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Brothers Eric (left) and Seth Crawford are the brains behind Oregon CBD, the largest industrial hemp seed grower in the U.S.

Brothers' growing CBD empire

Crawfords sell the seeds that changed an industry

By DAVID HAYES
IO Editor

About halfway between Rickreall and Monmouth, brothers Seth and Eric Crawford have carved out an empire supplying the literal seeds other farmers need to grow and harvest industrial hemp products.

Their company Oregon CBD just celebrated its 10th anniversary, which grew from a desire to push the science of cannabis growing forward. Today, they ship globally with sales in the billions over the 11 years.

Both began humbly in the medical industry. Eric was a medical grower Seth involved on the policy side. He wrote a

PhD dissertation on the political economy of cannabis, right as legalization was starting in Oregon.

"I was basically front and center in the legislature for that whole process, kind of helping shape the policies," Seth said.

While teaching a cannabis policy course at Oregon State University, Seth looked at the industrial end of the industry and felt it was something he and Eric should explore.

"I looked at it and had a conversation with my brother. I said, 'Man, we've got plants that could actually meet that definition right here. There's no canopy limit. There's no plant count limit,'" Seth recalled. "Both of us had wanted to really push the underlying science forward. It was something that we had always been interested in."

They set out by leasing three greenhouses from a local

farmer, Roger Olson, owner of Roger Olson's grass seed warehouse down off of Subaru Road on Independence Highway.

Next they leased a 60-acre field and realized really quickly that they couldn't make enough seed.

"We couldn't provide enough CBD material, that's what everyone was growing for, to meet the demand. So we started focusing on seeds and kind of just took off from there," Seth said.

By 2019, they found a location for sale off Highway 99 that fit their expansion needs. "This place had enough power for us at that time to be able to basically pay for it a year, to make enough seed to be able to pay for it," Seth said. "We had sales set up, and we knew we'd be able to do it. So we jumped at the opportunity and then reshaped this whole place."

Over the next couple of

years, they added about five acres of next-generation greenhouses. After that, they added science facilities, equipment and a lot of people.

They started with about 7,000 square feet of greenhouse space and they're at over five acres.

To clarify their product, Seth explained that the marijuana industry is solely focused on THC. Their company, Oregon CBD, farm breeds of plants for CBD, CBG, CBDV, CBGB and other minor cannabinoids.

"While the marijuana industry is very focused on one target, the thing that gets you high, we're focused on all of the other constituent chemicals that don't get you high but provide medical benefits for both people and for animals," Seth said. "If we're providing the seed, we don't actually

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ODFW, partners respond to concerning coyote activity in West Salem

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff received a report of a Feb. 11 incident of an adult subject who was bit by a coyote along Orchard Heights Road, just outside the city limits of West Salem.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to the area to conduct a site investigation and determined that a woman was bitten by a coyote while walking along Orchard Heights Road. The victim suffered minor injuries and was checked out by medical services and released on site. Deputies shared the information with ODFW and posted a notice on social media with ODFW safety tips on how to avoid conflicts with coyotes.

Over the last several days, ODFW staff have conducted interviews with involved parties, collected and reviewed evidence, shared information and contacted neighbors and nearby schools about the incident. ODFW is working closely with PCSO, the city of Salem and other local, state and federal government agencies to determine next steps for addressing the human safety situation.

Residents in the Orchard Heights area and surrounding neighborhoods are strongly encouraged to monitor young children and pets while outside, scare away coyotes (through yelling, airhorns, banging pots and pans, throwing objects) whenever possible, and immediately remove any attractants. Under no circumstances should

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Video game brings zombies to the stage

DHS presents 'Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom'

By DAVID HAYES
IO Editor

Many a playwright has explored the dangers of man and technology. Dallas High School's theater program is examining this dichotomy when it comes to video games and teenagers in their latest production, "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom."

The story takes place in a suburban neighborhood with identical houses where parents find their teenagers addicted to an online horror video game.

The teens are tasked with escaping a hoard of zombies from an identical neighborhood as their own. But as the line blurs between virtual and reality, both parents and players realize that fear has a life of its own.

Director Terry Kitagawa said "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom" has an interesting concept,

written by playwright Jennifer Howley in 2008 that is based around the start of

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Cast members rehearse scenes from 'Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom'.

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News Briefs

SALEM MAN SENTENCED FOR DALLAS CHILD SEXUAL OFFENSE



Troy Meza

Troy Meza, of Salem, has been sentenced to 75 months (6 years, 3 months) in prison after pleading guilty in Polk County Circuit Court to one count of attempted sodomy in the first degree and one count of failing to register as a sex offender. Meza, 48, appeared before Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso on Feb. 13 for sentencing on both matters. The attempted sodomy case stemmed from a 2023 incident in which the victim was 13

years old at the time of the offense. Meza was charged with failure to register after he had failed to keep his address current with the state's sex offender registry. Meza is required to register due to a prior conviction for sex abuse in the second degree. Caso also required Meza to serve a 24-month term of post-prison supervision.

The case was investigated by the Dallas Police Department, Oregon State Police and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

MAN SENTENCED FOR WEST SALEM PARK ROBBERY, ASSAULT

Frank Eckel, 29, has been sentenced to 130 months (10 years, 10 months) in prison for robbing and assaulting a man while armed with a knife as he walked near Wallace Marine Park in August last year.

Eckel, of Salem, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A.



Frank Eckel

Caso, after a two-day jury trial concluded on Feb. 18. The 12-person jury found Eckel guilty of robbery 1 and assault 2. Eckel will not be eligible for any form of early release or sentence reduction for 90 of the 130 months imposed. He will also be required to serve a three-year term of Post-Prison Supervision upon his release.

At the time of the incident, Eckel was on post-prison supervision due to a felony conviction for which he had been released from a correctional facility about 60 days earlier. The case was

investigated by the Salem Police Department and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen.

WEST SALEM MAN SENTENCED FOR REPEAT ASSAULT, STRANGULATION CHARGES



Zachary Pumarlo

Zachary Pumarlo, of West Salem, has been sentenced to serve 70 months (5 years, 10 months) in prison for a 2025 incident in which he assaulted and strangled his domestic partner.

Pumarlo, 32, appeared on Feb. 17 before Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael A. Caso and pleaded guilty to two counts of felony assault in the fourth degree and felony strangulation. The charges were sentenced as felonies based on the severity of the injuries and the fact that Pumarlo was previously convicted of domestic violence offenses involving the same victim.

Pumarlo must also serve a 24-month term of post-prison supervision upon his release.

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

SALEM MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING DALLAS MINOR

Julius Panimdim, 38, has been sentenced to serve 75 months (6 years, 3 months) in prison for sexually abusing a child under the age of 13 when he resided in Dallas.



Julius Panimdim

Panimdim, formerly of Dallas, was sentenced by Polk County Circuit Monte S. Campbell after pleading guilty to a single count of sexual abuse in the first degree. Panimdim will not be eligible for any form of early release or sentence reduction. He will also be required to serve a 45-month term of post-prison supervision upon his release.

The case was investigated by the Dallas and Salem police departments. It was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

Pentacle Theatre presents musical comedy 'Something Rotten'

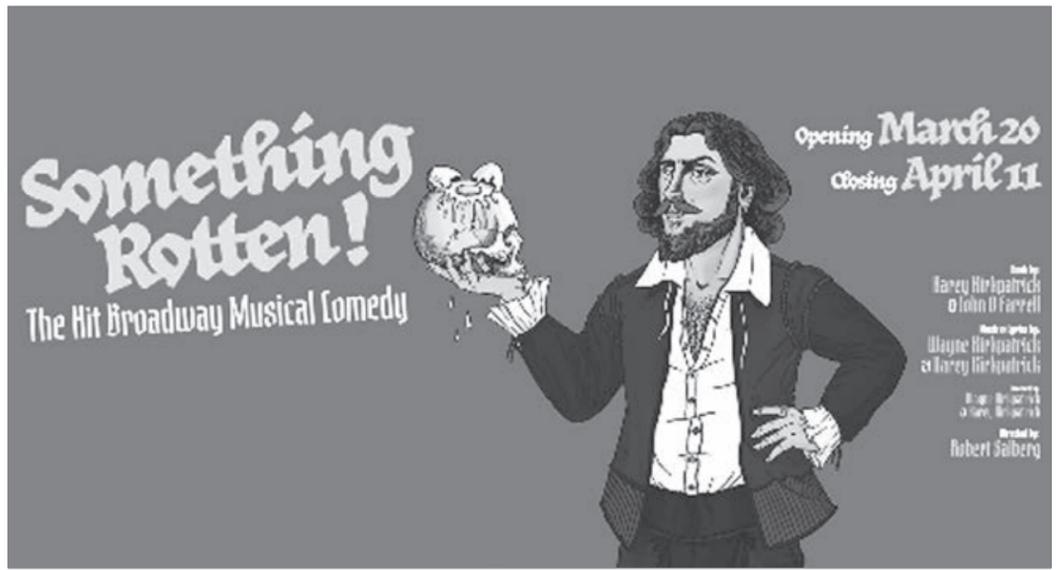
Welcome to the Renaissance and the outrageous, crowd-pleasing musical farce, "Something Rotten", running March 20 through April 11 at Pentacle Theatre.

Created by Grammy Award-winning songwriter Wayne Kirkpatrick, and successful screenwriters Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell, "Something Rotten" was lauded by audience members and critics alike, receiving several Best Musical nominations and hailed by Time Out New York as "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years."

Based on the book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell, with music by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick, Pentacle Theatre's "Something Rotten" is directed by Robert Salberg.

Set in the 1590s, "Something Rotten" tells the tale of brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom who are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz.

Something Rotten features large song and dance numbers, and a wacky cast of over-the-top characters, each with their own moment to shine. Throughout its Broadway run, the musical received



a show-stopping standing ovation from audiences, in the beginning of the first act! It's become clear that "nothing's as amazing as a musical," so don't miss your chance to bring this history-twisting tale to your stage.

Meet the cast:
 Nick Bottom – Chris Alderete
 Nigel Bottom – Judah Davis
 Shakespeare – Noah Miller
 Bea – Laura McDonald
 Portia – Eva Hernandez

Brother Jeremiah – James Hall
 Minstrel/ensemble – Heather Toller
 Nostradamus/ensemble – Lucas Hill
 Lord Clapham/ensemble – Bryan Toller
 Shylock/ensemble

– Walt Haight
 Performances are at 7:30 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees at Pentacle Theatre, 324 52nd Ave. NW, off Highway 22. Buy tickets online at www.tickets.pentacletheatre.org or by calling (503) 485-4300.

Students invited to register now for 2026 ILEAD youth summit

High school students Polk, Marion and Linn Counties are invited to register for the 17th annual ILEAD Youth

Summit that is March 7 from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Salem – Knudson Branch.

"At this year's ILEAD, our theme is all about acknowledging struggles teens face in finding community, which is a

great reason for teens even outside of Salem to attend," said Central High School junior Clemma Evander. "The summit will not only teach about how to build connections, but also will help with the building of these connections between teens from various schools through the experiences of the summit itself."

The ILEAD Youth Summit is designed to inspire and empower teens to become confident leaders in their schools and communities. By providing workshops, resources, and opportunities for connection, the event helps participants develop essential life skills and prepare for the challenges and opportunities they'll encounter as young adults. This year's theme "Stronger When We Lead Together" encourages students to come together while developing as leaders.

"We decided on the 'Stronger When We Lead Together' slogan to emphasize connection and community-building," said Mei-Yu Leung, a student at Early College

High School. "While facing the challenges of life, it is important for youth to build meaningful relationships and have their voices heard. This message resonates with the Youth Committee, and we hope that ILEAD attendees will embrace the slogan and feel encouraged to lead together."

Pre-conference activities are from 9-10 a.m. and include a breakfast buffet, an Opportunities and Resource Fair, building tours, and games to help wake up. This free event offers a day of learning, growth and fun, bringing together teens from across the region to explore leadership, life readiness, and healthy living.

The youth-led planning committee selected this year's workshops based on feedback from past participants and the needs of local students. Teens can choose from sessions focused on:

Leadership Development – Learn how to better communicate, delegate, and manage teams.
 Personal Growth – Find

out ways to embrace challenges and persist with setbacks.

Health and Well-Being – Discover strategies to stay mentally and physically healthy including preventing burnout

Life Readiness – Prepare for life after high school with practical tools and advice including financial literacy and college and career readiness.

This year's summit also includes a critical focus on prevention of substance use. The Western Oregon University Public Health Club, in partnership with ILEAD partner and sponsor Marion County Health and Human Services and their Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, will lead a presentation on the dangers and impacts of vaping. Participants will learn life-saving strategies and gain awareness of this growing public health issue.

To learn more about the ILEAD Youth Summit and to register, go to the city of Salem's ILEAD Youth Summit event web page, <https://bit.ly/4aHkLdd>.

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MICC honors 2025's top community members

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce honored the community's top citizens for 2025 at its 61st Annual Community Awards Feb. 20. The honorees were:



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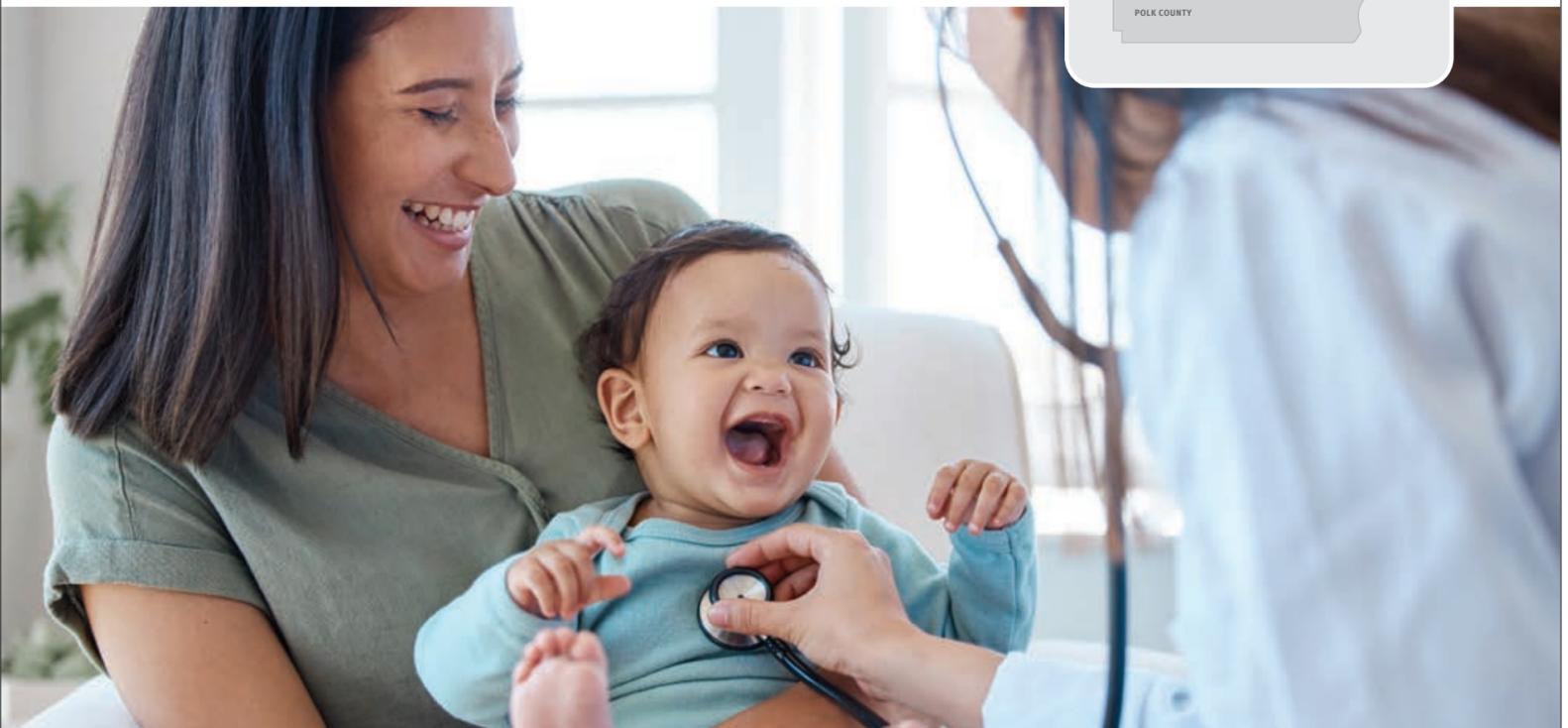
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SALEM HEALTH MEDICAL CLINIC

DHS receives Farmers \$7,500 Economic Empowerment Grant

By DHS STAFF

Dallas High School's Career Technical Education program has once again received national recognition and financial support, earning a \$7,500 Economic Empowerment Grant from Farmers Insurance. The grant will directly support the school's Professional Trades program, expanding after-school and summer-learning opportunities for students pursuing advanced certifications in high-demand career fields. This marks the third consecutive year the CTE program has been awarded

the grant. The continued investment has allowed the program to grow and provide students with meaningful, real-world career preparation beyond the traditional classroom setting.

Local Farmers Insurance Agent Zach Steele, who also serves on the Dallas School Board, emphasized the importance of strong partnerships between industry and education.

"I'm incredibly proud that Farmers Insurance is investing \$7,500 into Dallas High School Career Technical Education through this Economic Empowerment Grant,"

Steele said. "As a local Farmers agency owner and someone who serves on the Dallas School District Board, this is exactly the kind of partnership I believe in — where industry steps up to create real-world opportunities for students."

Steele added that this grant will help launch career-focused licensing programs that allow students to graduate with credentials in fields like insurance, real estate, mortgage loan origination, tax preparation, OSHA 30, flagging, and drone certification.

"These aren't just electives — they're pathways

to careers that can provide financial stability right out of high school," Steele said. "I'm grateful to Farmers Insurance for recognizing the potential in our students and investing in their future."

The Professional Trades program at Dallas High School focuses on preparing students for both college and career readiness. Through expanded after-school and summer programming, students can now pursue industry-recognized certifications that position them for immediate employment opportunities or give them a competitive advantage as

they continue their post-secondary education.

When preparing students for college and career, this initiative accomplishes both goals. It equips students with tangible skills, professional credentials, and the confidence to step directly into the workforce or continue their education with a strong head start.

School leaders note that grants like this are instrumental in bridging the gap between education and industry. By aligning coursework with professional licensing and certification opportunities, Dallas High School is ensuring students graduate not only

with a diploma, but with marketable skills that open doors to stable and rewarding careers.

With continued community partnerships and industry support, Dallas High School's Career Technical Education program remains committed to empowering students and strengthening the local workforce for years to come.

For more info about Career Technical Education opportunities at Dallas High School, contact Dallas High School CTE Coordinator, Bill Masei- bill.masei@dhs2.org.

Fall 2025 hiring among Oregon's private employers drops to lowest level since 2020

ANNA JOHNSON

Each quarter, the Oregon Employment Department surveys private employers from all industries and areas of the state to ask about the job vacancies they are actively trying to fill.

Oregon businesses reported 46,300 vacancies in fall 2025. Vacancies decreased 14% from the summer and decreased 7% from fall 2024. After reaching elevated levels of close to 100,000 job vacancies in spring 2021 through summer 2022 in the rapid hiring following pandemic re-openings, job vacancies across Oregon have returned to pre-pandemic levels during 2023, 2024, and most of 2025. Fall 2025 was the lowest level of quarterly vacancies Oregon

has seen since spring 2020.

As of November 2025, there were 6.0 million private-sector job openings in the United States, as measured by the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, and 7.4 million people were unemployed, resulting in a U.S. ratio of about 1.2 unemployed people per job opening. This is the second quarter the U.S. ratio has exceed 1.0 since January 2021.

There were 109,900 unemployed Oregonians in November 2025 and 46,300 job vacancies, leaving roughly 2.4 unemployed persons for every job opening. As job vacancies in Oregon have fallen since the record high peaks and unemployment has been rising, Oregon's unemployed-to-job vacancy ratio has

been increasing.

Most Oregon openings in fall 2025 were for full-time, permanent positions. Education beyond high school was required for 32% of fall vacancies. Prior work experience was required for 65% of vacancies, up from 61% in fall 2024. Employers reported 47% of vacancies in fall 2025 as difficult to fill. This is the first quarter since spring 2020 that less than 50% of vacancies were considered difficult to fill.

The average starting wage among this group of vacancies was \$26.56 per hour, an inflation-adjusted decrease of 2% from fall 2024, and 1% decrease from summer 2025. The number of vacancies offering a starting wage below \$20 per hour

increased 4% over the year. The number of vacancies offering between \$20 and \$30 per hour decreased 5% over the year and vacancies paying above \$30 per hour decreased 15%.

Employers reported vacancies in almost 190 different occupations in the fall. The occupation groups with the most vacancies in fall 2025 were health care support (7,200), office and administrative support (4,900), and food preparation and serving related occupations (4,900). Detailed occupations reported most frequently included personal care aides, nursing assistants, and fast food and counter workers.

Fall vacancies were distributed across the state, with the Portland Tri-County area

(Portland-Metro and Clackamas County, combined) accounting for one-third (33%). Over the year changes in vacancies varied across the state. Southwestern Oregon vacancies grew the fastest over the year (+92%) while Clackamas County vacancies declined by 55%.

See more illustrations with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

More details about Oregon Job Vacancies are available on QualityInfo.org, on the publications page under Job Vacancy Survey.

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OBITUARIES



MICHAEL "MIKE" TALLON

Michael "Mike" Tallon, a resident of Dallas, Oregon passed away on Friday, Feb. 6th at Salem Hospital. Mike was born on Dec. 28, 1946, in Dallas, Oregon, the son of Tommy and Irene Tallon.

Mike graduated from Dallas High School in 1965. Mike married Sherri Pitardi while he was on leave from the U. S. Navy on July 20, 1968, at St. Philip Catholic Church in Dallas.

He served in Vietnam as a radio operator and served three tours. He was assigned to river patrols on the Mekong Delta. Mike was stationed in San Diego, and they lived there for a short time. Mike attended Clatsop

Community College where he received a degree in law enforcement. While at college he was a sleeper at the Astoria Fire Department. They settled in Dallas after Mike completed his military service in 1972. He then worked for Dallas Ambulance Service for several years with his father.

Mike learned the trade of meat cutting from his father Tommy. Mike worked at Fairview Market in Dallas as a meat cutter and later worked at the Sheridan grocery store for many years until his retirement. Mike then worked at the Dallas Golf Course and managed there for 15 years.

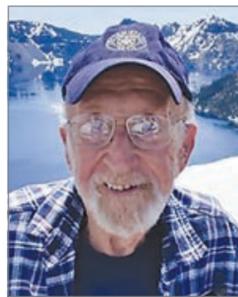
Mike enjoyed fishing, camping and hunting with family and friends. Mike enjoyed his years with the D.O.G.G. motorcycle group in Dallas. Mike and Sherri went on many rides on his Harley Softail.

Mike and Sherri looked forward to their annual trips to Maui. They had made over twelve trips. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in Maui. It

was a very special trip that they all enjoyed together. Mike loved spending time with his grandchildren and going to their games. He also loved spending time with his great grandson. Mike liked spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his, Sons, Tony and Patrick (Jeni) Tallon, grandchildren, Katelyn, John (Kimberly), Leo and great grandson, Noah, Nephews and Nieces, Scott (Dyan) Tallon, Molly (Eric) Richey, Shelly Miller, Jill (Kent) Cox. He was preceded in death by his wife Sherri, parents Tommy and Irene Tallon, brother, Rick Tallon.

A Celebration of Mike's Life will be held on Saturday, March 7th at 1 P.m. at Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas. Interment will be in Dallas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Christmas Cheer in Mike's memory. To leave an online condolence or share a memory with family go to www.BollmansTributeCenter.com Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family.



BILL "WIGGLEY" DIXON

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

be remembered by his family and all other hearts that he touched.

BARRY STEVEN WARDEN

Barry Steven Warden, 71, passed away surrounded by those who loved him. Born to Vernon and Janice Warden, originally of Valsetz, Oregon, Barry carried with him the strength, resilience, and small-town values of his roots throughout his life.

Barry was a devoted husband to his wife, Teresa, and a proud father to his two sons, Steven (Samantha) and Jesse. He found immense joy in being "Grandpa" to his cherished granddaughter, Hope, who brought light and laughter to his days.

Barry dedicated 30 years of service to the Polk County Fire

Department, volunteering an additional five years. The fire service was his first love, and he served his community with courage, commitment, and compassion. After retirement, his desire to help others never slowed. For the past seven years, he worked with the Red Cross, assisting with disaster relief efforts locally and across the country, continuing his lifelong mission of service.

Barry will be remembered for his steady presence, generous heart, and unwavering dedication to family and community.

Graveside services will be held for family only on Feb. 20. A memorial service will take place Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Polk County Fire Department.

DEATH NOTICES

Joshua Leigh Anderson
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NEWS & VIEWS

House bill would allow legislators to operate in secrecy

By **THERESE BOTTOMLY**

Oregonians are increasingly losing faith in their government and institutions. All too often, it feels like actions are taken without any notice or public input.

A bill racing ahead in the current legislative session would only heighten that unease. It has the potential to create huge loopholes in Oregon's longstanding open meetings law, enacted more than 50 years ago in recognition of the public's right to know what the government is up to.

Oregonians should contact their legislators to urge them to reject these hastily considered

revisions, which – if enacted – would mean more of the public's business would be done in a shroud of secrecy.

The legislation, House Bill 4177, is an attempt to help those who serve on public boards and commissions. That is commendable, because the many volunteers who give time to local school boards, planning commissions and city councils deserve clear guidance.

This proposed law does the opposite, however. Instead of clarity, it sows confusion.

Currently, the open meetings law has several provisions that underpin its guiding principle – that deliberations and

decisions on government policies must be done in view of all Oregonians.

Serial communications about an upcoming matter are expressly prohibited. That means, for example, a city councilor cannot speak privately to another councilor and then have a series of secret conversations with other councilors. Current law makes clear such discussions must occur in public.

The proposal legislation muddies the water about what is allowed.

Even Susan Myers, the executive director of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, said some of the proposed changes gave her "heartburn."

The legislation would create a new and flawed definition for "deliberation," eliminate "serial communications" from the definition of "convening" a meeting and enumerate myriad activities that would be allowed without any public access.

Replacing a clear, bright line (Do the public's business in public) with a slapdash list of poorly defined or undefined activities is foolhardy.

These changes undoubtedly would lead to unintentional ethics violations by well-meaning volunteers. Communications related "purely to procedural matters" would be allowed but what is purely "procedural"? The

legislation does not offer definitions of key terms.

The proposal says requirements of the open meetings law would not apply to conversations made "for the purpose of gathering information related to a decision that will be deliberated upon or made by the governing body."

That alone creates a gigantic loophole in the requirement for transparency and the current prohibition on secret deal making.

Myers, the ethics commission director, gave an expert and clarion warning in her testimony: The changes would lead to political wheeling and dealing behind closed

doors, in direct opposition to the law's existing requirement for public accountability.

"This exception would allow governing body members to meet in private and/or communicate privately with each other, outside of any public meeting, in order to gather information," she said.

Legislators need to put the brakes on this runaway train. Oregonians who cherish our longstanding principles of open government deserve decisions made in daylight.

By Therese Bottomly is a retired journalist, writing on behalf of Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE-ELECT COMMISSIONER GORDON FOR REGIONAL CONSISTENCY

I am writing to encourage voters to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner.

Jeremy has consistently chosen to use his platform at the local, regional and statewide levels to support some of our most vulnerable populations in Polk County. For example, he formed a coalition of partners across Marion/ Polk Counties to mitigate effects of federal cuts to Medicaid and Medicare, housing, and food security programs.

Jeremy was instrumental in developing the PATHS program, so seniors, families and veterans are supported in their homes with targeted rental assistance and integrated services. PATHS, a partnership with Polk County cities, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and Community Action also provides temporary shelters and resources for people experiencing domestic violence.

He has a strong record of support for the Polk

CARES Center, a crisis response and walk-in mental health facility, working with regional partners as well as community ones.

A vote to re-elect Jeremy Gordon for Polk County Commissioner this May is a vote for a safe and healthy community.

*Paula Baldwin
Monmouth*

THANK YOU MAYORS FOR NOT SUPPORTING MARXIST DOGMA

I am writing to say thank you to Salem Mayor Julie Hoy, Dallas Mayor Rich Slack and Independence Mayor Kate Schwarzler for not joining with the other 31 mayors who signed the letter referenced in a previous letter to the editor regarding ICE enforcement actions in our state.

From the KATU article, Oregon spends more money on health care for noncitizens than state police, budget shows: "For the current biennium, about \$1.2 billion

is budgeted toward the Healthier Oregon program. ... a spokesperson from the Oregon Health Authority said... about \$717 million is budgeted toward OSP, according to the Department of State Police Legislative Adopted Budget."

This is but one example, there are many more. It is

clear if you bother to dig that the current regime in Salem and those Marxist mayors that signed the letter in opposition to the rule of law do not have the legal citizens' best interest at heart.

Illegal aliens, all of them broke the law by crossing the border without legal authority. They

all must be deported humanely and safely. Mass deportations and an end to HB1 Visa and all other "legal" immigration scams must be halted until we can provide jobs and security for American citizens. Do a quick search regarding sanctuary policies and the services provided to illegals versus

veterans. It will shock you.

Thank you to our veterans, you deserve better! Vote in May and November like your county, state and country depend on it, because it does.

*We the People!
Chip North
Monmouth*

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Feb. 16 - 44 36 0.34

Feb. 17 - 46 34 0.16

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Total Feb. 16-22 - 1.14

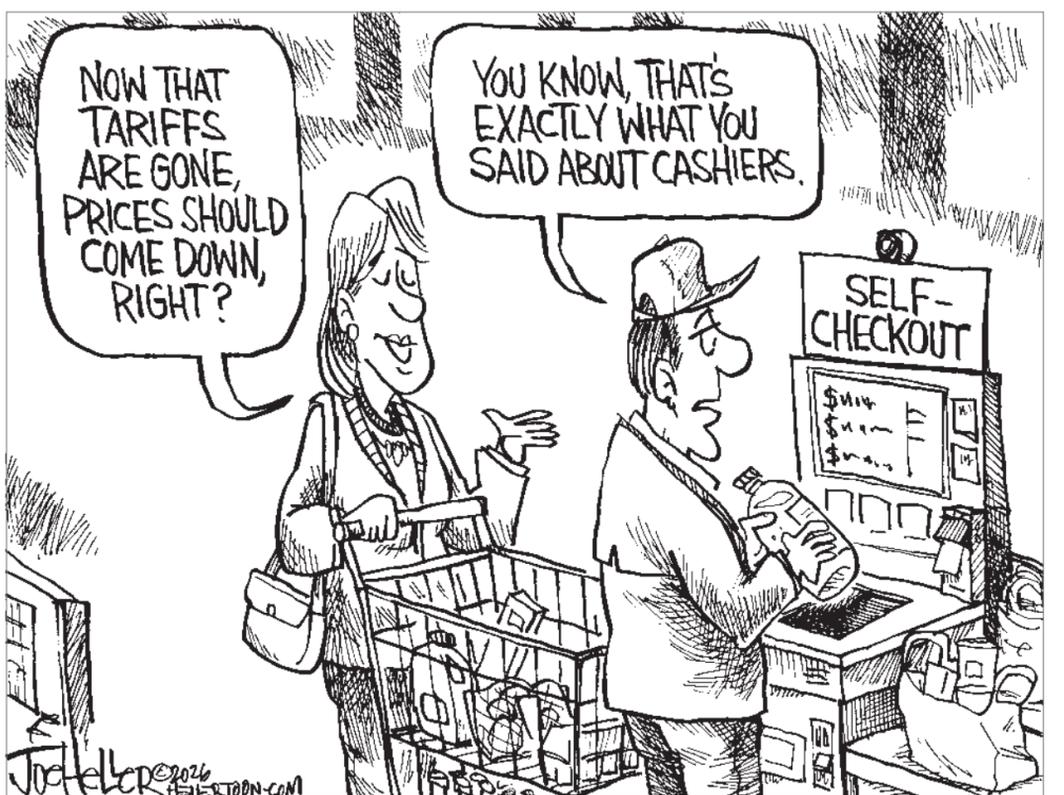
Total through Feb. 22 - 3.16

Weekly Online Poll

Would you vote yes on a four-year operations levy in November to help keep the Polk County Fairgrounds open beyond 2026?

Yes - 59.8%

No - 40.2%



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MAGIC MAZE

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 VTSQSIULROPBORN
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 WOCSICNARFMVUGS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: CALIFORNIA CITY SAN —

Bernardo	Felipe	Lorenzo	Mateo
Buenaventura	Gabriel	Luis	Pedro
Cristobal	Jeronimo	Marcos	Salvador
Esteban	Juan	Martin	

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Camera is thicker. 2. Music note is higher. 3. Kall is added to fence. 4. Cap is different. 5. Hill is added. 6. Tree trunk is thicker.

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Americanisms

“Growth requires movement. And often, the only way forward is through an exit door.”
 — Alicia Keys

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Moments in time

• On **March 9, 1841**, at the end of a historic case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, with just one dissenting vote, that the enslaved Africans who seized control of the Amistad slave ship had been illegally forced into bondage and thus were free under American law.

• On **March 10, 1982**, all solar system planets aligned on the same side of the sun in an event called a syzygy. Fortunately, and contrary to the natural catastrophes predicted in the 1974 bestselling book “The Jupiter Effect” by John Gribbin and Stephen H. Plagemann (including an earthquake in the San Andreas fault), Earth went on with business as usual.

• On **March 11, 1997**, former Beatle Paul McCartney added “Sir” to his name when he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his “services to music” at London’s Buckingham Palace. Three of his children accompanied him, but wife Linda was unable to attend as she was dealing with breast cancer, which would end her life a little more than a year later.

• On **March 12, 1988**, a sudden hailstorm caused a stampede of fans at a soccer match in Kathmandu, Nepal’s National Stadium, killing at least 70 people and injuring hundreds more.

• On **March 13, 1942**, the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army began training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or “K-9 Corps.” More than a million dogs served on both sides during World War I, the most famous being Rin Tin Tin, who made his film debut in 1922.

• On **March 14, 1979**, Judy Chicago’s art installation “The Dinner Party” debuted at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, earning praise for its feminist focus as well as controversy over its use of genital imagery. It remains on permanent display at the Brooklyn Museum in New York City.

• On **March 15, 2021**, Deb Haaland became the first Indigenous person in American history to serve as a cabinet secretary when she was sworn in as Secretary of the Interior.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Slew morsels	49 Star of many silent Westerns creating an ensemble?	92 Raw rock	DOWN	36 “Nuts!”	78 Vast chasm
5 G-man, e.g.	53 Butterfly food	93 Interrupt dancers, say	1 Paw bottoms	37 One-on-one instructor	81 Slugging stat
8 Bun-topping seeds	55 Complex (old theater)	95 Coach Parseghian	2 “The Time Machine” race	38 Positive pole	82 Crucial artery
15 Razor brand	56 Alternatives to coffees	96 The way military flights are now	3 Guys staffing	42 “I believe, to texters	83 Went across
19 “Untrue!”	57 Distinctive times	97 Swings about, as one’s arms	4 Watch brand	43 Iniquitous	85 Print quality stat
20 God, in Turin	59 Wife of Zeus	98 Exercise goal	5 Count up	46 — “ching!”	87 In a very cold manner
21 Perk up	60 Stimp’s pal	102 Has too much, briefly	6 Designer Versace	48 Tax-deferred svgs. plans	88 Pick out
22 Picnic pests	61 Go — ride	103 “Mame” star weighing people down?	7 Playing (with) 8 — Diego	50 Moinicless	90 Welcome
23 “Secret Love” singer having two opposing personalities?	63 Luau gift	104 “Ransom” actor Gary	9 Conclusion	51 “Hud” actress Patricia	91 Poet Ogden
26 Performs like LL Cool J	64 “ER” co-star	11 Mennonite sect	10 “Ransom” actor Gary	52 Huck Finn, for one	94 China’s Mao — tung
27 2007 documentary about the U.S. health care system	67 “Slueth” co-star	12 Soft rock?	11 Mennonite sect	54 Burn a bit	95 Actress Quinn
28 Pick-up sticks math game	68 Portraying a policeman?	13 Archaic verb suffix	12 Soft rock?	58 Williams of tennis	99 Blossom
29 Suffix with 110-Across	71 Boot pants	14 In position for one	13 Archaic verb suffix	59 Blossom	100 Mystery awards
30 “Aquaman” star Jason	74 Silent “yes”	15 Overseas “like”	14 In position for one	62 Lyric poem	101 English biscuits
31 “Seven Year Ache” singer buying goods at wholesale?	75 Network on the telly, with “the”	16 List of players, in sports	15 Overseas “like”	63 Huck Finn, for one	103 Some Miller beers
37 — know do	76 Wall Street deg., often	17 It shows a pupil’s grades	16 List of players, in sports	65 Prez called “like”	104 Arm muscle, informally
38 Change habits	79 Head, in Pau	18 Analyze	17 It shows a pupil’s grades	66 Net pop-ups, e.g.	105 Words on a help desk
40 Brittle of “Content”	80 Parc down	24 “Rescue us!”	18 Analyze	68 Oxide, e.g.	106 NYC rep starting in ‘19
41 Not smart	82 Speller’s clarification	25 — Hess (former oil giant)	24 “Rescue us!”	69 Fetus’ home	70 Play award
44 Height, Abbr.	84 Cute, cutishly	30 Jazz singer Carmen	25 — Hess (former oil giant)	71 “Let —” (“Frozen” song)	71 “Let —” (“Frozen” song)
45 Ghana’s capital	86 Scottish language	32 Vespa rival, for short	30 Jazz singer Carmen	72 Time soon to come	72 Time soon to come
47 Biol. or geol.	89 Frequent USO show performer wishing earnings?	33 Soothe, e.g.	32 Vespa rival, for short	73 Suspension bridge part	73 Suspension bridge part
		34 — “boy!”	33 Soothe, e.g.	76 Popular food seasoning brand	76 Popular food seasoning brand
		35 “La Brea” network	34 — “boy!”	77 Cornrow, e.g.	77 Cornrow, e.g.

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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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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: X equals L

HI YWSHBA UFEUXF’V
 TFXZBYJEXS KWEUV ZXMZSV
 IZXX HB ZXHABFK UZWZXXFX
 UZHWV, H’K YZXX GJFT
 GME-GFZWFK.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase “carpe noctem” mean in English?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was a lifeguard in his earlier life and saved 77 people from drowning over a seven-year period?
3. MOVIES: Who is the primary nemesis of Professor X in “X-Men”?
4. GEOGRAPHY: English is the official language in which Central American country?
5. LITERATURE: Which English novel features characters such as Pip, Miss Havisham and Estella?
6. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard guitar have?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom stars a character named Eleanor Shellstrop?
8. HISTORY: Which European ruler is known as the Sun King?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Mount St. Helens?
10. ANATOMY: Which human organ produces insulin?

Answers

1. Seize the night.
 2. Ronald Reagan.
 3. Magneto.
 4. Belize.
 5. “Great Expectations.”
 6. Six.
 7. “The Good Place.”
 8. Louis XIV of France.
 9. Washington.
 10. The pancreas.
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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.

+	÷	= 15
-	+	+
+	x	= 14
+	x	x
-	x	= 15
=	=	=
12	66	15

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, BAD IDEA... I DEFINITELY FEEL A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE.

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Out on a Limb

OOGRAH, YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO GET A NEW ROCK FOR THE FRONT OF OUR CAVE, AND YOU HAVEN'T! THE OLD ROCK LOOKS AWFUL AND THE NEIGHBORS ARE TALKING.

OKAY, OKAY... I'LL GO FIND A NEW ROCK.

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OOGRAH CAVES

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

KIDS, I'M EXCITED TO HEAR WHAT WORDS IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE YOU LEARNED.

MY NEIGHBOR SPEAKS SPANISH, SO HE GAVE ME SOME WORDS TO WRITE DOWN.

GERALD, DO YOU HAVE ANY WORDS OR PHRASES YOU CAN SHARE WITH THE CLASS?

SURE DO... WHEN MY GRANDPA GETS MAD HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND THEN PARDONS HIMSELF.

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State issues first 2026 income tax refunds for e-filed returns

Refunds for paper-filed returns to start in April. The Oregon Department of Revenue has begun distributing refunds for the 2025 tax year. Through February 17, the department has processed more than 500,000 electronically filed tax returns.

Most taxpayers can expect to receive their refunds within two weeks of the date their return is filed. Some returns, however, require additional review and can take up to 20 weeks before a refund is issued, according to a release from the Oregon Revenue Department.

Oregon is returning a \$1.41 billion revenue

surplus “kicker” to taxpayers in 2026. The kicker credit will either increase a taxpayer’s refund or decrease the amount of state taxes they owe.

Only taxpayers who filed a tax year 2024 return and also file a tax year 2025 return can receive a kicker. The credit is a percentage of Oregon personal income tax liability for the 2024 tax year. Taxpayers can determine the amount of their kicker using a “What’s My Kicker?” calculator available on Revenue Online.

The department encourages taxpayers to file electronically. On average, taxpayers who e-file

their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund within two weeks. Those who file paper returns will experience a significantly longer wait in 2026 due to processing delays.

In the closing months of 2025, the IRS was late providing necessary tax form information to the Oregon Department of Revenue. As a result, the state’s processing of paper-filed Oregon personal income tax returns will not begin until the end of March. The first refunds for paper-filed returns are not expected to be issued until April.

Taxpayers can check

the status of their e-filed refund by using the department’s Where’s My Refund? tool. The Department of Revenue recommends that taxpayers wait one week after they have electronically filed their return to use the Where’s My Refund tool.

Paper-filed returns won’t show up in the Where’s My Refund? tool until processing begins in late March. Taxpayers mailing their return should wait two weeks after the department starts processing paper returns in late March or after mailing their return, whichever is later.

The Where’s My Refund? tool has been

updated for 2026, providing clear messaging about the status of their return to taxpayers who are signed into their Revenue Online account. Taxpayers who don’t already have a Revenue Online account can create one by following the Revenue Online link on the department’s website. Taxpayers who don’t have a Revenue Online account can still use the Where’s My Refund? tool but won’t be able to see the updated features.

A video outlining the refund process and timelines is also available to help taxpayers understand the process.

Taxpayers should file

just once unless they need to make a change to their return. They should choose to either file electronically or by paper. Doing both will delay processing of their return.

In addition to checking the status of their refund, taxpayers can make payments, or get tax forms by visiting the department’s website. Questions can be emailed to questions.dor@dor.oregon.gov.

Taxpayers can also call 800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish) or 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired), the department accepts all relay calls.

CBD

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do any processing of cannabinoids.

“We’re 100% seed providers. We breed and grow the seed for farmers to grow at scale elsewhere. We only provide the seeds for seed sellers,” Eric added.

Seth said in their 11 years, they’ve cultivated “a very good reputation. As somebody that farmers can trust, they trust our product.”

Today, Oregon CBD supplies over 75% of the seed that’s planted by farmers in the United States for non-THC cannabinoid production. They leave it to the other farmers to plant, harvest and grow the plants for industrial hemp.

Seth said those companies then sell that material to product formulators who then go out and make the products that you see

in stores every day.

“The ones you see in Market Choice, there’s a bunch on the shelf in there, most of those products are made from plants from farmers that bought seed from us, which is kind of cool,” Seth said.

“It’s not just the U.S., just because we are federally legal in all sense, and we can ship outside the U.S., so we sell seeds everywhere,” Eric added.

Not content with the status quo, over their 11 years, they’ve come up with many innovations, the biggest is their F1 hybrid seed.

“A lot of folks in the cannabis industry just take random plants and throw them together. We actually spend years line breeding individual lines and then crossing them back together to make the seed for farmers,” Seth explained.

“Which gives them hybrid vigor in the field. It gives them predictable



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The seeds grown by Oregon CBD get shipped out to order around the world.

THC compliance results. And it gives them predictable photo period responses,” Eric added.

So the brothers created the first commercially available triplet cannabis which are highly resistant to pollination.

“So if you’ve got a farmer next door who’s growing for grain or fiber and they have male plants outside ... you’re less likely to be pollinated by

those male plants because of (our female) triplets.”

The latest study the brothers recall said that industrial hemp was a \$20 to \$25 billion industry for the United States. In their 11 years, they’ve tallied over \$140 billion of revenue, which they’ve reinvested locally.

“All of our contracting work, all of our electrical, was done by DC Electric. All of our HVAC

work was done by Home Comfort. We go out of our way to work with local companies. People that we believe in, people that we trust,” Seth said.

For now, they have no plans for expansion, which removes their control over the process.

“Our entire reputation is based on the veracity of our seed, that it’s doing what we say it’s going to do. And if we’re not making it ourselves, we can’t with a straight face tell somebody that it’s going to do that,” Seth said.

“And quite frankly, what we build here, we have the production capability of meeting the entire U.S. demand,” Eric added. “We built our facility so that we could do that without any issue.”

In addition to providing hemp seeds to big growers, they also sell to people who want to grow plants in their backyard.

“So if somebody wants to grow a CBD plant,

GTR Seeds is our small-scale sales to the home growers through (our) website,” Seth said.

More importantly, from the very beginning, they’re unofficial motto is helping people on the back end.

“Everything that we do, we do because it’s actually medicine. And it actually does help people,” Seth said. “So the seeds that we produce, supplying the farmers, the crops they grow, it all goes into products that actually benefit mankind. It’s not a detriment in any way. And animals.”

“And animals, 100 percent,” Eric added. “CBD has now been used for horses that have lameness towards the end of their life with inflammation in their feet. It’s really useful for dogs that have seizure problems or joint problems.”

Learn more about their operation online at OregonCBDSeeds.com.

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Arboretum board names photo contest winners



Skies & Flowers by Kathy Slack



Roots by Danielle Berry



Fungi by Oliver Slack



Bud by Danielle Bosse

The Delbert Hunter Arboretum's board of directors recently announced their 2026 Winter Photo Contest winners. Each participant submitted 4 of their favorite photos of things they like at the arboretum. The board members

of the arboretum were the judges. Winners have their photos posted to social media and their website. To subscribe to the Delbert Hunter Arboretum's online newsletter. Go to <https://www.dallasor.gov/portal> and check the box next to Delbert

Hunter Arboretum Newsletter.

The winners were:
1st Place – Skies & Flowers by Kathy Slack
2nd Place – Roots by Danielle Berry
3rd Place – Fungi by Oliver Slack
Honorable Mention - Bud by Danielle Bosse

ZOMBIES

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the core cases of video games causing violence in children.

“And I think this is such an interesting thing to touch back into in 2026. Where I think it is about the connection that we have to technology and how much we rely on technology now. And that this play is about parents and children and the dangers,” Kitagawa said. I think that if you aren't communicating intergenerationally, then you're shuttering the other side. And that division can cause harm in relationships between them because they don't exactly understand.”

Originally written for a quartet of actors to portray all the characters in the play, Kitagawa instead ballooned the cast to 19, giving each a to shine two or three at a time in the production's nine vignettes.

Senior Lily Ray, portrays Barbara, a mom who is looking for her son when there's a lot of weird stuff going on in the neighborhood.

“I would say this (play's) a bit darker in a more comical type of way than a lot of the other shows (at DHS),” Ray said. “The other shows are either more happy or serious. But this one is more serious in a way that also can make light of the funnier parts of the play.”

Fellow senior, Gabrielle Long, also portrays a town mom,

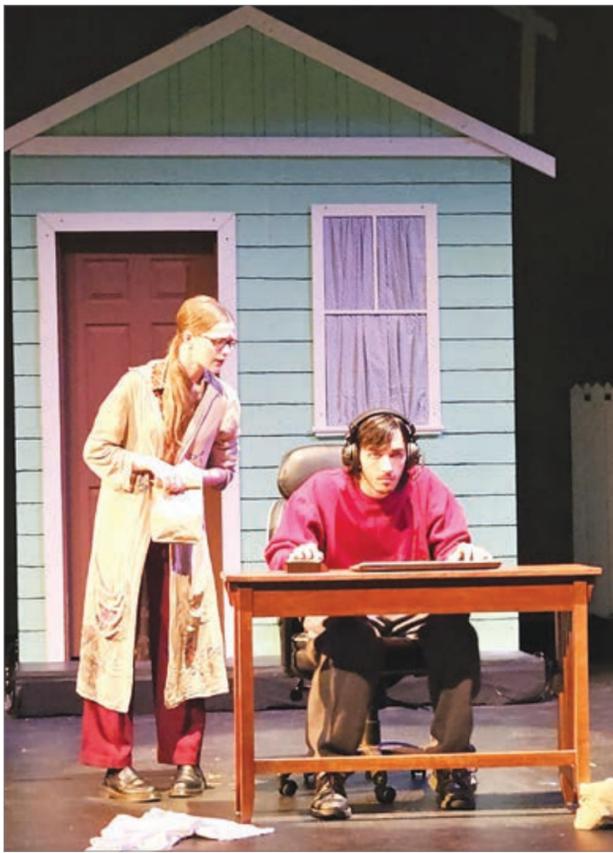


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Cast members rehearse scenes from 'Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom'

Leslie, who is putting the pieces together of what her daughter's going through is the same kind of weird thing with this video game that they're playing. Long said she realizes that this video game might be a little something more serious than what she actually thinks it is.

“I think it'll be, this is definitely a play that's a lot different than anything I've ever seen.

And I think it's really intriguing because you get a lot more one-on-one time with the characters,” Long said. “It's also really about a lack of connection between just

people in general but also parents and growing teenagers who are very addicted to either their video games or just distancing themselves.”

Kitagawa said during the actors' table work, he wanted them to talk about the relationships that they have and to explore how they are related to each other in the town.

“I think it's really easy for this production to feel like it's this scene and then we're in this next scene. So I've really tried to tie in some moments that they have passing moments of connection or passing moments of not connecting with other people in this town,” he said.

One of the biggest challenges was integrating technology into the production.

“There's so much tech that we've put into this show. There's a lot of sound cues, a lot of lighting cues. Our lighting and sound team have been doing great. Our stage managers are also doing great, adding all the cues into the stage management book,” Kitagawa said. “So I think adding all of those things added a level of difficulty, but I think it's all going to be worth it because it's going to look and sound really awesome and support the actors' performances.”

Freshman Bradley Butler, in just his second production at Dallas, is an avatar come to life, Zombie Tailor 14. Much technological effort went into transforming Butler for his role.

“My character is different because I don't move like the others or act like the others since I'm a video game character. So I have sort of a distinct movement in the way that I'm, like, being portrayed,” Butler said. “And my voice, you're gonna hear, like, the distinct personality of the character Blake, who you'll see in the final scene. But the physicality will be a lot different than what you're expecting.”

While “Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom” shares a similar antagonist as their last production, Kitagawa said this one takes place in a different genre.

“It's kind of in contrast to ‘Zombie Prom’ earlier this year where it was, like, super sweet, really big in romance. This is sort of to contrast a really kind of a thriller, suspenseful play that hopefully makes people think a little bit about using technology and talking to other people,” Kitagawa said. “If you're looking for kind of a thrilling, scary time, I hope this fills that bubble.”

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Coyotes are opportunistic feeders and will eat pet food, bird seed, and compost/garbage in addition to natural foods like rodents, berries, deer and insects.

COYOTE

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people provide food to coyotes or other predators. It is illegal to feed coyotes under state law and research indicates that feeding by humans is frequently associated with attacks and aggressive behavior.

Coyotes are found all across urban, suburban, rural and natural landscapes in Oregon. Coyotes are opportunistic omnivores and mainly eat rodents, fruit, and nuts but they will also consume whatever food they can

find including food waste, pet food, and sometimes small pets like outdoor cats. It is not unusual to see coyotes in urban areas like Salem, even during the daytime. By following a few simple steps, we can all work together to keep people, pets, and coyotes safe.

Follow these tips:
 Remove food sources.

Never intentionally or accidentally feed a coyote.

Never approach a coyote. Scare away bold coyotes (ones that don't leave when they see people) with loud noises or by throwing objects.

Monitor young children closely in areas with

recent concerning coyote activity.

Keep your pets safe (either supervised, on a leash, or inside).

Share these tips with your community.

Immediately report concerning encounters and aggressive behavior towards people or pets to ODFW at (541) 757-4186. Dial 911 in the event of an attack or other emergency.

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Perrydale claims first district title in eight years



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The Pirates celebrate after holding on to defeat St. Paul, 52-46, in the district title game on Feb. 21.

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Beating a good team once is hard. Beating that same team three times in the same season is even harder.

But the Perrydale varsity girls basketball team did exactly that. They defeated long-time nemesis St. Paul twice in the regular season and once more when it counted

most, in the district title game on Saturday.

"It's very satisfying to beat St. Paul three times in one season," Perrydale coach Lindsay Gunther said following her team's 52-46 win Saturday. "I told the girls beating a good team three times is not an easy thing to do. They were going to throw anything our way to beat us, and we would have to adjust when

necessary to get the job done, and we did."

Not that it was easy. The Pirates trailed by five at halftime and didn't take their first lead until the two-minute mark of the third quarter.

Perrydale then stretched its advantage to 10 points, 39-29. But the Broncos rallied, cutting their deficit to one,

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The Lady Dragons wrestling team wear silly smiles celebrating their Mid Willamette Conference district title last week.

District title, check! Dallas girls now after state glory

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas wants to add to its titles collection.

"We want to win state as a team, as a girls' team," senior Jenna Rogers said a few days after the Dragons won districts in convincing style. "That's our goal. And we can definitely do it. We've been putting the work in."

Unlike some programs that taper workouts prior

to postseason tournaments, the Dragons travel a different path. They practice just as hard, if not harder; as if the season was in its early days.

"We don't taper, really," Rogers said.

This mindset reflects a program that's also built on depth, numbers, and a team-first culture.

Traits the girls believe will set them apart at this week's state finals. Not that a few tough teams won't be sharing similar

aspirations.

"Crook County. North Salem. There'll be Redmond," Dallas coach Austin Markee said of other title contenders.

"No one's just going to give (the title) to you. So yeah, it's going to be a fight."

That understanding – that work still needed to be done – shaped the tone after districts. The celebration was

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Panthers fall to Spartans; host mighty Bulldogs on Friday

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

A six-game winning streak was snapped when Corvallis defeated Central, 54-33, in varsity boys basketball action Feb. 20.

Panthers coach Tyler Allen said the Spartans controlled the pace from the opening tip, knocking down 3-pointers to pressure the defense.

In addition, the victor's defensive intensity disrupted Central's offensive rhythm.

The Panthers did find success inside by going to sophomore Lucas Haines, but struggled to stretch the floor.

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FILE PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Central's Ty Cirino lays it in against McKay in a game played early season.

Missed opportunities end Pirates' season

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Little things made a difference in the Pirates' 51-45 loss to Chemawa in the league playoff opener on Wednesday.

Turnovers, missed assignments, missed free throws and inconsistency with intensity proved costly at home.

"The little things. Turnovers," coach Brian Domes said afterward. "I just told the boys I thought our intensity was not on tonight."

After playing with purpose and energy the previous four games, the Pirates couldn't find that same edge when it

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PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Pirates (from left) Braydon Leslie, Landon Eichler and Gavin Graber confer with coach Brian Domes after a technical foul against Perrydale all but assured victory for Chemawa Wednesday, 51-45.

Dragons take second at District wrestling

The Dallas High School boys came in second place, behind West Albany, at the Mid Willamette Conference District Wrestling Championships at Crescent Valley High School Feb. 20-21.

The following wrestlers qualified for the

state finals Feb. 27-28 in Portland:

FIRST PLACE

Lorenzo Romero
Jonny Talmadge

SECOND PLACE

Carson Langford
Brayden Thomas
Cory Kittelson

THIRD PLACE

Remington Basey

FOURTH PLACE

Thomas Loughary
Austin Stewart
Jullien Yoder
Petelo Talakai
Luis Estrada

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Lorenzo Romero grapples with an opponent on his way to taking first place at the Mid Willamette Conference District Wrestling Championships.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

FEB. 17
Central Boys 55, Silverton 47
Central Girls 33,

Silverton 69
Dallas Boys 38, Crescent Valley 76
Dallas Girls 24, Crescent Valley 55

FEB. 18

IA LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
Chemawa 56, Perrydale Girls 46

FEB. 19

Dallas Boys 49, Estacada 69

FEB. 20

Central Boys 33, Corvallis 54
Central Girls 53, Corvallis 54
South Albany 64, Dallas Boys 46
South Albany 68, Dallas Girls 31

FEB. 21

LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
Perrydale Girls 52, St. Paul 46

PREP CALENDAR

WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM, PORTLAND

FEB. 27-28

BOYS BASKETBALL
FEB. 27
West Albany vs. Central, 5:30 p.m.
Woodburn vs. Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 3

Central at Crescent Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at West Albany, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

FEB. 26
State Playoffs - Round I
Elgin vs. Perrydale, TBD

FEB. 27

West Albany vs. Central, 7 p.m.
Woodburn vs. Dallas, 7 p.m.

MARCH 3

Central at Crescent Valley, 7 p.m.
Dallas at West Albany, 7 p.m.

FEB. 28

State Playoffs - Round II, TBD

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19, 1986

Polk County land plan invalidated

Two major sections of the county's comprehensive land use plan were invalidated by a lower Court of Appeals decision Feb. 12

Dale Jordan, county planning director, told county commissioners at their meeting Feb. 12 that it's going to take one man working one year to correct the problem. The county must also decide how to handle requests for building permits, division of property and other matters while the plan is being reconstructed, he said.

School budget committee accepts proposal

Faced with a choice of accepting Dallas' proposed school budget or recommending reductions, the district budget committee Monday approved the budget and took the first step in justifying it.

Gary Burton, district superintendent, was directed by the committee to prepare a report on the effect a reduction of \$300,000 in the budget would have on programs.

Dallas boys bound back, clinch playoff spot

The playoffs.

Those words seemed a long ways away from the Dallas High boys basketball team during a rough season start.

But the Dragons have come back from the near-dead, and the result Friday was a playoff-clinching victory over Molalla, 55-43.

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, 1976

Home Rule receives nothing but negative comments

An estimated 200 persons crowded into the Polk County Courthouse Monday evening to hear testimony at a public hearing on a proposed home rule charter that would substantially alter the present county government.

Members of the home rule committee at the hearing heard their three years of work receive almost nothing but criticism, however, as about a dozen persons spoke before the group and pointed out what they said were

FLASHBACK



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

flaws in the charter... from providing an insufficient number of elected officials to creating a bureaucracy that will not respond to the people.

Teacher agreement is reached

Vice chairman of the board Don Bodine conducted the Monday night meeting of the Dallas School Board... Other important business before the board was the consideration of the tentative agreement which has been reached with the teachers on economic matters. Changes include the revised teacher salary schedule which shows an overall increase of 8.7 percent, which included a 3.35 percent increment. The base salary was \$8,800 and now is \$9,400.

Dallas boxers need facility

The Dallas Boxing Club needs a facility to train more than 25 boys for the upcoming season. All the equipment, the light and heavy bags, jump ropes, gloves,

robes and the ring are available through previous donations. But a place to use the equipment is needed.

Everything that the Dallas merchants and interested people donated to the club will have to be turned over to AAU officials if the club can't find a place to resume its activities.

CryptoQuip answer

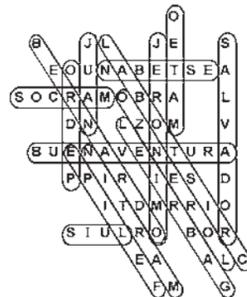
If crying people's melancholy drops always fall in aligned parallel pairs, I'd call them two-teared.

Go Figure!

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Community Achievement



DEPT. JAKOB HOFFERBER GRADUATES FROM DPSST

Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Jakob Hofferber graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training corrections

academy Feb. 20.

In addition to his basic corrections certification, Hofferber also received the Dr. Ernest M. Ogard Jr. Academic Achievement Award for being the top student of his class.

Hofferber started his career with the PCSO in the control room at the jail as a corrections technician before deciding he wanted to be promoted to a deputy position.

Hofferber has already completed his training program and achieved solo status prior to heading to the academy.

DALLAS THESPIANS PERFORM AT ACTING COMPETITION

Dallas High School

students recently competed against 600 other students in the Oregon Thespian Regional Acting Competition for the Southern Region in Bend.

STATE QUALIFIERS

Two students scored in the top 10% and will travel to the State Conference to compete with Qualifiers from the Northeast and Northwest Regions:

Contrastic Monologue: Grace Kinzie (receiving perfect scores in all rounds)

Duo Dramatic: Grace Kinzie and Guin Blasch

REGIONAL FINALISTS

Three student finalists scored in the top 20% of

the regional:

Musical Theatre Dance: Matthew Anderson
Duo Music: Gabby Long and Rynn Burraston
Solo Monologue: E. Fetterley

SUPERIOR SCORE WINNERS

These students achieved a national standard and qualified to compete at Nationals.

Matthew Anderson, Virgil Baxter, Guin Blasch, Tegan Bodily, Rynn Burraston, Bradley Butler, Jayde Chancery, Payton Doke, E. Fetterley, Leander Halstead-Jeffreys, Grace Kinzie, Jenii Linford, Rylee Olson, Gabby Long, Lily Rae Scott and Piper Sebring

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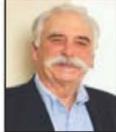
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PCIO26-152 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT CASE NO. 26PB01284.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES in the Matter of the Estate of Robert Dale Searle, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Jeannine Marie Mark has been appointed personal representative for the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Jeannine Marie Mark, Personal Representative, Bob Casey, OSB #874259, Attorney for the Personal Representative, 806 SW Broadway Ste 800, Portland, OR 97205-3310, Telephone 503-221-9700, Fax 503-221-9701, email bob.casey@caseylaw.org. Dated and first published on February 25, 2026.

PCIO26-153 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/18/2026 at 10:00AM. Diane Patino Unit #087; Charish Armstrong Unit #114; Sandra Rodriguez Units #248 & #276; Ramona Cook Unit #277; Morgan Thorpe Unit #282; Chase Wells Gonzales Unit #347; Sandra Rodriguez Unit #A03. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-154 NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/18/2026 at 10:00AM. Monica Howard Unit #223. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-155 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of KRAIG ALAN KIRCHER, Deceased. No. 26PB01059 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative at the office of Mark F. Bierly, Attorney at Law, 345 NE Sixth St., McMinnville, Oregon 97128, within four months after the date of publication of this notice or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings

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in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and published this 25 day of February, 2026. ROBERT B. KIRCHER Personal Representative 15080 SW 79th Ave. Tigard, OR 97224 MARK F. BIERLY Attorney for Personal Representative 345 NE Sixth St. McMinnville, OR 97128 (503) 472-9337

PCIO26-156 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER OPENINGS

Three unfilled vacancies remain for the Budget Committee of the Perrydale School District, Polk County, State of Oregon. Position #2 is in year two of a three-year term, Position #3 is in year one of a three-year term, and Position #5 is in year one of a three-year term. Applications are available on the school website www.perrydaleschool.com The budget calendar can also be found on the school website. Applications must be received no later than 4:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2026.

PCIO26-157 NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE SW

Polk Fire District Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday May 19, 2026, an election will be held within the boundaries of the SW Polk Fire District. The election will be conducted by mail. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof: Title, Number or other Identifier SW Polk Fire District Caption Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services Question Shall the District levy \$1.37 per \$1,000 assessed value for five-years replacing an existing levy for fire and EMS Services? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent Summary The measure would replace a current levy with a new five-year levy to maintain fire and emergency medical services. Calls for fires, vehicle crashes, rescues and ambulance transports have doubled in the past four years. The District staffs 12 career firefighters-EMT/paramedics supported by volunteers. Layoffs of six positions will be effective June 30, 2026 should the levy fail, which will reduce emergency response capacity and increase response times. The funding would maintain current Firefighter-EMT/Paramedic staffing, support advanced life support ambulance services, and help sustain response times. If approved, the measure would authorize the District to levy taxes at a rate of \$1.37/\$1,000 of assessed value for five-year commencing in fiscal year 2026-27. It is estimated for a property having an assessed value of 200,000, the annual cost would be \$274 (\$22.83/month). The estimated revenue in each fiscal year is as follows: Fiscal Year 2026-27, \$1,152,103; 2027-28, \$1,186,666; 2028-29, \$1,222,266; 2029-30, \$1,258,934; and, 2030-31, \$1,296,702). The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and collection rates. Notice is hereby given that the ballot title for a measure referred by the SW

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Polk Fire District has been filed with the County Clerk of Polk County on February 13th, 2026. The ballot title caption is Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Polk County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25th, 2026. Kimberly Williams Polk County Clerk

PCIO26-158 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearings will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, March 12, 2026, on the following: Legislative Amendment #25-05 (Continuance) Amend Dallas Development Code Article 2 (Land Use Districts) to create a new "Mixed-Use" zoning district classification. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7 Zone Change #25-03 Rezone the property at 103 SW Harder Avenue to medium-density residential (RM). Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov

PCIO26-151 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On 03-20-26, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 696 SW SHEILA ST. DALLAS, OR 97338. The court case number is 24CV52834, where DALLAS HEALTH CARE CENTER, L.L.C., doing business as DALLAS RETIREMENT VILLAGE is plaintiff, and MARY ANDERSON is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: http://oregonsheriffssales.org/

PCIO26-149 PUBLIC SALE RICKREALL MINI STORAGE

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

PCIO26-148 PUBLIC SALE RICKREALL MINI STORAGE

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

PCIO26-144 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.:

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140445 OR LOAN NO.:***7171**

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

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

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

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Paula J. Selvidge, also known as Paula Jane Selvidge, an estate in fee simple as grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company of Oregon as trustee, in favor of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as beneficiary, dated 03/09/2006 recorded on 03/20/2006, in the Records of Polk County, Oregon, in book --- at page --and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2006-004294, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: ACCOUNT NO.: 361600 MAP NO.: 07319AC04700 Lot 16, Block 31, CHATNICK A HEIGHTS NO. 9, Polk County Oregon Commonly Known As: 3405 FRONTIER DRIVE NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the beneficiary Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT4 and the trustee Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE AS OF 11/21/2025: \$28,332.94 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 11/21/2025: \$58,388.62 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by

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said trust deed immediately due and payable, said default being the following: Installation of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 11/01/2024 plus late charges, and all subsequent installments of principal, interest, balloon payments, plus impounds and/or advances and late charges that become payable Therefore, notice hereby is given that Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services the undersigned trustee will on 03/24/2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, Front Entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 as established by ORS187.110, in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed 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

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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: 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, A N D 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 Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant Dated: October 24, 2025 Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 El Paso, TX 79912 Trustee Phone number: (866) 960-8299 OR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (866) 960-8299 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO On October 24, 2025 before me, Yosemite Lopez Campos, Notary Public, Personally appeared Delia Madrid, Trustee Sale Assistant, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Yosemite Lopez Campos Notary Name (Seal) FOR TRUSTEES SALE 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 03/24/2026. The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you in you own this property of if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have

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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 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 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

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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: l You do not owe rent; l The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and l 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

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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/>

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

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by CRISTIAN J ORTIZ as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee

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for CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 4/4/2022, recorded 4/6/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-004258, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 34, BRANDY MEADOWS, IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (RECORDED AUGUST 23, 2019 AS PLAT VOLUME 15, PAGE 41) The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1369 S 10TH ST (AKA 1369 S TENTH ST) INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351-1550 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 579726 / 08429-DC-03400 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the

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obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice,

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including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 3/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$66,760.76 Late Charges: \$604.50 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$3,317.19 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$953.50 Total necessary to cure: \$71,635.95 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a

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"reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$579,615.27 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 4/24/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest or of the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that

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any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes

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

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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.

Independence Police Department

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

At 10:33 a.m., a juvenile on Monmouth Street was taken into custody and lodged for robbery and assault.

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

At 1:05 a.m., an officer noticed a vehicle did not stop at a stop sign on Main Street until it was well into the crosswalk. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, driving without insurance and for failure to carry or present a license.

At 1:23 a.m., a juvenile on Main Street was found out after curfew. An officer drove the juvenile home and referred the juvenile for curfew violation.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

At 12:59 a.m., a motorist on Independence Highway was stopped for no front license plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation, failure to install an ignition interlock device and failure to present an operator's license.

At 4:37 a.m., WOU public safety reported a subject attempted to enter a couple university vehicles and possibly the administration building. They are working on sending security video footage. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

Officers took Eladio Vazquez Juarez into custody after Vazquez Juarez refused to leave a convenience store. A store clerk

in the 200 block of Deann Drive reported a male subject had unwrapped two candy bars, started eating them, then refused to pay for them. The subject was identified as Eladio Vazquez Juarez. The clerk decided that if Vazquez Juarez simply left and did not return, the store would not press charges. When he did not, he was arrested and charged with criminal trespass 2.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Officers responding to a suspicious 911 hang up call in the 1200 block of Monmouth Street spoke with Patsy Jo Harlow after pinging the phone the call was placed from. Harlow made no sense and demanded a ride to Albany. The owner of the residence she was staying at explained that he'd asked her to leave multiple times over the last few days and that she'd refused to leave. The officers explained to Harlow that she needed to leave or she would be going to jail. Harlow was arrested and charged with improper use of 911 and criminal trespass 2. She was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 12:18 p.m., a report of youth throwing rocks into the roadway on Wildfang Drive. The youth removed the rocks from the road.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

At 10:58 a.m., officers assisted in a Karly's Law investigation on Adams Street.

At 3:29 p.m., a report of a scammer on Morning Glory Drive.

At 3:39 p.m., a report of a male subject swinging a machete in a park on C Street. Officers were unable to locate the subject.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

At 3:56 p.m., a report of a disturbance at Riverview Park. Officers were unable to locate a disturbance.

At 9:13 p.m., medics requested officers for a possible suicidal subject at an apartment on Deann Drive. No subject was located.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

At 12:23 p.m., information was received that Ezgar Mendez had a warrant out of Marion County and was staying at a residence in the 100 block of 17th Street. Mendez was taken into custody and transported to jail without incident.

Officers responding to a physical domestic disturbance in the 100 block of South 17th Street arrived to find that the victim had driven away after witnesses assisted with getting the aggressor out of the vehicle. The victim had injuries to their face from being punched and bitten on the nose. A mandatory arrest was made on Raven Blueskye Gibson for assault 4 (domestic violence).

At 2:01 p.m., Raven Gibson was arrested on 17th Street and was charged with assault 4. She was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:50 p.m., an officer conducting stationary patrol watched a vehicle fail to make a complete stop at a stop sign on Main Street at Monmouth Street. Upon contacting the driver, Brittany Hernandez, the officer detected an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her breath and slurred speech. It was found that Hernandez had a suspended California operator's license for driving under the influence of intoxicants. After poor performance on field sobriety tests Hernandez was transported to the police station and blew a BAC of .10%. Hernandez was booked into jail and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant - misdemeanor and failing to present operator's license.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

Arrest: Police units responded to a location where a traffic stop led to the identification of a female passenger who was cited and released. The driver was identified as an out-of-compliance sex offender from 2021 and was arrested.

Suspicious Vehicle: A report was received about a blue truck driving slowly through a complex and a male driver staring at children at the dog park area. The vehicle was later reported parked at the end of a street. Officers were unable to locate it.

Arrest: An individual involved in a hit/run incident was cited and released.

Suspicious Activity: A neighbor, hearing banging sounds, reported a possible burglary in progress at a unit being remodeled. A male came out, identified himself as working late on the unit, was covered in drywall dust, and was known to the owner.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

Prowl: University Public Safety reported that a thin male subject in a dark hoodie and unique footwear attempted to enter university vehicles and possibly an administration building between 3:30-3:50 a.m. Nothing was reported missing. Officers were unable to locate the subject.

Trespass: Employees at a store requested a person be officially trespassed due to prior issues. The individual was informed by phone that they were trespassed from the store and later from the entire shopping plaza by the leasing company.

Dead on Arrival: A 71-year-old male was found after an apparent natural death. Lifesaving measures were attempted but were unsuccessful. The medical examiner and district attorney released the deceased, and a recovery service took custody of the body.

Crime: An individual was observed violating a restraining order by appearing at a residence three times, captured on trail cameras. The subject was arrested and lodged for three counts of violation.

Runaway: A father reported his 12-year-old daughter as a runaway, last seen two days prior. A physical description was provided, and the minor was entered into law enforcement data systems as a runaway.

Ordinance Violation:

A vehicle was towed for a seven-day parking violation.

Burglary: A person reported a break-in at their vacation home where a suspect appeared to have been sleeping and stole tools from the garage. A partial print was lifted from a back window, but no other suspect information was available.

Animal Complaint: Follow up was conducted on a potential animal neglect complaint concerning two aggressive dogs in a neighbor's backyard that were largely ignored and posed a threat to the caller's dogs.

Noise: An anonymous report of loud noise and subwoofers. Responding units were unable to hear any noise. The complainant called back to say the noise had stopped and was advised to notify building management if it occurred again.

Domestic Disturbance: A disturbance in a parking lot involved a male who was very intoxicated and reportedly pulled the keys from a vehicle ignition and attempted to take a purse from a female who was trying to leave. Both parties denied anything physical, and the male agreed to be picked up by his father.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

Emotionally Disturbed Person: An intoxicated female was found crying on the ground, stating her friends had left her. She later claimed abuse by her boyfriend and ran away. The boyfriend described emotional disturbance issues with her, and new medication mixing with alcohol. The female was later located and stated she felt safe with him. A plan was made for her to meet the boyfriend at the police department to get her phone, but she ran away again upon seeing him there. She later returned home.

Theft: A couple reported that a friend who had retrieved belongings from their garage may have stolen two license plates that were not attached to a vehicle. The couple also suspected the friend would not return a loaned vehicle. The license plate

was entered into law enforcement data systems as stolen, and the couple was instructed to obtain proof of ownership for the vehicle.

Suspicious Vehicle: A person reported a vehicle parked outside their house with the trunk open. The vehicle was found to be clear and contained a large speaker and miscellaneous things. The trunk was secured, and the complainant was updated.

Shots: A report of 10 gunshots in an area was investigated. The source was identified as a residence shooting fireworks outside the city limits.

Noise: A report of loud bass music was investigated. The occupant was understanding and agreed to turn the music down after being informed of the noise ordinance.

Aid Other Agency: Another police department had probable cause for an individual wanted for unlawful use of a weapon, menacing and attempted murder. The subject's vehicle was located parked directly in front of the police department. A perimeter was set up with assistance from other agencies. The subject later returned to the vehicle, was taken into custody, and the vehicle was towed to the originating police department.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Suspicious Person: A group of children called about one male talking to himself and being suspicious at the park, and another male possibly smoking in the bathroom. The male possibly smoking was riding away upon arrival. The other male was contacted and was working on his speakers.

Check Welfare: A caller reported a male had been asleep in a running vehicle since 6 a.m. The male was contacted, and using a translation app, he explained that he was tired from working late and stopped to sleep before driving further. He denied drinking and had no other signs of impairment. He thanked the officer for waking him up for his work shift.

POLICE

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Arrest: An individual was arrested on an outstanding parole board warrant and a failure to appear warrant related to a hit and run from a different county. The person was lodged at the county jail.

Citizen Contact: A person called to report a male parked outside her house in another city who was taking pictures of her vehicle and walking around the property line. She was advised to call the local police department. An existing court order was found stating the male was not supposed to have contact with a specific family or their residence.

Driving: A report was received about a sedan being driven by an intoxicated person who was observed smoking a controlled substance. Responding units were unable to locate the vehicle.

AOA/Arrest: Another police department developed probable cause to arrest an individual for a violation of a no contact release agreement. The person was located and arrested, then released to the custody of the other police department.

Driving: A dark colored sport utility vehicle and a red compact car were reported passing unsafely and shining bright lights at people. Both vehicles were located and the juvenile drivers were spoken to about their driving behavior.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

Parking: Neighbors called about a broken-down van parked on the street for about a week. The owner was contacted and said they would not have money to fix it until the first but was working with parents to have it towed. The complaint was updated, and a follow-up officer was notified.

Arrest: An individual called 911 twice, once not providing a location and once providing a false location. Medics located the person both times, and the person denied calling. The person was arrested and charged with two counts of misuse of 911 and was lodged at the county jail.

Arrest: A report was received about cans being stolen from a property. Probable cause was developed to arrest two individuals. One was arrested and lodged at the county jail and charged with theft 3 and trespass 2. The officer planned to follow up with the other person.

Warrant: An individual was cited and released for a warrant from another municipal court.

Check Welfare: A person reported an older male in the middle of the road yelling at traffic. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the subject. Attempts to call the complainant were unsuccessful.

Warrant: An individual was located and arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of the county. During the search, a small baggie of a controlled substance was found. The person was charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Sex Offense: A parent reported their 10-year-old daughter had been having behavioral and self-harm issues. The daughter

disclosed that a 17-year-old cousin possibly made unwanted sexual contact 5- to 7-years prior at his house.

Animal: Follow up was conducted regarding a report/complaint of potential animal neglect. The dog owner was contacted and allowed the officer to see the dogs but not the backyard. The dogs appeared well-fed and healthy. It was determined the dogs were 6 months old. The owner was informed of the licensing procedure. The original complainant would be contacted with an update.

Runaway: Police in another state were contacted and located a runaway daughter at a specific address. She was removed from missing status.

Arrest: A person reported being assaulted by another person about four hours prior. The victim had photos of red finger marks and a bite mark. The suspect denied a physical disturbance. The suspect was arrested and lodged at the county jail for assault and harassment. Child protective services was notified, and the victim was staying with a friend.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

Noise: A person called about a loud pickup idling in the parking lot. The driver was contacted, who was sleeping in the pickup after an argument with his roommate. He agreed to go back inside and leave his truck off. No further action was taken.

Disturbance: A person reported that a male in a vehicle followed him, parked next to him, opened his door and ripped off his weather stripping, punched his car, and tried to pull him out of the vehicle. The suspect left but was described and identified through video. Probable cause for multiple crimes was established.

Missing Person: An individual was entered as a missing person from his group home. He was last heard from the day before and missed his 24-hour check-in. His location was unknown, and his phone went straight to voicemail.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person reported that a male was riding his bike, yelling at cars, cursing at her, and threw an empty water bottle at her car. No damage was reported. The caller was concerned about the male's behavior.

Found Property: A person called and reported finding a 9mm shell casing near the tire of her car in the parking lot and wanted to know if she could throw it away. There was no damage to her vehicle or other property nearby. She was told she could dispose of it.

Suspicious Person: A person came to the police department to report concerns about a male coming to her front porch late at night and ringing the doorbell twice before running away to a vehicle. She advised her neighbor had a similar incident with a different male minutes apart. No crime was reported, but the person lost sleep. She was encouraged to call 911 in the future if she felt the need.

Suspicious Vehicle: An anonymous person called about a dark grey vehicle with tinted windows parked near a business, stating they believed it looked "menacing" and the driver might leave the bar intoxicated.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

At 12:11 a.m., a resident on 31st Circle reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of her residence. She believed it was occupied by people smoking a pipe. Deputies located a matching vehicle which was unoccupied.

At 12:53 a.m., multiple reports of someone pounding on, or trying to kick in doors, in the Cameo Street neighborhood. Deputies spoke with the initial complainant, who was in tears and asked them to walk her to her neighbor's. Afterwards, they were unable to locate a suspect.

At 3:15 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 6:49 a.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was stopped for failure to maintain a lane. The driver was cited for failing to carry proof of financial responsibility.

At 11:20 a.m., Kamron Morgan was arrested on Mistletoe Road for violating his release agreement. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 11:55 a.m., two subjects at a homeless camp on Bald Mountain Road were cited for criminal trespass 2.

At 12:10 p.m., Ahmad Inico came to the Polk County Sheriff's Office to turn himself in on a Polk County warrant.

At 4 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a dog bite in the 3000 block of Orchard Heights Road. The complainant said that while on her walk three golden retrievers chased her down and one of them bit her on the left thigh. There was an obvious puncture wound on the left thigh. A deputy attempted to contact the individuals who owned the dogs but nobody came to the door. The complainant said a Hispanic male drove away once medics arrived on scene.

At 10:03 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a resident on Yamhill River Road who was shot at by her roommate after an argument. The complainant fled the residence and went to a neighbor's house. The roommate was still inside the residence but was reportedly very intoxicated and still armed. Due to his intoxication and the conditions deputies did not enter the residence. Deputies developed a potential crime warrant for unlawful use of a gun and menacing. The case is still under investigation.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

At 1:37 a.m., a deputy conducted a traffic assist on Dyck Road. An RV was in the ditch and unable to get out. A subject who was there to help said he had a friend with a tow truck headed their way.

At 3:46 a.m., a motorist on Perrydale Road was cited for driving while suspended - violation and received a written warning for failure to carry and present a license.

At 7:01 a.m., a motorist on Riddle Road was cited for speeding 102 mph in a 55-mph zone. The vehicle displayed a plate that had registration which had expired in 2024. The driver was also cited for failing to register the vehicle and for careless driving due to putting his three children being endangered or likely to be endangered due to their father's driving behavior.

At 8:10 a.m., a motorist on Riddle Road was stopped for no front license plate on his vehicle. The driver was cited for no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

At 12:36 p.m., Ryan Hicinbothom Sr. was arrested on an outstanding warrant at a residence on Yamhill River Road.

At 3:20 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle collision in the 900 block of Pioneer Road. The driver involved reported a deer jumped in front of him. He swerved to miss the deer and crossed lane lines and ended up on the west side of the road hitting a power pole head on. He stated that he was not injured and didn't request medics.

At 7:46 p.m., a resident on Frost Road reported hearing a loud female scream and his male neighbor yelling periodically after. A deputy parked in front of the residence but could not hear anything out of the ordinary.

At 11:13 p.m., a motorist on Wallace Road was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

At 8:23 a.m., Charlotte Roberts was arrested on Main Street and charged with theft 2 and possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

At 9:51 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of two goats walking down Main Street in Falls City. Due to the danger of the blind hill and traffic, the deputy and a private citizen wrangled them and tied them to a grassy area adjacent to the road. The deputy posted on Facebook for their owner to respond.

At 12:22 p.m., an abandoned pickup truck was towed from Aster Street.

At 3:54 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of subjects being locked behind a gate. The deputy was told they did not see the signs; however they did see log trucks going through the gates. The deputy gave them a verbal warning for trespassing and to read all signs before going through gates.

At 4:58 p.m., a resident on Reuben Boise Road reported that there were dead chickens and another appeared close to death. A deputy observed a chicken carcass and another one that was newly deceased. However, the minimum care requirements were being met. The chickens were free to come and go as they pleased, this also meant predators could get in.

At 12:54 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle at the boat launch at Wallace Marine Park. A male and female subject had both been drinking. The deputy warned them for trespassing but also told them not to drive away if the male was too intoxicated to drive.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

At 3:19 a.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 4:34 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle going over the fog line and almost crashing and swerving. They located the vehicle at the weigh station on Highway 22 and observed no signs of impairment in the driver. She stated she was tired and pulled over on the weigh station to take a quick nap.

At 7:23 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Highway

99 for expired tags. The driver was cited for no insurance and warned for expired registration.

At 9:39 a.m., a couple came to the sheriff's office after receiving a call from a scammer stating he had a warrant out for the man's arrest. A deputy ran him and ensured he did not have a warrant. The male was pleased with PCSO services.

At 10:09 a.m., a deputy came upon a truck on the side of Kings Valley Highway with the back door open; however no one was seen near it. The deputy located the owner in the back seat. He stated he was cleaning the truck as he was super early for a client meet up.

At 11:24 a.m., a resident reported an attempted scam. She had received a call from a "Lt. Yeager" who stated she needed to turn herself in or post bail. The phone came across as private, but later was masked with the name of "Polk County Jail." The subject wanted the incident documented.

At 1:26 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover crash on Suver Road. The vehicle was already being loaded up by a tow truck. The two vehicle occupants were uninjured.

At 2:39 p.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Highway 223. The driver ended up having no registration, a license or insurance. However, the driver, Otis Darden, did have an outstanding felony warrant out of Marion County for assault/strangulation. Darden was arrested on the warrant and was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was also cited for citation for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone, driving while suspended - violation, driving uninsured and failure to register a vehicle.

At 6:23 p.m., a motorist on Rainbow Avenue was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device and for driving while suspended - violation.

At 7:06 p.m., a deputy attempted to stop a motorist on Highway 22 for failure to maintain a lane. On 52nd Avenue, the vehicle pulled to the side of the road and stopped for a brief moment before taking off again at approximately 20 mph. The deputy activated the siren but the vehicle continued all the way to Pentacle Theater. The deputy yelled at the vehicle to stop but it continued until it parked in a disabled spot. The deputy contacted the driver who said she has poor eye sight and thought the deputy was "an ambulance or something."

The driver seemed like it wasn't a very big deal. The deputy explained the potential of felony elude and issued the driver a citation issued for failure to yield.

At 7:28 p.m., Salem police put out an alert for a vehicle driven by a shooting suspect. The vehicle was found parked out front of the Monmouth Police Station. It was empty. Salem police arrived and deputies did a canine track of the surrounding area but found nothing. The suspect likely went back home after parking the vehicle.

At 8:52 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance with a fight on Tennant Avenue. Before anyone was on scene the suspect was reported to have left on foot. Salem officers later found him hiding in

the side yard of the target location. Deputies covered the officers until other Salem units arrived.

At 9:31 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street in Dallas for no plates. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 9:46 p.m., Yamhill County Sheriff's Office was investigating a rape suspect who also threatened to kill the victim's family. They asked PCSO deputies to check the welfare of the victim's family. They reported the suspect had not been there this evening, but they were prepared if he came to their house.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

At 5:11 a.m., deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on Red Prairie Road involving a potentially intoxicated driver. While the driver was not impaired, he was cited for driving while suspended - violation and expired registration.

At 5:35 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a single vehicle crash on Red Prairie Road. The driver was not impaired but had slipped off the road while she was negotiating a curve and she sideswiped a tree.

At 6:31 a.m., a motorist on Red Prairie Road reported a deputy's headlights were in his face and he went straight through the corner and crashed. The deputy called the motorist a tow truck.

At 10:47 a.m., a report of an abandoned dog on Polk Station Road. The dog was recovered and taken to Polk County dog shelter. The owner later arrived to retrieve the dog and was cited for not having a license for the dog.

At 4:27 p.m., a motorist was stopped for making an improperly signaled turn on Warren Street. The vehicle smelled like marijuana and the female driver was acting very nervous. She consented to a field sobriety test and passed. However, she was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 4:56 p.m. a resident on Andy Riggs Road reported a motorcycle being stored on the property had been stolen. The complainant stated a known subject was the suspected thief that there were witnesses of the theft and video security footage of the bike being taken. However, after a deputy talked to neighbors, there were no witnesses and no one had cameras. The known suspect did have two motorcycles in his backyard, but neither were the one described as stolen.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

At 1:52 a.m., a motorist was stopped for making an unsignaled turn on to Godsey Road. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and for having no insurance. The car was not towed since the driver was currently living out of it.

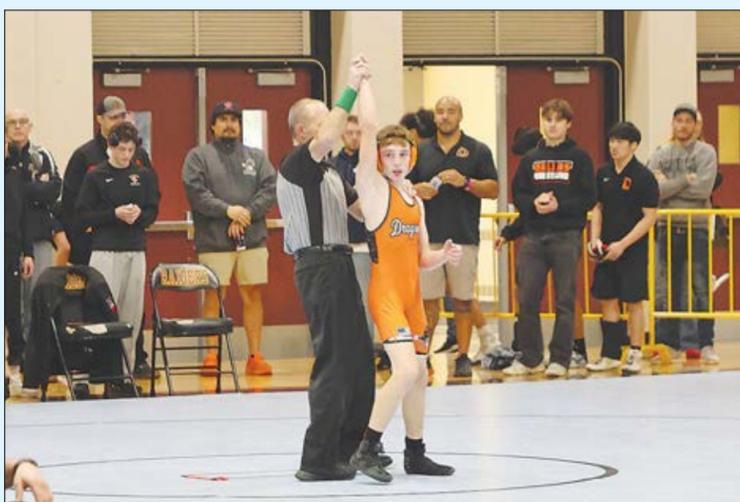
At 2:43 a.m., deputies responded to a glass break alarm call at the 7 Star in Falls City. Two suspects had stolen approximately \$2,400 worth of vapes and alcohol and destroyed a glass door valued at about \$1,000. Video and pictures of the suspects were taken.

At 12:18 p.m., while a deputy was at the 7 Star reviewing security footage, one of the suspects came to the store. This interview of one subject led to the interview of others involved. The story

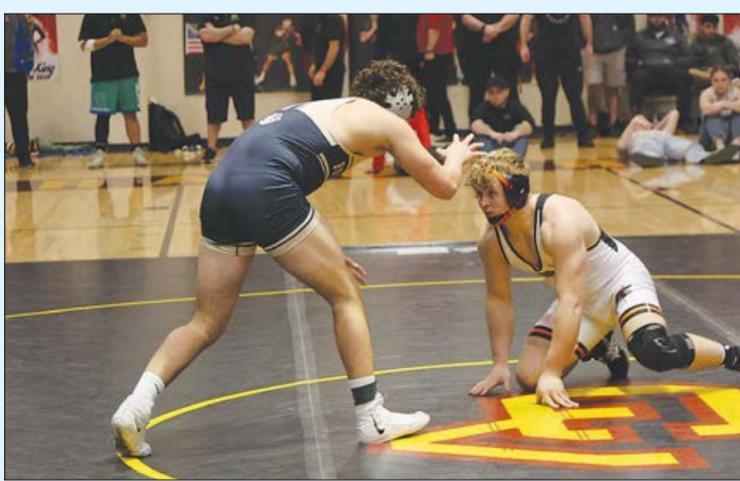
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Asher Oliff takes a controlling swipe at his opponent.



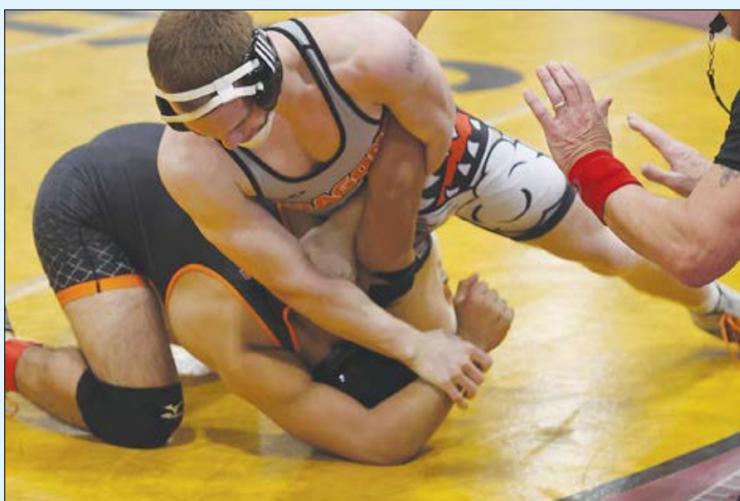
Brayden Thomas has his hand raised in victory in an early round match, before finishing in second place.



Carson Langford seizes up his opponent before finishing in second place.



Jonny Talmadge gets an early advantage on his opponent en route to a first place finish.



Jullien Yoder puts his opponent in a painful armbar. Yoder finished fourth at the tournament.

GIRLS

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41-40, with 4:30 left on the clock.

But the Pirates kept cool. So cool, in fact, they made 10 free throws in the final frame.

"We never lost our composure," Gunther said.

The girls made key defensive stops down the stretch and sealed the win at the free-throw line. Nineteen of the team's points came from the charity stripe.

Although Perrydale was out rebounded, the

girls committed fewer turnovers and made their freebies – critical factors in closing out the victory.

Freshman Harper McMullin netted 20 points to lead Perrydale, while Kaila Gibson and Madison Gunther were named to the all-tournament team.

Not only did the Pirates claim their first district title in eight years, they now host Elgin on Wednesday (tonight), 6 p.m., in opening round action from the state playoffs. The Pirates are seeded 14th, the Huskies 19th.

"Elgin is a decent

shooting team with some height," Gunther said.

The Huskies play a man-to-man defense and use their speed to push the ball up court.

"In order for us to advance to the next round, we need to make sure we are getting back in transition defense, rebounding on both ends of the court, and taking care of the ball," Gunther said.

The Pirates were perfect in league, going 10-0, and 16-9 overall.

Elgin was fifth in the Old Oregon League. They were 9-1 in league, 17-9 overall.

STATE

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measured, as focus quickly turned to unfinished business and the grind ahead.

"I think we did everything we could do to put ourselves in the conversation," Markee said. "We believe that we can win a state title. And I think we're doing the things we have to do to put ourselves in the best position to do that."

Dallas advanced 12 wrestlers out of districts. Yoselin Nunez, Madelyn Russell, Lindsey Faulkner and Rogers are the team's district champions. The other eight state qualifiers finishing in fourth place or higher were, in second place, McGinnis, Nanasi Talakai, Gabriella Dyer, Mahala Collins; third place: Khadijah Tabib, Madelyn Vogel; and, fourth place, Maya Bakanov, Cassidy Guy.

"I would say it's normal for our program," Markee said of the high number. "Our girls' program has been good and is growing."

Depth matters at state, where early-round wins can swing momentum. Even so, Dallas does not scoreboard-watch during matches.

"At the end of the day,

we look at the team score," Markee said. "We just kind of go match to match to match... as long as we take care of all that stuff, the team score tends to take care of itself."

Simple math underscored just how strong the Dragons' opening day was at districts.

"We were like, 'Oh, we got a ... 40 point buffer,' the coach said. "It's like, 'Oh, that's nice.' Like, we knew we had a good day."

Momentum continued into the second day. Bolstered by a couple of nice wins that read like upsets on paper, given the seeding.

"We started off with a really good day two, where we had a couple of upsets go in our favor," Markee said. "Those are fun ... and exciting. But I would also say they're not necessarily surprises to us, because we see these kids wrestle every day."

Individual stakes remain high, as well.

Rogers is a senior and two-time runner-up at state. She kept her answer simple when asked what a title would mean to her.

"It would be really, really cool," she said. "It would be an awesome way to graduate."

Her path to success likely runs through familiar programs, if not opponents.

"Forest Grove and

Crook," she said when asked about her toughest matchups.

Marissa McGinnis is in her third year of wrestling. The junior placed fourth and second at state the past two years.

"State championship," McGinnis said of this year's goal.

For now, there's a strategy to follow.

"Just keep working on the stuff I need to practice and go in with a good mindset," McGinnis said. "I'm getting better each time."

Ultimately, though, success is bolstered by togetherness.

Unlike other teams, "We make it a more of a team effort," McGinnis said. "I feel like the atmosphere that other teams put off is very individual. We make it more of, like, it's us doing it together. It's not you by yourself."

The Dragons lean on each other for constant support. For example, they check with each other before matches, help calm nerves, and hype each other up. The feeling that you're not alone relieves some of the intense pressure unique to a state tournament.

The tournament runs Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26-28, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

BOYS

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Haines netted a team-high 12 points. Tyler Olafson added seven more, and Ryan Burgett six.

Central was largely ineffective from beyond the arc.

"We know we must execute more efficiently both inside and out," Allen said.

Logan Gutches carried much of the Spartans' load with 20 points. Corvallis also added seven treys.

Once again Central was without senior Jack Holestine, who led the team in scoring and assists when sidelined by an injury several weeks ago. He wasn't in uniform and it's unsure when he will return.

"The potential return of Jack could provide us with a significant boost," Allen said. "His ball-handling and composure would alleviate pressure and stabilize the offense against aggressive defenses."

Reestablishing offensive flow and perimeter

consistency will be key as the Panthers prepare for their final three regular-season games: Lebanon (Feb. 24), No. 3 West Albany on Friday, and No. 12 Crescent Valley on Tuesday. Each team features a pressure defense.

West Albany is 15-0, 19-3 overall on the season, while Crescent Valley is 10-5, 15-7. Both games begin at 5:30 p.m.

Friday's game is senior night for the Panthers.

Corvallis improved to 12-3, 16-6 overall, with its win over the Panthers.

PIRATES

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mattered most.

"There weren't any extended runs," Domes said. "A lot of back and forth. We'd get a couple; they'd get a couple. We just couldn't get on a roll."

Even when the Pirates grabbed the lead, momentum was fleeting. Defensive lapses allowed open looks for the Braves, and the visitors often capitalized, often from beyond the arc.

"We (thought) we would gain momentum playing before our home ground, and it just didn't happen," Domes added. "We'd go back ... on

defense, and they'd get a three-point guy wide open, again. They were knocking them down, and now we're back behind on the scoreboard."

Free-throw struggles and a late technical foul didn't help the Pirates' cause. But Domes pointed to ball security as a bigger culprit. Cross-court passes often sailed out of bounds or into defenders' hands.

"We weren't taking care of the basketball ... down the stretch. We kind of let that go tonight, and it cost us," Domes said.

The loss was especially frustrating given how well Perrydale had been playing.

"I was really happy with the way we

finished," the coach added. "Coming down the stretch, I thought we could go play anybody."

Instead, inconsistency resurfaced at the worst possible moment.

"It's a bitter pill," Domes said. "You want to lose because you got beat, not because you got beat yourself. We kind of beat ourselves tonight."

Perrydale went 6-6 in league play, 8-17 overall, this season

Still, the future looks bright for the Pirates as they lose just two players - Malaki Stephens and Sam Stalker - to graduation.

The Braves fell to C.S. Lewis, 52-42, in their second league playoff game on Saturday.

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between the three began to crack and ultimately two were transported to Yamhill Juvenile Detention for burglary 2, theft 1, and one for criminal mischief 1. The third subject has additional follow up that is needed. All of the stolen merchandise has been recovered and is currently being held as evidence.

At 3:18 p.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving uninsured.

At 3:42 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for driving while

suspended - violation and driving uninsured.

At 4:18 p.m., deputies covered Monmouth Police while they arrested Andrew Baker and took him into custody.

At 8:56 p.m., deputies took a suspect into custody on Commercial Street in Salem and lodged him at Polk County Jail.

At 9:53 p.m., a motorist was stopped in the casino parking lot on Salmon River Highway and was cited for failure to maintain lane, speeding 63 mph in a 45 mph-zone and was warned for making an unsignaled turn.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

At 11:04 a.m., a subject

came into the office to submit a few unspent .22 rounds for destruction as she no longer wanted them in her residence in Pedee.

At 1:59 p.m., deputies responded to a blocking two-vehicle rear-end crash on Bowersville Road. They held the scene until Oregon State Police arrived.

At 5 p.m., a resident on Oak Grove Road reported their home was burglarized. Deputies found the window screens were tampered with and items inside were shuffled. They cleared the residence and found no suspects. However, they did find that a suspect had left a note apologizing for the break in.