing a seatbelt and making an unsignaled turn.

Probation Violation: An individual violated bench probation by babysitting young children.

Animal: A 7-year-old child was bitten on the right thigh by a neighbor's 6-year-old German- and Australian-shepherd mix dog. The dog was quarantined and an animal bite form was sent to the health department.

Runaway: A 14-year-old ran away from home after being disciplined for trouble at school. The individual left a phone at home. His father and friends are looking for him.

Citizen Contact: An individual inquired about the whereabouts of her mother, who had been evicted from a residence. No recent contacts were found.

Noise: A report of loud talking and laughing, but no one was found in the area.

Friday Sept. 26
Harassment: An individual reported receiving harassing messages from a friend of their boyfriend, including threats to contact child protective services and mentions of unregistered firearms.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported that a 16-year-old flipped off and cursed at their three children waiting for a trolley.

Trespass: A homeless male was asked to move along from an alley behind a senior center as his belongings were blocking a back door.

Hit and Run: An individual was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, felony hit and run and assault.

Theft: A phone was possibly stolen from a vehicle.

Ordinance Violation: A complaint about an RV parked with junk scattered around and dogs frequently off-leash.

Harassment: An individual reported receiving prank phone calls with racist comments from an unknown person who knew personal details. The caller also heard what sounded like a gun being chambered. Law enforcement contacted the other party and warned them to stop contact.

Trespass: Staff requested a male looking through trash cans to move along.

Saturday Sept. 27
Hangup: An individual called 911 attempting to reach an operator in another state for a welfare check on their mother.

Custody and Release: An individual was stopped for a traffic violation and arrested for driving with a suspended license. Due to being the only staff member at a group home, the driver was transported back to the group home and then released.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A husband and wife had another altercation. The husband believed his wife was injecting him with methamphetamines and found items resembling substance abuse. His drug test was positive for marijuana and methamphetamine. The wife reported his increasingly erratic behavior.

Suspicious Activity: A caller reported an unattended fire pit, which residents were in the process of extinguishing.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An individual called a crisis line stating voices were telling him to kill himself. Due to a history of similar statements, no in-person contact was made.

Arrest: An individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Driving Under the Influence: An individual was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and reckless driving, and lodged at Polk County Jail after providing a BAC of 0.21%.

Sunday Sept. 28
Suspicious Activity: An individual reported seeing another individual suspiciously riding two bicycles.

Sex Offense: An individual reported being assaulted; with no suspect information the subject believed it was not the person they went to bed with. The victim agreed to a medical examination, which was confirmed to be within the time period for testing.

Check Welfare: A caller reported three juveniles riding bikes on the sidewalk, deeming it unsafe for their

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age. Law enforcement was unable to locate the children.

Assault: A caller reported their son was assaulted by multiple juveniles. Video evidence showed the caller's son initiated physical contact before being hit. Both parents were informed and stated they would speak with their children.

Monday Sept. 29

Driving: A complaint about an older red truck swerving and having expired plates. The driver claimed to have just bought the truck with those plates. The plate was seized, and the driver was provided with a card and case number.

Found Property: A bag belonging to an individual was picked up from a university public safety and placed in the evidence room.

Driving: A caller reported that an individual rolled a stop sign and intentionally skidded their tires. A video showed the individual slowly rolling through the stop sign and tires skidding in the rain. No crimes were believed to have occurred, but the caller wanted the incident documented.

Suspicious Vehicle: A report of a brown SUV with two people inside for about an hour. The occupants were group home employees waiting for a meeting and agreed to move.

Civil: An individual reported that an ex-partner pulled their son out of school and had not enrolled him in homeschooling as promised. The ex-partner stated the son was enrolled in homeschooling.

Animal: A complaint about a dog in a vehicle for over an hour; however, the dog was no longer in the vehicle upon arrival.

Criminal Mischief: An individual reported that several juveniles wrote curse words on an apartment complex building and their vehicle. The marker on the car washed off, and the juveniles were too young to be referred.

Information: An individual's mother reported to a protective services agency that her son sent her a picture of him holding a silver handgun.

Check Welfare: A report of a female slumped over at the wheel. The female stated she was taking a nap and had a medical ailment that made her sleepy. She was fine.

AOA: An officer covered another agency on a domestic disturbance at an address in Independence.

Tuesday Sept. 30

Suspicious Activity: A bag containing suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia was found near a university campus. The items were seized.

Suspicious Activity: An individual reported being tracked by an unknown device in their vehicle after a past interaction with an acquaintance. The device could not be found.

Ordinance Violation: A complaint regarding two recreational vehicles parked on Stadium Drive South and Clay Street West. The complainant expressed frustration and a desire for quicker action.

Citizen Contact: A resident reported a downstairs neighbor hitting their shared floor/ceiling due to perceived noise. The resident was advised to contact management again.

Citizen Contact: An individual reported a suspicious interaction with customer support during a social media transaction involving threats of reporting to a federal agency. The individual was advised to ignore the

representative if it felt like a scam.

Citizen Contact: An individual at a hospital requested a welfare check on their child, expressing concern about custody arrangements and who picked up the child from school. The individual was informed about the custody situation and advised to contact local police for a welfare check.

Driving: A red sedan was reported driving poorly on Highway 99. The driver was contacted and admitted to swerving to avoid something but was not impaired.

Assist Other Agency: A confused young male, who appeared to be trying to walk into traffic, was located. He was later identified as an escaped client from a group home and was reunited with staff.

Assist Other Agency: A request was made to locate a 14-year-old autistic juvenile who had left a group home. The subject returned home while being sought.

Arrest: An individual was cited and released for criminal mischief.

Wednesday Oct. 1

Assist Other Agency: A request for a police department in another city to contact an individual regarding a seized license plate. The individual was not home, and a card was left with a non-emergency number.

Driving Complaint: A report of a white Mustang driving at a high speed through a residential zone. The vehicle was not located.

Ordinance Violation: A complaint about a recreational vehicle parked in an area again. A case will be started for a parking ordinance violation.

Driving Complaint: A report of a motorist possibly driving recklessly on Highway 99, but the vehicle was not located.

Crime: An individual reported an ex-partner had contacted their son despite a no-contact order. Screenshots of text messages were provided.

Ordinance Violation: A white sedan was towed for a 7-day parking ordinance violation.

Stolen Vehicle: A report of the theft of a 2008 Harley Davidson Road Glide stolen from an address in Monmouth. Proof of ownership is being sought.

Noise Complaint: A truck parked at a dead end was reported blasting music. The driver was contacted and agreed to turn the music down.

Citizen Contact: An individual called to discuss a previous call from a family member, explaining that mental health triggers around this time of year lead to the calls.

Assist Other Agency: Police covered a domestic incident involving an intoxicated couple having an argument. One individual left the scene before police arrived, and no arrests were made.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, Sept. 24

At 5:54 a.m., a report of a pickup truck driver collided with a bull elk on Harmony Road. The driver and passenger had been picked by a family member by the time a deputy arrived. The elk was in a nearby field and dispatched. The truck was towed.

At 7:19 a.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash on Spring Valley Road. A motorist in a Ford pulled out into Zena Road and was hit by another vehicle. Both declined medical aid. The driver of the Ford was cited for no insurance and for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 9:15 a.m., a deputy investigated a tamper alarm

triggered on Blanchard Road. The deputy walked around the property and found all windows and doors secure. There were security cameras throughout the property on the house and shop. The deputy found a lot of growing medium and equipment used at marijuana grows. The property appeared to be secure, with no one on site. Detectives were notified to see if it was a legal grow site or not.

At 11:30 a.m., an employee from Polk County Juvenile brought marijuana found on a client to the Sheriff's Office for destruction.

At 12:32 p.m., a resident on Pacific Highway reported discovering five black plastic garbage bags on the southwest corner of the 40-acre property containing what appeared to be animal entrails and remains. One of the bags appeared to contain the hide and wool of a sheep. The resident said two of the bags had shown up overnight, after discovering some the day before.

At 1:29 p.m., a complaint about an RV parked on Martin Road for the last two weeks. Occupants of the RV had been previously warned to vacate the area. They said the radiator they bought to replace the old one was the wrong type. A new one would be purchased after payday. The deputy warned them to keep the area clear of rubbish.

At 2:05 p.m., a report of a head-on crash on Salem Dallas Highway with occupants trapped. Oregon State Police asked PCSO for additional units due to the driver of the suspected vehicle leaving the scene, headed eastbound on Highway 22 on foot. Salem police also arrived to help set up a perimeter. They soon found the suspect, Timothy Tasa, and detained him near the transient access off of Doaks Ferry. He also was driving while suspended - misdemeanor, and had a felony probation warrant out of Lincoln County for burglary with a list of cautions. Deputies were cleared from the scene.

At 7:07 p.m., a resident on River Bend Road reported hearing gunshots in the area. A deputy talked to a neighbor who confirmed hearing some gunshots in the general direction of the river but did not have any further info. Nothing was located.

At 8:03 p.m., a deputy stopped a bicyclist on Cornucopia Street for lack of bike equipment. He was cited for an outstanding warrant out of Salem. While on scene, a female subject showed up to chat. She, too, was cited for a warrant out of Salem.

At 10:19 p.m., a report of a vehicle not maintaining its lane. A deputy located the vehicle entering Dallas and stopped it for expired registration. The driver was not impaired and blamed poor headlights on her inability to see. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

Thursday, Sept. 25

At 3:28 a.m., a vehicle on Uglow Avenue was stopped for no insurance. After the driver confirmed he did not have insurance, he was cited and released.

At 8:14 a.m., a report of a motorist on Highway 22 attempted to turn onto Salk Creek Road and was hit by a motorcyclist. The driver was conscious, but his leg was trapped in the motorcycle. OSP arrived on scene and took over the investigation. PCSO stood by and directed traffic.

At 9:01 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 10:19 a.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash on

Highway 22 involving a FedEx truck and a cattle truck and trailer. The cattle truck sustained front end damage but was able to be moved off the roadway while waiting for an additional trailer to come to recover the cattle. The FedEx truck went into the ditch and BC Towing was dispatched to the scene for the recovery. OSP arrived and collected the information for the crash report. ODOT and fire personnel were on scene and took care of traffic control.

At 12:01 p.m., a report of a burglary suspect being held on Fire Hill Road. A deputy went out to the location and located the subject who had a warrant for failure to appear on a DUII out of Baker County. The deputy arrested the subject while another deputy continued to investigate the other crimes.

At 1:45 p.m., a subject fishing in the river off Lincoln Road reported being shot at, possibly by someone on the opposite bank and possibly by a .22 rifle. While on scene, a deputy heard shooting from the north, but the subject said that did not sound like what he heard earlier. The deputy spoke with MCSO, who said they checked the area and couldn't find that anyone had been in the area nor any evidence like shell casings.

At 7:59 p.m., a report of a single vehicle rollover crash with entrapment on Clow Corner Road. The driver was eastbound and got in the gravel shoulder a little too much and vastly over corrected. The vehicle slid into a ditch and rolled a few times out into a field. A deputy cut the driver's seatbelt and pulled them out. They only sustained a minor hand injury. The vehicle was towed.

At 8:52 p.m., a resident on Main Street in Falls City reported hearing children screaming, along with a "blood curdling scream." A deputy contacted the residents and they said their kids were just playing and everything was fine. The deputy saw the children and they were all okay.

At 11:38 p.m., a motorist was stopped for suspicion of driving under the influence. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation. No impairment was detected.

Friday, Sept. 26

At 2:46 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and for driving uninsured.

At 3:16 a.m., a deputy stopped a motorist on Highway 22 after running the license plate to determine the registered owner had an outstanding state wide felony warrant (parole board). The passenger was the subject in question and was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail.

At 4:32 a.m., tribal police reported a theft suspect fled the casino heading eastbound. A deputy located and stopped the suspect's vehicle. Tribal police arrived and took the suspect into custody.

At 9:57 a.m., the occupants of the RV illegally parked on Martin Road were still there after two weeks, accumulating debris. They were clearly advised they were trespassing and needed to move along within the next few hours or they would be taken into custody.

At 10:24 a.m., a deputy on River Valley Drive collected for disposal a cooler containing a deceased dog.

At 12:01 p.m., a report of a great pyrenees and six goats loose on the Berry Creek Road. A nearby resident was able to house the

goats until the owner was located.

At 1:01 p.m., deputies stood by on Marigold Drive while a warrant was being served and the subject was taken into custody.

At 4:32 p.m., a report of a trailer stolen on Main Street in Dallas.

At 4:30 p.m., a report of a single motorcycle accident on Pacific Highway. The rider told a deputy he'd locked up his brakes and lost control. The deputy detected an odor of alcohol coming off the rider. He admitted to having a single vodka drink at about 30 minutes prior to riding to Monmouth. OPS arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

At 5:19 p.m., a motorist reported a vehicle pulling a utility trailer was northbound on Highway 99 near Clow Corner, when items flew out of the trailer and struck his vehicle. The information was passed on to OSP.

At 6:51 p.m., a report of a hit and run where a motorist hit railroad barriers on Bethel Road. Portland Western Railroad's records indicated the barriers were hit earlier that morning. They indicated they'd be on scene to make repairs in an hour.

At 9:47 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a head on, two-vehicle collision on Elkins Road. One driver said she thought the other vehicle was in her lane driving towards her. She swerved to the right onto Zumwalt Road and crashed into the other, causing major front damage to her vehicle. The other driver reported being stopped at the stop sign and was not in motion. The driver that swerved was cited for failure to maintain a lane.

At 9:28 p.m., a complaint of a vehicle damaged while it was parked across the street from The Boondocks on Main Street in Falls City, sometime between 4:45-5:05 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

At 12:13 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Ellendale Avenue. After speaking with the driver, they determined it to be a likely mechanical failure with the driver's vehicle that caused her to end up on the sidewalk slightly. No indication of impairment observed.

At 12:56 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a domestic disturbance on Salem Dallas Highway. Witnesses accused Jorge Perez of attempting to strangle a female subject there and breaking her phone when she tried to call 911. He was arrested and charged with physical harassment, interfering with making a report and criminal mischief 2.

At 6:51 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for speeding. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 6:32 p.m., a motorist on Jefferson Street was stopped for no license plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 10:32 p.m., a resident on Oak Villa Road reported her neighbor's three dogs got loose into her yard, chasing one dog back inside and attacking another. The other dog suffered a punctured intestine and had to be put down. The neighbors paid the vet bill. The resident did not want charges filed at this time, only to have the incident documented as this has apparently happened before a few times.

Sunday, Sept. 28

At 3:12 a.m., a deputy saw a female walking in the dark without a flashlight

in Rickreall. She had been walking since Lancaster to get to Dallas to see her kids this morning. The deputy gave her a courtesy ride to town.

At 4:38 a.m., a deputy investigated a single-vehicle accident on Independence Highway. A female driver's story changed several times, from hitting a deer to swerving to miss a possum, before hitting a power line and knocking it down. Polk County Fire personnel checked for injuries. Her speech was heavy and she had bloodshot eyes. The deputy read her Miranda rights and she admitted to having drinks at a bar in downtown Salem. She performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. She produced a .14% BAC.

At 5:03 a.m., a resident on Orchard Heights Road reported hearing someone open and close her mailbox then drive off. A deputy advised she reach out to the postal service.

At 7:48 a.m., a report of the theft and damage to mature marijuana plants from a property on Mitchell Street in Falls City. The resident suspected a known subject. A deputy could not develop more than suspicion.

At 9:49 a.m., a report of cows loose on a property on Liberty Road. After finding signs the cows had been there, deputies were unable to locate them or the owners.

At 7:51 p.m., a deputy was on the way to another call when I saw two vehicles blocking the lane of travel on Ellendale Avenue. A clutch had gone out on one vehicle. The deputy helped them push the vehicle out of the road. They advised they would tow the vehicle home.

At 8:21 p.m., a report of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on Falls City Road. The driver stated she could not see the pedestrian. The pedestrian stated she was walking from Falls City to Pedee with no flashlight nor high visibility. The pedestrian was transported to West Valley Hospital.

At 9:10 p.m., a resident on Miller Avenue reported hearing single shot four to five houses to the east. A deputy contacted a juvenile who had a campfire going and possibly threw a firework into the fire, but denied having any involvement or knowledge of the source of the noise.

At 9:38 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Wallace Road for no plates. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 10:17 p.m., a deputy observed a vehicle speeding 84 mph on Highway 22. As the deputy caught up with the vehicle, the driver failed to maintain a lane. The odor of alcohol came from the vehicle. The driver failed a field sobriety test, was arrested, charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and blew a .16 BAC. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 10:41 p.m., a deputy stopped Dustin Johnson on his bicycle on Wallace Road for his lack of lighting equipment. Johnson had a Parole Board warrant and was subsequently arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail.

Monday, Sept. 29

At 12:18 a.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle on Front Street in Salem for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 1:12 a.m., a deputy stopped Nathan Laski on Wallace Road for his lack of bicycle lighting equipment.

At 5:33 a.m., a deputy investigated a commercial alarm triggered on Salem Dallas Highway. Chevron employees triggered the alarm trying to get into the store after the overnight employees improperly locked up.

At 12:36 p.m., a report of a suspicious female subject on the Independence Bridge who had a crow

At 8:43 p.m., a motorist pulled up to two deputies

unloading equipment at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The driver then sped off and double parked in the Westside Family Restaurant parking lot. They contacted the driver, Saul Ayala, who showed many signs of impairment. Ayala was taken into custody and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor and driving under the influence of an intoxicant. A warrant was obtained to get Ayala to provide a BAC, which registered at .013%. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

At 10:48 a.m., a 10-year-old student disclosed to her teacher and counselor that she had contact with an adult male on Omegle (an online video chat service for adults). The juvenile said that the male made her take off her clothes/insert things into her private parts. The juvenile believes she

At 4:03 p.m., a report of dogs running loose on Harmony Road. Deputies were unable to locate.

BRIEFS

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**Friends of the Delbert
Hunter Arboretum
host maintenance
party Oct. 11**

Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum invite anyone interested in helping maintain the arboretum

grounds to join us from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 11. Come when you can, join in a variety of tasks, big and small, and stay for as long as you want. See what's happening with the former pond. Meet at the arboretum center on Park Street. It's a great way to give back to your community. All are welcome.

Calvary Chapel Dallas hosts Financial Conference Oct. 10-12

Calvary Chapel Dallas
presents Your Life and Your
Money Financial Conference
Oct. 10-12, 628 SE Jefferson
St., in Dallas. Taught by
John D. Richardson, topics
include Biblical Stewardship
of your Time, Talents and
Money; Debt Dumping;
Asset Protection; and
Maximizing your Retirement.
Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/41VdsLA>.

Monmouth hosts anti drugs parent training Oct. 15

The city of Monmouth, in partnership with Polk County, presents a training session for parents, "High in Plain Sight: Current Trends in Youth Drugs and Alcohol Use," from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Oct. 15 at The Gate Youth Association, located at 1501 Monmouth St. The training is presented by Jermaine "Tall Cop" Galloway who has 24 years in prevention and education. Registration opens soon. For more information contact Annie Buse at buse.annie@co.polk.or.us.

Soup Showdown benefits Dallas Food Bank Oct. 17

Benedetto Vineyards and the Dallas New Morning Bakery present Soup Showdown for the Dallas Foodbank from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 17 at 14020 Orchard Knob Road, in Dallas. Find out who makes the best soup around. Bring non-perishable food items & cash to vote for your favorite soup, and for raffle entries! Soup samples are free. All donations will go directly to the Dallas Food Bank.

Rep. Paul Evans hosts town hall Oct. 18

Oregon Rep. Paul Evans
hosts a Town Hall from
10-11 a.m. Oct. 18 at Indy
Commons, 154 Main St. Get
legislative updates and your
questions answered.

4-H Polk County hosts Cloverbud Workshop Oct. 20

The Oregon 4-H Polk County hosts a Cloverbud Workshop from 5-6 p.m. Oct. 20 at 289 E Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. Youth ages 5-8 will get to learn how to draw amazing animals and shapes using a fun shadow

technique. It is free to enrolled 4-H members and \$5 for non-enrolled youth. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3VmI6K8>.

Senior Center hosts a Soup & Pie Sale Oct. 23

The Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center hosts a Soup & Pie Sale from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at 191 Warren St. S., in Monmouth. Join them for the most delicious fundraiser. Soup and Pie is available in-person and to-go. Soup is \$5, pie is \$5 per slice or \$15 for a whole pie.

MICC hosts community Halloween party Oct. 25

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce hosts a Community Halloween Party, from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 25 at 355 Pacific Ave. N., Monmouth. This party for adults 21 and older features dinner, dancing, costume contests and more. Tickets are \$20. To purchase, go to <https://bit.ly/4nwXOyJ>.

4-H Polk County hosts Self Defence Workshop Oct. 25

The Oregon 4-H Polk County offers a Self Defence

Workshop from 2-3 p.m.
Oct. 25 at the West Salem
Shao-Lin Kempo, 735
Edgewater St. NW. It is for
youth ages 5-14 who would
like to gain confidence in
their self defense skills. Pre-
registration is requested. Sign
up online at <https://beav.es/DEFENSE>.

DDA Fall Clean up is Oct. 25

The Downtown Dallas Association's Fall Clean up is from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 25. Meet at 184 SE Oak St. to help rake, do some trash pickup and freshen up some scarecrows.

**Mid-Valley
Community Arts
hosts kids Halloween
party Oct. 30**

GLOW-A-WEEN Kid
Party, hosted by Mid-Valley
Community Arts and Valerie
Robyn Keith, is 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 30 at 939 S Main St.,
in Dallas. Drop off the
kids for a night of fun and
glowing creativity. Tickets
are available at <https://bit.ly/4nCYySt>.

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