

# Polk County Stemizer-Observer

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# Buzzin' Finds finally has physical location in Dallas

By DAVID HAYES  
 I-O Editor

Dallas has a new thrift store in town. While Buzzin' Finds held their official ribbon cutting March 3, owners Justin Strawder and Jessica Sipe officially opened the doors to Buzzin' Finds on Feb. 13 with no worries about the cursed date.

"It's been great. We like our scary dolls and our scary stuff, so it kind of worked out perfectly," Strawder said.

He said Buzzin' Finds is what most would call a second hand or thrift store, essentially selling used goods at a discounted price.

Strawder has been in the second-hand industry the past five years making online sales, such as through eBay, and through swap meets and vendor markets.

Sipe just came on board the past couple of years and "just loved it so much," Strawder said.

Sipe was born and raised here in Dallas while Strawder moved here about two years ago from his hometown of San Diego.

The duo met prior to the COVID pandemic when they were both working at Jefferson Lodge Retirement Home, and hit it off. As with many other industries, Strawder said with the social media trends, thrifting is definitely making its way back.

What sets their thrift store apart is their inventory is always changing.

"It's never the same, and that seems to be a pretty big thing in the Dallas community. They want to see new, different things," Strawder said. "They don't want to walk into an establishment and always see the same things when it comes to a thrift store or used items. So we always try to



WaFed Banker Rebecca Masingle (left) holds the ribbon for Buzzin' Finds owners Justin Strawder and Jessica Sipe at their official ribbon cutting ceremony March 3.

Photo by David Hayes

switch things around, but it seems to be working really well, and people like what we do."

They boast having a little bit of everything second hand, including fishware, collectibles, comics, vinyls, clothes and vintage books.

"We just had vintage insects from the 1950s, so literally anything odd and unusual, you can find it here," Sipe said.

The initial setup has Sipe holding down sales at their brick-and-mortar business while Strawder remains mostly at home making online transactions. Before moving in at 1254 SW Fairview Ave., the duo sold some of their inventory next door at The Shabby Barn. Just one week after their ribbon cutting, they're already putting out feelers for a bigger location.

"So with business, it seems to be rapidly growing. Our clientele is really pushing us to get a bigger establishment," Sipe said.

## Buzzin' Finds

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"She's constantly telling me that people just feel like it's too claustrophobic, not really much space, so we're trying to expand within time, but we're trying to get our name out there," Strawder added. "They really just want to see everything that we have and more of what we have because we do have so much. So we want to be able to get more out there for people that love what we do."

If a customer can't find what they're looking for in the store, the duo steer the shopper online where their inventory is endless, shipping to addresses literally around the world.

"It doesn't matter where you are, you can get any item you

want. If we have it, we'll ship it to you," Strawder boasted.

Sipe added online customers can also make an order and complete the transaction for pickup at the store itself.

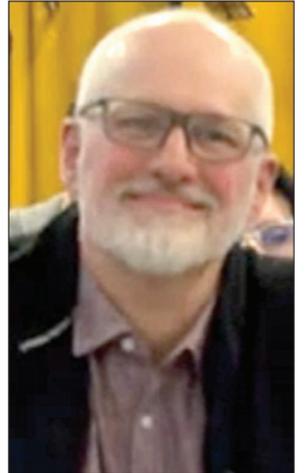
"So, you don't really find that with any other thrift stores," she said.

Buzzin' Finds maintains its inventory through an online Square space that displays what is currently in stock at the brick-and-mortar business. Then if a customer wants to find out what's outside of the store, they get directed to their other social media platforms, whether it be eBay or Facebook Marketplace, and you can see other items are on there.

The duo are really excited to be offering up their finds to other collectors finally through a physical location.

"Our main concern is just keeping up with the flow of customers and just making

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Marc Senyk

# Central fills vacant school board position

By DAVID HAYES  
 I-O Editor

The Central School District finally has a new board member to represent Zone 1 – local pastor and small business owner, Marc Senyk.

When Steve Moser passed away in December, the administration opened the application process to replace him. However, nobody applied by the deadline for the first go-around. After the deadline to apply was extended, Senyk stepped forward as the only applicant.

After an introduction about himself, the board members didn't rubber stamp his approval. They took the opportunity to grill Senyk on his philosophies on education and youth in the community, just like any other applicant, with no guarantee of his confirmation.

Senyk and his wife Cheryl have been in the community, Monmouth and Independence, for about 30 years and living

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# Gamer rolls the dice on new event to support food pantry

By DAVID HAYES  
 I-O Editor

Ed Webb, Western Oregon University's Facility Scheduling Manager in the Office of Student Engagement had a successful recipe he hoped to replicate.

Simply attract gamers, both table top and electronic, have some professional Star Wars re-enactors from Portland's 501st Cloud City Garrison mingling with the participants

and charge for entry a donation to the campus's Food Pantry.

The event was the Fight Hunger Games spread out in many rooms, big and small at WOU's Werner Center.

By midday on Feb. 7, they'd reached a third of their goal at 700 pounds. (The total haul was unavailable by the I-O's deadline).

"Our goal is 2,000 by the end of the day. But the idea is that the gaming event is the

thing that attracts people and then the cost of attending is a food donation," Webb said.

Meanwhile, everyone gets a prize that was donated.

The idea was a success at Webb's last school. Webb came to WOU in May from Cal State Bakersfield where, as a re-entry student, he launched the club Campus Gamers' Campus Gamers'

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Photo by David Hayes

Caledonia Fry reacts to the Magic: Commander Card attack on her by fellow gamer Ashtyn Lefond while Dalton Robertson and Bird Gilooly look on during the first ever WOU Fight Hunger Games in the Pacific Room at Werner Center on March 7.

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# Independence Cabinetworks Group opens on-site health clinic

Cabinetworks Group, the country's largest privately owned cabinet manufacturer, recently celebrated the opening of its second free on-site health clinic for its team members at its Independence manufacturing plant.

Now open, the health clinic is similar to the company's first location in Middlefield, Ohio, and offers team members, spouses and dependents access to on-site care — all at no cost.

"Since opening our first clinic in Ohio in November 2024, the response has truly exceeded our expectations," said Jeff Jackson, CEO of Cabinetworks Group. "We understood early on that many of our Independence team members and their families faced real challenges accessing affordable, timely medical care in this area. By opening this clinic, we're addressing that need head-on. This model removes barriers to care and reflects our commitment to being an employer of choice, which includes being one that listens, solves problems and supports its team members so they can focus on their health, well-being and performing at their best."

Staffed by a nurse practitioner and operated by Medcor, the clinic will provide free health services to the company's more than 200 team members in the region, with services including well-adult and well-child exams, assessment and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, chronic condition monitoring (blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol),

sports physicals for children/students and more. The clinic can also dispense select prescriptions on-site and at no cost to the team member. When referrals are necessary, Medcor navigates team members through provider selection and the traditional healthcare system to ensure optimal health outcomes and the most cost savings.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on March 2 to commemorate the occasion. Attendees heard from Jackson, as well as others from executive leadership. Light bites and refreshments were provided, and individuals were invited to tour the clinic afterwards. Attendees included Cabinetworks Group team members, community leaders and individuals from Medcor.

"When a company chooses to provide on-site care at no cost to their team members, it speaks volumes about the culture of the company," said Mayor Kate Schwarzler. "It says that you understand that work and life are connected, and it says that you recognize supporting families is essential and not just a nice extra. Access to quality care shouldn't be complicated or out of reach, but many families are struggling with it right now. By offering it right here where employees work, Cabinetworks Group is removing barriers and creating stability for families. When families are supported, our entire community benefits."

At a company-wide Town Hall in February, Jackson announced that the company would open a third clinic in its



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**Independence Mayor Kate Schwarzler (center) helps celebrate the opening of Cabinetworks Group on-site health clinic with a ribbon cutting by representatives (from left) John Hamlin, Jeff Jackson and Mark Yeandle Debbie LaPinska and Mike Wothe.**

Waconia, Minnesota, facility in mid to late 2026.

## About Cabinetworks Group

As the largest privately held cabinetmaker in the United States, Cabinetworks Group is home to more than 5,500 team members; 20 locations, including 16 manufacturing facilities; and 13 brands — among them industry leaders KraftMaid®, Medallion®, Merillat® and Smart® Cabinetry. Through an expansive network of major home centers, independent dealers and distributors, Cabinetworks builds life



**The Independence branch of Cabinetworks Group recently opened an on-site health clinic.**

into the kitchen — meeting any customer's vision with the industry's most

comprehensive cabinetry. More information about the company, its products,

and career opportunities can be found at [www.cabinetworksgroup.com](http://www.cabinetworksgroup.com).

# Polk County rep up for Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador title

Grace Faber, a 2025 Santiam Christian High School graduate, has spent the last year learning about and promoting Oregon's dairy industry during her term as the Polk County Dairy Princess Ambassador. The 18-year-old is now a student at Linn-Benton Community College, where she is studying Animal Sciences with an emphasis in Dairy Science. She will compete later this week for a state title and opportunity to

represent dairy throughout the state of Oregon.

The most impactful part of Faber's experience within the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Program was visiting students in classroom presentations. Faber shares that there are "so many people [who] have no idea where their milk comes from and how well these cows are treated". Her experience as a dairy princess ambassador has helped her practice public relation skills, build upon her

foundational dairy knowledge, and elevate her professional development.

Faber was born into the dairy industry and spent many days of her childhood visiting the animals on her grandparents' dairy farm. In the seventh grade, Grace received her first cow, Blossom, from her grandpa to show at the Polk County Fair. Since then her herd, and passion for the industry, has only grown. She hopes to continue growing her herd and strengthening her

knowledge about breeding and genetics in college.

For the past year, Faber has been busy representing Polk County, learning as much as she can about dairy products and dairy farming. Faber has visited hundreds of students and participated in a variety of events throughout the state.

The 2025-26 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Cydney Stables and Alternate Anna Wismer will pass on their titles

during the Oregon Dairy Women's 67th annual Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Coronation Banquet March 10 at the Oregon Dairy Farmers Convention in Salem.

Faber arrived with the other contestants and judges Sunday afternoon for a full two days of interviews, speeches and prepared commercials promoting dairy products. The winner will be crowned at the conclusion of Tuesday's banquet. If selected for

the title, Faber looks forward to hundreds of elementary school presentations, civic organization speaking engagements and public appearances.

The other state finalists include: PaytonLynn Baldwin, Marion County; Isabel Wedam, Morrow County; Simone Ferguson, Tillamook County; and Tayler Lovelady, Washington County; and Chloe Bingman, Yamhill County.

## SCHOOL

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in Independence now for 25. He is both a pastor with Family Church and small business owner, Senyk Custom Tile.

Senyk said he's found working with kids in the community a privilege to be able to be a part of their lives, especially with a lot of underprivileged kids.

"Kids are needing a positive role model and to be able to be there for them has been a joy of my life," he said. "And so it's something I take an interest in, as well as just working in mentoring youth, teenagers, as well as junior hires, as well as kids included."

His ties to the church also puts him in contact with other segments of the community, including the senior citizen residents at Heron Point through monthly services, and the Spanish community.

"Our church actually has four churches meeting there. I'm just kind of an oversight for them, three of them being bilingual. And so that's an important thing to me in the community and working closely with them," he said.

Senyk said his construction business he's owned for 35 years is his "bread and butter" allowing him to not take a salary at Family Church.

"That's something I do just as a part of my heart and enjoyment to work with the church and the community of churches that we are affiliated with," Senyk said.

He added he's gained board experience as pastor of his church, working previously in youth positions and other positions prior to that. Fiscal responsibility was a primary goal on his church board.

"It's something as far as financially goes, it's important to me. We've

never ran a debt in our church. It's always something very important to us to try to keep our head above water and do everything that we can that way, he said.

"As well as my personal business as well, I've never been in any kind of bankruptcy or situations like that. And always just making sure that the budgets, the finances are balanced and moving forward in a positive direction. That's something that's important."

Senyk added he expects working with a school district budget should be no different, just with bigger numbers and added zeroes.

"You still have to balance it, you know. So it's the same process, I believe," he said.

Having raised three children in the community, Senyk was asked what are some of the district's biggest challenges impacting the school system?

Senyk said not passing the recent school bond

has to be weighing heavily on district leadership, leading to figuring out stop gap measures keeping things in a condition that's appropriate.

"So I think in some regards, I bring some strengths there, you know, with my construction background and such, and that I think I could be a resource that way. We've been here seeing where the town and communities were 25 years ago to see the updates, upgrades, have been a positive thing, to walk through our little downtown, close to downtown. So we get to enjoy that," he said. "But I understand we put ourselves kind of in some binds because of those things now that the city needs to work through trying to figure out their budgets and how they're going to, you know, cover some of these shortfalls now."

Senyk also recently ran unsuccessfully for Independence City

Council. Throwing his hat in the ring for the school board he thought was a different way he could still serve his community.

"I still want to give back to the community however I can to be a positive, yeah, positive way to serve," he said.

Senyk was also asked, with his business and church leadership experience, what would he prioritize when faced with tough decisions if confirmed as a board member.

Senyk said he'd bring a "roof down" kind of mentality.

"You know, we don't want rain in the building. So we've got to stop gap on those first and then deal with the dry rot underneath," he said, referencing the leaking problems at the Central High School. "So it's a process of prioritizing. Obviously, it's all prioritizing. And when you have several things that are very important and important to different

people, that's where you get pulled in different directions."

The key, he added, is knowing he doesn't bring all the answers. It takes healthy dialogue to get to those answers and solutions.

So if I am brought on, I will be looking to you and talking with you and hopefully being able to sit down over some coffee and really getting to know you," he said to the board members. "You get to know me and where I can really find out where you all are feeling on certain things. I think that's important, healthy dialogue within."

After hearing his answers, the board were "perfectly fine" with his qualifications and didn't delay his unanimous confirmation. Senyk was sworn in and joined his now fellow board members for the rest of the evening's meeting.

Senyk will complete Moser's term through 2027.

# WOU students create care packages for foster children

Western Oregon University's Student Engagement and Student Media groups teamed up with Every Child Polk Yamhill, a program of REACH Northwest, for the Boxes of Hope project in November. This initiative allowed Western students to create care boxes filled with essential items and personal notes for children in foster care.

The Boxes of Hope project is designed to foster connections among students while enhancing their sense of belonging, confidence, and purpose. It also encourages them to gain new perspectives on the challenges faced by others.

"This project gave students something real to be part of. It invited them to do something that matters. Helping others can restore a sense of purpose. That's the heart of this project," said Linden Loren, student engagement coordinator and student media advisor.

Benefits of the project include:

1. **Enhanced Connection:** Provides students with a chance to connect, enhancing their sense of belonging and purpose.

2. **Community Strengthening:** Aligns with WOU's strategic plan and mission to build a stronger campus community.

3. **Showcasing Achievements:** Produces content that highlights student contributions, showcasing WOU's commitment to community service.

4. **Support for Vulnerable Children:** Directly assists children experiencing one of the most challenging moments of their lives.

One of the most effective ways to empower oneself and establish purpose is to ask, "Who can I help?" The Boxes of Hope project encourages this valuable inquiry by giving students the opportunity to make a positive impact on



PHOTO COURTESY WOU

## Wolfie helps assemble Boxes of Hope with Every Child Polk Yamhill.

the lives of children in need. Participants not only served their community but also gained

volunteer experience for their resumes, with the added incentive of being entered into a drawing

for a \$250 tuition-based scholarship.

Watch the project documentary and learn

more about this program online at <https://wou.edu/student-engagement/giving-back>.

# Tickets now available for WOU's TEDxMtHood

Western Oregon University will host TEDxMtHood on May 16. This year's event theme "For the Common Good," will spotlight influential speakers and performers dedicated to addressing solutions that impact the shared challenges facing our communities. This gathering aims to unite individuals working in or preparing

for careers that strive to enhance the world and strengthen local communities.

Participants will have the unique opportunity to connect with fellow community leaders across Oregon, allowing them to rest, find inspiration, and revitalize their energy. The event promises to be a powerful platform for networking and

collaboration.

Speakers include artist in residence Cathy Rowe, conservationist Chad Brown, rare disease champion Lindsey Wahlstrom, voting rights champion Sara Wolk, the nation's first Native American Dean of a College of Engineering, Joseph Bull, capital systems architect Kasem Rodriguez Mohsen,

vocalist Chrissy Marie, cellist Gideon Freudman, growth steward Laura Hilty, and a performance by Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Additional speakers will be added.

The ticket price includes:

- Three engaging sessions featuring speakers and performers
- Two hands-on breakout sessions with

a variety of activities to choose from

- Light breakfast, snacks, lunch, and a closing reception
- An attendee gift
- An event program and custom name tag
- Opportunities to forge new friendships and connections

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <https://tedxmt-hood.org>.

## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

VDH VMNH VC AHQB MY

ODHL UCW RCL'V DGZH

VMNH JCA MV.

- YURLHU DGAAMY

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## Three reasons why checkups help ensure healthy growth for your child

Making sure your child is healthy and growing comes down to prevention — and regular checkups are your secret weapon.

Here are three reasons why:

**1. Staying on schedule.** At each appointment, your pediatrician will measure growth and provide immunizations when needed. These appointments will also give you the space to ask questions and share concerns.

**2. Building healthy habits.** During checkups, doctors offer guidance on nutrition, sleep, safety and emotional wellness. This can help lay the foundation for lifelong well-being.

**3. Monitoring milestones.** The CDC says by using checklists for screening at specific ages (such as 9, 18 and 30 months), parents and providers can spot delays early. Early support can make all the difference.

Making time for regular checkups empowers you to be proactive. It's not about worrying — it's about celebrating your child's milestones, catching potential issues early and staying in tune with their changing needs. Preventive care helps make sure kids grow up strong, confident and healthy.

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# Direct File Oregon Offers quicker refund for online filing taxpayers

**By Oregon Department of Revenue**

Are you looking for a free option to file your taxes? Want to get your refund faster than filing a paper return? Direct File Oregon is the best of both worlds.

Taxpayers accustomed to filling out paper returns, can use Free Fillable Forms to file their federal return and then use Direct File Oregon to file their Oregon personal income tax return directly with the state.

"If you are used to filling out your taxes on a paper return, Free Fillable Forms is perfect for you. It is just like filling out a paper return, except on a computer screen," said Megan Denison, Personal Tax and Compliance Division administrator for the Oregon Department

of Revenue. "Using Direct File Oregon is as simple as answering a few questions. The result could save you weeks waiting on your refund."

"You can even use a public access computer in one of the Department of Revenue regional offices across the state," Denison added.

Now in its third year, Direct File Oregon is a free interview-based program similar to commercial software and allows taxpayers the convenience and security of filing directly with the state of Oregon through Revenue Online. More than 3,500 taxpayers have already used Direct File Oregon this year. That's right on pace with last year, when 14,000 Oregon taxpayers filed directly with the state.

The IRS was late providing necessary

tax forms and information to the Oregon Department of Revenue late last year. As a result, the state's processing of paper-filed Oregon personal income tax returns won't begin until the end of March. The first refunds for e-filed returns were issued in mid-February. Refunds for paper filed returns won't start until next month.

Oregon is returning \$1.41 billion in surplus revenue to taxpayers in 2026. Known as the "kicker," it will either decrease the amount of state taxes you owe or increase your Oregon state income tax refund.

The best part is Free Fillable Forms and Direct File Oregon have no income restrictions.

## Other free filing software options

Newly available this

year is GetYourRefund.org which provides free federal and state tax preparation options:

- **File Myself:** Access to self-prep software to file federal and state returns for free, with IRS-certified chat support. Income must be under \$89,000.
- **File with Help:** Virtual 1:1 expert tax prep provided through collaboration with local VITA programs. Suggested income under \$69,000.
- **VITA Site Location Finder:** Simple, mobile-friendly tool to find in-person VITA sites. Suggested income under \$69,000.

Email and live chat support is available in English and Spanish. Free guided tax preparation is available from three other companies that participate in the Free File Alliance for taxpayers that meet income requirements.

Using links from the department's website ([www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/get-free-tax-help.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/get-free-tax-help.aspx)) ensures that both taxpayers' federal and state return will be filed for free. These free services work much like the popular pay to file programs.

Each company has different requirements for who qualifies for free filing and offers must be accessed online at [www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/get-free-tax-help.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/get-free-tax-help.aspx).

- If your AGI is \$32,000 or less, you can use 1040NOW, which includes your Oregon return.
- If your AGI is \$51,000 or less (or \$89,000 or less and active military), you can use OLT or FreeTaxUSA, which includes your Oregon return.

• If your AGI is \$19,000-89,000 and age 67 or younger, you can use TaxSlayer, which includes your Oregon return.

The department offers computer kiosks in its five regional offices for taxpayers who don't have a computer or access to one. The kiosks are available during regular business hours in the following DOR regional offices:

- Bend, 951 SW Simpson Ave, Suite 100
  - Eugene, 1600 Valley River Drive, Suite 310
  - Gresham, 1550 NW Eastman Parkway, Suite 220
  - Medford, 3613 Aviation Way, Suite 102
  - Portland, 800 NE Oregon St., Suite 505
- They can be used to file with any of the free file options or to transfer their information from a paper return to Free Fillable Forms.

## OBITUARIES



**Shirley L. Robb**  
January 14, 1929 - February 14, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mom, Shirley L. Robb of Monmouth, Oregon, at the age of 97 on February 14,

2026. Born on January 14, 1929, in Lodi, Nebraska, Shirley was the oldest of eight children born to Clara and Ira Price.

Shirley is survived by her children, Linda M. Brock, Cheryl L. Peterson, Nancy A. Albritton, Jessica Holly, and Janet L. King; sister, Fern Groves and brother, Joel Price. Shirley has ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren who will miss her prayers and her presence in their lives.

Known for her deep love of friends and family, her love of quilting, and her

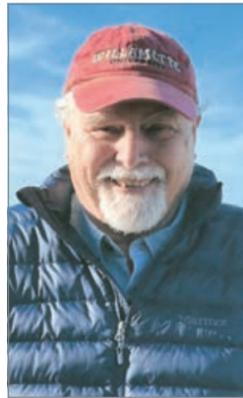
devotion to Christ, Shirley was a hardworking teacher, parent, and spouse who was known for her deep prayer life. She will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

There will be two memorial services held for Shirley.

Monmouth Christian Church on March 12, 2026, at 1 p.m. in Monmouth, Oregon and

Adrian Community Church on March 14, 2026, at 11 a.m. in Adrian, Oregon followed by a graveside service at Owyhee Cemetery in Nyssa, Oregon

Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family. [www.BollmansTributeCenter.com](http://www.BollmansTributeCenter.com).



**Richard LaMonte Boer**  
August 21, 1948 - February 28, 2026

Richard LaMonte Boer passed away at home on February 28, 2026, after a long battle with lung cancer and other Agent Orange impacts.

Richard "Dick" Boer

was born in Madison, South Dakota to William and Lorraine (Langdon) Boer on August 21, 1948. He attended Dakota State University and Northern State University after returning home from Vietnam (1968 - 1970) serving as an Army Medic in the 173 Airborne.

Richard married Vickie French on August 9, 1975, in Madison, South Dakota. They moved to Valsetz, Oregon in 1976, then to Dallas, Oregon in 1980. Richard worked for Willamette University for 32 years.

He loved riding his Harley and he and Vickie enjoyed many trips together. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and volunteering for Kindness Club, Adopt

a Family and Christmas Cheer.

Richard is survived by his wife, Vickie; sons, Cody (Patricia) Boer and Tyler Boer; grandchildren, Kinzi (Dylan) Boer-Bauman, Conner Boer, Lydia and Wyatt; sister-in-law, Sheryl French; brother-in-law, James Olson; and many loved cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Lorraine Boer; brothers, Terry and Larry; and sister, Joann.

Memorial Services will be held at a later time.

Bollman's Tribute Center is caring for the family. [www.BollmansTributeCenter.com](http://www.BollmansTributeCenter.com).

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Verda May O'Neal**  
05/24/1939 - 02/21/2026

A celebration of Verda's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at the Orange Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Aurora, Missouri.

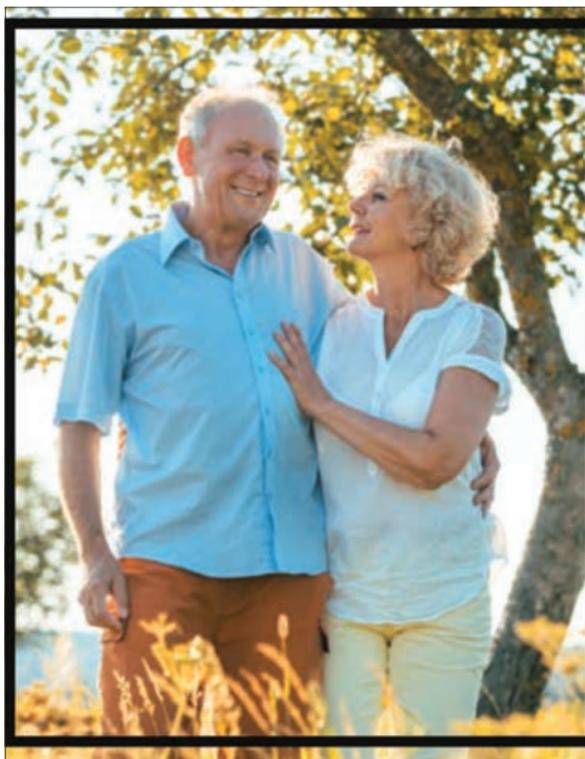
**DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE**

## CryptoQuote answer

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.  
— Sydney Harris

## Even Exchange answers

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| 1. Square, Squire | 6. White, Whine    |
| 2. Chili, Chill   | 7. Realty, Really  |
| 3. Margin, Marvin | 8. Skull, Skill    |
| 4. Paddle, Saddle | 9. Thing, Think    |
| 5. Angel, Anger   | 10. Poster, Porter |



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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Gov. Kotek needs to veto bill that restricts government oversight

By ONPA

We are asking Gov. Tina Kotek to veto HB 4177, an ill-advised measure approved by the Oregon Legislature that undermines Oregon's long-revered Public Meetings Law.

A work group that proposed HB 4177 excluded media organizations that were deeply embedded in the creation of our Public Meetings Law in 1973 and in subsequent amendments. Coming late to that table, representatives of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association were shocked to find this warning from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission:

"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. Much of the information gathering that normally occurs in public meetings (work sessions or executive sessions) could instead be done privately ... with no meeting notice, no minutes or recordings, and no news media observers."

Here are additional notes of caution from OGEC, obtained through a public records

request:

"It should be noted at the outset that whenever a quorum of a governing body gathers together, whether in public or private, that quorum has the power to exercise government authority and bind the government to any decision. Even if that decision occurs in private and in violation of the Public Meetings Law, the action still binds the government."

"It (HB 4177) is effectively rewriting the Public Meetings Law in ways that create much more ambiguity and inhibit enforcement, and doing so in a short session without any public involvement."

HB 4177 contains significant legal and political complications, and there is no emergency needing immediate legislative action without adequate attention to those problems.

Some portray HB 4177 as a measure simply to clarify issues related to "serial communications," which are 'daisy-chain' discussions among members of a governing body allowing deliberation without a meeting.

Instead, as testified by citizens, ONPA and OGEC, HB 4177 actually expands permissions for serial communications while allowing

full-quorum gatherings of governing bodies with "no meeting notice, no minutes or recordings, and no news media observers."

And of course, no citizen observers.

Enactment of HB 4177 would result in loss of government transparency, and new confusion for OGEC in its role of enforcing the Public Meetings Law.

Ironically, it required a public records request to uncover the depth of public harm that would be imposed by enactment of HB 4177. Oregon's two joined laws – Public Records and Public Meetings – provide the core rights of Oregon citizens to open government.

The Public Meetings Law in ORS 192.620 states state policy unchanged since 1973: "The Oregon form of government requires an informed public aware of the deliberations and decisions of governing bodies and the information upon which such decisions were made. It is the intent of ORS 192.610 to 192.690 that decisions of governing bodies be arrived at openly."

HB 4177 is a violation of that 56-year-old open government policy.

We believe, in passing HB

4177 during a short session, that the Oregon Legislature did not have full access to legal analysis about its consequences. This is precisely the time – particularly by a governor who has championed open government through decades of Oregon public service – for a balancing veto.

Gov. Kotek, we offer our full support on behalf of the Oregon public for your consideration of a veto on HB 4177.

- Albany Democrat-Herald
- BakerCityHerald.com
- Bandon Western World
- Beaverton Valley Times
- Tigard-Tualatin Times
- Bend Bulletin
- Bluemountaineagle.com
- Burns Times-Herald
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- Cannon Beach Gazette
- Cascade Business News
- Central Oregonian (Prineville)
- The Chronicle (Springfield)
- Columbia Gorge News
- Corvallis Gazette Times
- Cottage Grove Sentinel
- Curry Coastal Pilot (Brookings)
- The Daily Astorian
- East Oregonian
- Estacada News
- Eugene Weekly
- Forest Grove News-Times

- Grants Pass Daily Courier
- Herald and News
- HermistonHerald.com
- Hillsboro Tribune
- The Gresham Outlook
- LaGrandeObserver.com
- Lake Oswego Review
- Lakeview Examiner
- Lincoln City Leader
- The Madras Pioneer
- McKenzieRiverReflections.com
- The Newberg Graphic
- The New Era (Sweet Home)
- The News-Register (McMinnville)
- The News-Review (Roseburg)
- North Coast Citizen

- Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association
- The Oregonian
- Polk Co. Itemizer Observer (Dallas)
- Redmond Spokesman
- Rogue Valley Times (Medford)
- The Sandy Post
- South County Spotlight (Scappoose)
- Seaside Signal
- Siuslaw News (Florence)
- Smoke Signals
- Tillamook Headlight Herald
- Wallowa.com
- West Linn Tidings
- Wilsonville Spokesman
- Woodburn Independent
- The World (Coos Bay)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Jeremy Gordon is the eyes, ears of Polk County

Jeremy Gordon serves all people in Polk County. He was appointed to the Board of Commissioners in August of 2021, then elected in 2022. Let's re-elect him in May. All Polk voters can support him for the Zone 3 seat.

Ears: He listens carefully to individuals, staff, committees, business people, health care providers, and more.

Eyes: He sees the need to provide mental health and substance abuse disorder services. He supports coordinated homelessness prevention and more affordable housing.

Hands: He gets accurate data necessary for decision-making. He works for responsive county services and careful budget oversight.

Feet: He connects Polk Co. with other people and places. \*

\* Examples: He is a board director for the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. He co-chairs the Association of Oregon Counties Public Safety and Veterans Steering Committee. He works with the Human Services and Education Committee, National Association of Counties.

Here's a fun connection. He grew up in Green Bay (Carol: I did too) and he roots for the Packers.

Bob and Carol Christ Dallas

#### Veteran has concerns with government leadership

I'm a Veteran. I have commanded military units and written war plans.

I lived in Asia for four years (think Vietnam) and in Europe for 10 years (think NATO and the Cold War). Throughout this time, I was reminded that

American servicemen were expected to follow orders, tell the truth, fulfill treaty obligations and to maintain the moral high ground while doing so.

Things change. Today I hear lies coming from government officials, see gross violations of the Constitution and the UN Charter, and wonder about the mental and moral fitness of the people now in charge of what was once the most

competent and caring military force in the world. Surely we can do better. The Constitution tells us how (consider Impeachment).

Don Ellingson Dallas

#### Iran wants Joe Biden back

The Babylon Bee published an article titled "Iranian Regime Calls White House To Ask If They Can Have Biden Back". That article is

probably in response to Trump saying a deal with Iran must be preceded by unconditional surrender.

This reminds me of the quote I found in the copy of Mao Tse-tung's little red book I picked up in Hong Kong saying, "It can therefore be said that politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed."

In saying that Mao compressed into a sound

bite an entire chapter of Sun Tzu's Art of War, where he declared war and politics resided on a continuum and were not a dichotomy. Evidently, we have entered a diplomatic approach revered in Asia and seldom discussed in any of our western universities. It looks like we have accepted the declaration of war tendered to us repeatedly since 1979.

Nolan Nelson Redmond



#### Temp/Rainfall

March 2	- 61	44	0.00
March 3	- 60	43	0.04
March 4	- 53	45	0.24
March 5	- 53	41	0.00
March 6	- 53	44	0.08
March 7	- 66	42	0.00
March 8	- 58	38	0.00

Total March 2-8 - 0.36

Total through March 8 - 0.36

#### Weekly Online Poll

#### Which city has the best overall eating experience?

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Monmouth	- 28.6%
Independence	- 47.6%

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: POPEYE'S FAVORITE FOOD

Arugula Chard Fennel Quinoa  
 Beet greens Chicory Kale Turnip greens  
 Bok choy Collard greens Leek Watercress  
 Cabbage Endive Lettuce

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Page is added to newspaper. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Arm is shorter. 4. Pillow is different. 5. Curt is smaller. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

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### Americanisms

"Onion rings are just vegetable donuts."  
 — Cookie Monster

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### Moments in time

- On **March 16, 1827**, "Freedom's Journal," America's first Black-owned-and-run newspaper, debuted in New York City. A mix of news, service and abolitionist advocacy, it was distributed in 11 states, Canada, Haiti and the U.K.
- On **March 17, 461 A.D.**, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland St. Patrick died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland after 40 years of living in poverty, teaching and traveling, during which time he converted thousands of Irish and built churches around the country.
- On **March 18, 1911**, composer Irving Berlin copyrighted "Alexander's Ragtime Band," a multimillion-selling hit that helped turn American popular music into a major international phenomenon.
- On **March 19, 1931**, the Nevada state legislature voted to legalize gambling in an attempt to lift the state out of the Great Depression's tough times. Today, state gambling taxes account for the lion's share of Nevada's overall tax revenues.
- On **March 20, 1345**, scholars at the University of Paris alleged the Black Death was born of what they called "a triple conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars in the 40th degree of Aquarius." Also known as the Plague, it cut a swath across Europe, the Middle East and Asia during the 14th century and left an estimated 25 million dead in its wake.
- On **March 21, 1956**, James Wong Howe became the first Asian American to win an Academy Award, for Best Cinematography for "The Rose Tattoo," starring Anna Magnani and Burt Lancaster. According to Smithsonian Magazine, Howe claimed a knack for making "old stars young, plump stars thin, ordinary faces beautiful."
- On **March 22, 1999**, 22-year-old Cynthia Vigil Jaramillo was discovered running naked and with a padlocked metal collar around her neck down an unpaved road near Elephant Butte State Park in New Mexico. She had been abducted three days earlier in Albuquerque by David Parker Ray and Cynthia Lea Hendy, who brought her to their mobile home, where she was raped and tortured. While law enforcement agents believed Ray had many more victims, he was never charged with or convicted of murder and died in custody in 2002 on the way to beginning a 200-year sentence for kidnapping.

### Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Lack of vitality  
 7 Neighbor of Florida  
 14 Garlicy sauces  
 20 In a rational manner  
 21 Unexpired driver's license, e.g.  
 22 Well-spoken  
 23 Whole bunch of baby felines?  
 25 Regions, weatherwise  
 26 Some reddish deer  
 27 Sex educator  
 28 Jokster Jay  
 30 Viscous stuff  
 31 DVD — (data holders)  
 32 Make angry  
 33 Dogs that hunt egrets?  
 37 Fade away  
 38 B.A., e.g.  
 39 Corp. exec in charge of ads and branding  
 41 Locale  
 42 "Oh, gocha"  
 43 Snacks that help physicians build atomic bombs?  
 47 Campus digs

**DOWN**

49 Text-scanning device: Abbr.  
 50 French for "the king"  
 51 Head up  
 53 1890s veep  
 54 Stevenson  
 55 Back of an overseas ship?  
 59 Entrepreneur Baros who cooks sheep delicacies?  
 63 Tan-colored  
 64 'ich bin — Berliner"  
 66 Actors Momoa and Statham  
 67 Frigid  
 68 Ladies who use Speed Stick?  
 72 — Newton  
 75 Shared a living space  
 77 Water, in Lille  
 78 2008 documentary about the national debt  
 80 Cover girl from a city in central Georgia?  
 84 Fire breather's parachute descent?  
 88 Flatbergast

**ACROSS**

69 Paddy food  
 91 — Park (Edison's home)  
 92 Machinery wheel  
 93 Unwell  
 97 Package shipped to singer Dolly?  
 102 From the top  
 104 En — (in full court)  
 106 Free TV spot, in brief  
 107 "I taut I — a puddy tall"  
 108 Med. group  
 109 Serenity in a rabbit colony?  
 112 Woodsy den  
 114 U-boats, e.g.  
 115 Feel unwell  
 116 Andean land  
 117 French essayist Simone  
 118 Singer Horne  
 119 Nag  
 122 Answer from poet Countee?  
 128 Greek goddess of wisdom  
 127 Phoenician goddess of fertility  
 128 "Could be"  
 129 Deny  
 130 Own  
 131 Atlantic City hotel/casino

**DOWN**

1 Request  
 2 Capital of Kenya  
 3 Buns  
 4 Doles (out) in la mer  
 6 "Anthem" author Rand  
 7 Benefit  
 8 Med. test worker  
 9 Balm additive  
 10 Playbill info  
 11 Befuddle  
 12 Some track runners  
 13 Lymphoid throat mass  
 14 Ravens' gp.  
 15 "Send me"  
 16 "Yes, yes!" in France  
 17 Food flatfish  
 18 Suffix with Benedict  
 19 Reads: Abbr.  
 24 Bun worn at the back of the neck  
 29 Savvy about  
 31 Fight arbiter  
 32 Co. shuffling  
 33 Expectation  
 34 That girl  
 35 Unstimulating java  
 36 Letter stroke

**38** Protest at which people lie down  
**40** "Uncle" of old TV  
**44** Whole lot  
**45** U.S. spy gp.  
**46** "Uncle" of the U.S.  
**48** Singer Amnee  
**52** "Of the day," on menus  
**54** VIPs at raves  
**55** DOJ agency  
**56** Tolkien friend  
**57** Crooner  
**58** Often-dinged car feature  
**60** — o'-shanter  
**61** Mao — lung  
**62** Ending for ball or bass  
**65** DE-to-VT dir.  
**68** Dad's mate  
**69** Angry genre  
**70** Flanders  
**71** Fishing boots  
**72** Animal's coat  
**73** The same: Prefix  
**74** Hiatus  
**75** Cartoonist  
**76** Wallet bills  
**78** Spouse's father, e.g.  
**79** Bad smell  
**80** Kind of parrot

**81** Refrigerator brand  
**82** Reluctant to be filmed  
**83** Glass edge  
**85** Latin "I love"  
**86** Non-Jewish  
**87** Comparable (with)  
**90** Robin's wear  
**94** "Son of," in Arabic  
**95** AI who drew  
**96** Patella  
**98** Natural gifts  
**99** England-to-France connector  
**100** Envoy's residence  
**101** — Angeles  
**103** Authors  
**105** David of "NYPD Blue"  
**110** Justice Kagan  
**111** Niche sects  
**113** Buenos —  
**114** Capital of South Korea  
**117** Existed  
**118** Meg Mallon's go  
**119** Wok, e.g.  
**120** Greek vowel  
**121** Light beam  
**123** Notes before tis  
**124** Sis, e.g.  
**125** Swirly letter

### Weekly SUDOKU

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

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: R equals H

IONYGBM YFPNYC CNQT GT  
 QRGWR FJFYXENBX ONJFP  
 PGTZGTZ PMWYFB RXLTP NI  
 DYMGPFF: DPMOL EFMWR.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

### 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.

+	+	=	10					
+	+	+						
+	÷	=	2					
+	+	÷						
-	-	=	1					
=	=	=						
14	17	6						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

MY FASHION SENSE IS SO BAD, JUST TO KNOW I WAS SHOPPING IN THE CORRECT AREA I GRABBED THE CLOTHES OFF THE BOY MANNEQUIN.

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### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

IT'S FREEZING OUT. ALL THIS WINTER STUFF I BOUGHT ONLINE IS BARELY ENOUGH.

I GAVE THE FELLAS MY CARD NUMBER. THEY CAN'T STILL BE PICKING OUT CLOTHES?

THEIR ORDER HAS TO BE HERE BY NOW.

IF YOU'RE WANTING TO USE THE TANNING BED, GET IN LINE.

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Acadia National Park?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was an avid dog breeder who gave his hunting hounds funny names like "Sweet Lips" and "Madam Moose"?
- MOVIES: Who is the antagonist of "Shrek" in the first animated movie?
- LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the 20th-century author who was born Adeline Virginia Stephen?
- TELEVISION: What's the family's last name in the TV sitcom "The Middle"?
- HISTORY: Which famous nurse was known as the Lady with the Lamp?
- GEOGRAPHY: Ringgit is the common currency in which Southeast Asian country?
- ANATOMY: Which human organ stores bile?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "Cogito, ergo sum" mean in English?
- MATH: What is the next prime number after 7?

**Answers**

- Maine.
- George Washington.
- Lord Maximus Farquaad.
- Virginia Woolf.
- Heck.
- Florence Nightingale.
- Malaysia
- The gallbladder.
- "I think, therefore I am."
- Eleven (11).

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**Buzzin'**

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sure we are doing what the community would like for us to be here," Strawder said.

"Yeah. We have a lot of older people that are our customers, so for us it's important just to keep things affordable," Sipe added.

Strawder said they acquire much of their inventory from online auctions to abandoned storage lockers out of the Portland area.

"It's always different, consistent inventory. So, it's a mystery, but that's where we get all of our stuff. Unless it's estate sales during the summer, garage sales, that's our other habit."

Sipe said Buzzin' Finds' main mission is to keep their inventory affordable. Just don't wait around if something piques your interest.

"We want to push our merchandise. And what you see today, you may not see tomorrow," Sipe said.



Photo by David Hayes

**Buzzin' Finds owners Justin Strawder and Jessica Sipe already have their brick and mortar building filled to the brim with collectibles.**

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# GAMERS

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purpose was to do charitable stuff.

“And so we started doing events to raise money for the children’s hospital down in Bakersfield, which was very tiny,” Webb said. “And over the course of about 10 years, we raised a quarter of a million dollars for the hospital.”

First the university recognized his success and hired him on. Then others in the community took notice and donated to his club’s coffers, including gaming gear. The collection kept getting bigger and bigger.

“Right before I moved up here, we had gone a couple of years where I wasn’t involved with the event and it started tapering off,” Webb recalled. “And so when I came up here, I told the student union director if you let me keep this stuff, I will make sure that it continues to be used for the purpose for which it was donated, which was a charitable purpose. He says, ‘I believe you. It’s okay.’ So I got all this stuff.”

With about 12 volunteers set up various areas for Fight Hunger Games, Webb still was drawn in multiple directions at once to help keep the new event running smoothly.

Webb spread the Fight Hunger Games event in rooms throughout the Werner Center. In the biggest, he set up 40 consoles for gamers to log in and play for free on older systems including the Xbox 360, Xbox One, PS3 and PS4.

“Most of them are

360s because we had bought enough 360s to replace all of the systems in the children’s hospital and they gave us our old ones. So we used our old ones to fill up a lot of these machines,” he said. “I wish I could give you a picture of a room full of people, but it’s been really hard to communicate what this is because, you know, it’s not something that you can just go to pay to rent 40 systems somewhere, you know, it costs you a mint.”

Another large area was set aside for table games, like Dungeons & Dragons and One Night Ultimate Werewolf and another area for Rock Band.

With so much to do to attract all sorts of gamers, Fight Hunger Games failed to draw as big a crowd as Webb hoped. Webb didn’t let the low turnout get to him.

“So this is kind of like a test year to get it out. So everybody kind of gets what it is,” he explained. “And then next year they’re like, Oh, I remember hearing about that thing.”

And so for this one, we have not had as many people turn out as I had hoped, but we’re almost at 700 pounds of food raised (by mid day),” he added. “I was hoping for 2,000 pounds, but I’m happy to get what we get. And word will get out like, hey did you see this? You know, there’ll be pictures of it posted and show up on social media and people see it and go, man I would have gone to that if I’d known about it.”

Webb scheduled the



Members of Portland’s 501st Cloud City Garrison, dressed in their evil empire finest, get ready to mingle at Fight Hunger Games as various Star Wars characters.



A popular attraction at Fight Hunger Games was the Halo 2 room where gamers signed in for player vs player tournaments.

event for a full 12 hours on Feb. 7 so gamers of all ages and experience could show up whenever they wanted

and not have to commit a full Saturday to the fundraiser.

To improve turnout for next year, Webb plans to better advertise, as he wants it as a regular event that WOU gets known for hosting.

“You know, (people) want big events. We want more weekend events because your housing is stuck here. You know, there’s something to do that’s right out your front door,” he said. “And we want things that are going

to help the community. And so this event does all three.”

Ever the optimist, Webb said the event’s overall success depends on whether the purpose was achieved.

“So we didn’t achieve the goal that I had set, or at least haven’t yet. But we’ve made great headways. You can’t look at 700 pounds of food and go, you know, you guys are maybe not working,” he said. “We’re raising it for the food pantry that’s

here in Monmouth. It doesn’t just support students. It supports everybody in Monmouth and Independence. And I thought that was a better use of our energy than trying to do something that helped, you know, a major hospital that’s got, you know, corporate donors and that kind of thing. You know, we can never compete with them, but we can make a huge impact on our own food pantry.”



Kairo Shahin (left) and Andrea Asmar try to get the rhythm and hang of Donkey Konga.



The Young Democrat Socialist Club table was a popular draw as players try the indie game Spider Hack. The club donated 336 pounds to Fight Hunger Games.

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File photo by Lance Masterson  
**Ezra Wells (left) and Asher Baker pictured against West Albany. Wells is one of eight Panther seniors who played their last home against the Bulldogs. Baker, a junior, is one of the core players expected back next season.**

## Highlanders oust Panthers from state playoffs, 60-32

By LANCE MASTERSON  
 For THE ITEMIZER-OBSERVER

North Eugene proved to be too much for the Panthers, as they defeated the local lads, 60-32, in the opening round of the state

playoffs.

The loss came despite the return of Jack Holestine to Central's lineup. On Jan. 30, Holestine injured his shoulder diving for a loose ball against Crescent Valley

and did not play until Friday's game.

The senior point guard, who was leading the team in scoring and assists when injured, responded with

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## Panthers end season as winners, topple Raiders 36-33

By LANCE MASTERSON  
 For THE ITEMIZER-OBSERVER

The Central Panthers closed out their girls' basketball season with a sense of redemption by edging Crescent Valley 36-33 on March 3.

The win came with a little extra motivation. Earlier this season, the Panthers played the Raiders tough in the first half, only to see the game slip away in the second half. Central finished what it started this time.

It was the team's only win against an opponent that finished above them in the conference standings. Central was 5-11 in league, 6-18 overall.

For senior Alondra Garcia-Saavedra, a two-year varsity player, the game marked the final chapter of her high school basketball career.

"Exciting," she said when asked what it felt like to play her last game.

The senior expressed

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File photo by Lance Masterson  
**Central's Bella Names (with ball) is one of many experienced players who could return next season for the Panthers. The guard was also named to the second-team all-district team.**



File photo by SMY Photography  
**Dallas sophomore Carson Langford takes a more aggressive strategy to defeat Justice Edmiston of West Albany in the state wrestling finals at 215 pounds on the way to winning back-to-back titles.**

## Langford avenges district loss to win back-to-back state titles

By LANCE MASTERSON  
 For THE ITEMIZER-OBSERVER

Carson Langford made the most of a second chance.

Entering the Class 5A state championships, the Dallas sophomore was seeded fifth after falling short of a district title. There, Langford fell to sophomore Justice Edmiston of West Albany in the finals, at 215 pounds.

That loss sealed his seeding fate at state, despite compiling a 36-3 overall record on the season.

"If you don't win districts, you can't be seeded higher than fourth at state, so I was expecting a lower seed," he said. "It wasn't going to change

much for me."

As fate would have it, Edmiston and Langford met again. This time, with a state title on the line. This time, Langford rallied for a 6-4 decision; his second state title in as many years.

The Bulldog struck first, scoring a first-round takedown for a 3-0 advantage. For the first time in four matches, Langford trailed.

"Yeah, definitely at first," Langford said when asked if he was worried. "I had a little doubt in my mind, but I knew the hard work I'd put in was going to help me overcome it."

Once Langford bounced back from that initial shock, the match

was his.

Austin Markee, Dallas head coach, said Langford bounced back after the early setback.

"He settled in and started hand fighting, attacking, and really taking control. Even if he was behind on points, there was a lot of wrestling left," Markee said.

Langford tallied all six points in a dominant second round. Points came on an escape, takedown and near fall.

Edmiston tallied a final point on an escape with 37 seconds left in the match.

It's possible Langford's seeding might have caused his

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File photo by SMY Photography  
**Dallas sophomore Khadijah Tabib has her hand raised in victory after winning the girls wrestling state title at 155 pounds, as coaches help her opponent McKenna Unger of McNary.**

## Lessons learned, Tabib cruises to state title

By LANCE MASTERSON  
 For THE ITEMIZER-OBSERVER

Forget about being the 13th seed.

Dallas wrestler Khadijah Tabib knew that remembering what brought her to state was far more important than worrying about her seeding. And that meant staying calm, trusting the work she had put in all season, and controlling the pace of every match.

Tabib did exactly that, and, in the process, dominated the competition en route to a state

title at 155 pounds. She routed, in succession, Dema Al Rubaye of Aloha, 14-2; Amari Meilicke of Crater, 8-2; Leticia Martinez of Century, 8-0; and, in the finals, McKenna Unger of McNary, 13-1.

All four wrestlers were seeded fifth or higher. But Tabib ultimately wrestled at an even higher plane, outscoring them 43-5 collectively.

"I didn't rush into anything," she said of the secret to her success. "I focused on reacting the right ways and

not trying to do dumb moves. I think that helped me a lot."

The path to the title began with lessons learned two weeks prior at the district finals, where she finished third after battling composure. Tabib took steps to ensure similar mistakes would not happen again.

"I made sure to control my emotions and not let any nervousness get a hold of me," she said.

Tabib remained in control throughout the

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### PREP SCOREBOARD

State Basketball Playoffs - First Round  
 North Eugene 60, Central 32  
 Crook County 73, Lebanon 55  
 Summit 62, Corvallis 45

Canby 63, Crescent Valley 38

Centennial 89, West Albany 74

Note: None of five boys teams from the Mid-Willamette Conference advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

### PREP CALENDAR

#### March 16

Sandy vs. CHS Boys Tennis, TBD  
 DHS baseball at Santiam Christian, 3 p.m.  
 Philomath vs. CHS Baseball, 3:30 p.m.

DHS baseball at Philomath, 5:30 p.m.  
 DHS baseball at Philomath, 5:30 p.m. (Santiam Christian High School)  
 CHS Baseball at Santiam Christian, 5 p.m.

#### March 17

Sprague at DHS Track  
 Dallas IceBreaker, 4 p.m.  
 CHS Baseball at Franklin, 5 p.m.  
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Independence, OR 97351. OR Email: pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us OR Google Form: https://forms.gle/dkebDxvVMFoJH3w7. Please include: Name, contact information, address and of residence, why you are interested, and qualifications, knowledge, experience you can contribute to the budget process. Applications MUST BE RECEIVED by Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 11:59 p.m. The Board will review letters and make appointments at a regular meeting. For more information, call 503-606-2251 or email pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us or visit the Financial Services page on the CSD website. Description of Vacant Zone Area: Zone 4 Portion of the City of Monmouth west of Pacific Highway and north of Jackson Street (within the city limits only) (VACANT - expires 06/30/28) Zone 5 Portion of the City of Monmouth west of Pacific Highway and south of Jackson Street (within the city limits only) (VACANT - expires 06/30/28) Zone 6 Portion of the district in Polk County outside of the cities of Monmouth and Independence and the Monmouth-Falls City State Highway (VACANT - expires 06/30/27)

PCIO26-168 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK. Case no: 25DR19086. SUMMONS FOR FAMILY LAW CASE, Unmarried & Unregistered. Petitioner: Michaela Louise Ruark and Respondent: Matthew Dale Bunn. To: Matthew Dale Bunn, Home Address: Unknown. Work Address: Unknown. Your spouse, partner, or child's parent has filed a Petition asking for: Child Support, custody, or parenting time. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case, or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file a legal paper called a "Response" or a motion. Response forms are available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your Response must be filed with the court clerk at the court named above within 30 days of the day you received this Summons, along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form, and you must show that the Petitioner's lawyer (or Petitioner if he or she does not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of the Response according to the service rules. Service rules are included in Instructions for Respondents, available at www.courts.oregon.gov. If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636 or go to www.oregonstatebar.org.

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Date: 03/03/2026, Petitioner Signature: Michaela Ruark, Name (printed) Michaela L. Ruark, contact address: 542 NE Fern Ave. City State, ZIP: Dallas, Oregon 97338. Contact Phone: 503-400-0486. Appendix D - Statutory Restraining Order. \ { Attach to Summons per ORS 109.103(5)} . NOTICE OF STATUTORY RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING THE DISSIPATION OF ASSETS IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS BETWEEN UNMARRIED PARENTS. REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. BOTH PARTIES MUST OBEY EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDER TO AVOID VIOLATING THE LAW. SEE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING BELOW. TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT: Under ORS 109.103(5) and UCR 8.080, neither Petitioner nor Respondent may: Insurance Policies (1) Cancel, modify, terminate, or allow to lapse for nonpayment of premiums, any policy of health insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for the other party or a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy that names either of the parties or a minor child of the parties as a beneficiary. Insurance Beneficiaries (2) Change beneficiaries or covered parties under any policy of health insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy. EFFECTIVE DATE: The above provisions are in effect immediately upon service of the Petition and Summons on the respondent. They remain in effect until a final judgment is issued, until the petition is dismissed, or until further order of the court. RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING Either Petitioner or Respondent may request a hearing to modify or revoke one of more terms of this restraining order by filing with the court the Request for Hearing re: Statutory Restraining Order form specified in Form 8.080.3 in the UCR Appendix of Forms.

PCIO26-171 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM R. BLOCKSOM, Deceased. Case No. 26PB02039 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Retta M. Blocksom has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative in c/o Henzel Law Offices, 2215 SE Harrison St., Milwaukie, OR 97222, within 4 months after the date of first publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may

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obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on March 11, 2026. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Retta M. Blocksom C/O Henzel Law Offices ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: D. Ben Henzel, OSB No. 951737 Henzel Law Offices 2215 SE Harrison St., Milwaukie, OR 97222 Telephone: (503) 546-1588 Email: dbh@henzelpc.com

PCIO26-169 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of: Gene William Austin, Deceased Case No. 26PB00894 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kevin Gene Austin has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at Matthew McKean, c/o MCKEAN & KNAUPE ATTORNEYS, LLC, 101 SW Washington St., Hillsboro, Oregon 97123, 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, Matthew McKean. Dated and first published March 11, 2026. s/ Matthew McKean Matthew McKean, OSB# 040882 Attorney for Personal Representative Matthew McKean, OSB# 040882 McKean & Knaupp Attorneys, LLC 101 SW Washington St., Hillsboro, Oregon 97123 Telephone (503) 846-0707 Fax (503) 419-4912 Email: Matthew@mckeanknaupp.com

PCIO26-170 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF POLK, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANALEE JOHNSON, DECEASED, CASE NO. 26PB02031. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Date of publication: March 11, 2026. Brittany D. Johnson, Personal

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Representative of the Estate of Danalee Johnson. Deceased. Gregory V. Goebel, OSB #194952, Sherman, Sherman Johnnie & Hoyt, PC., Attorneys for the Personal Representative, 189 SW Academy St, PO Box 105, Dallas, OR 97338, (503) 364-2281. PCIO26-159 PUBLIC NOTICE - OPEN HOUSE The City of Independence Public Works Department will be holding a public open house to review the Stormwater System Master Plan. The open house will be held on March 12, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Event Center. There will be a short presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. The meeting location will be accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, (503) 838-1212. P C I O 2 6 - 1 6 0 Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 3/25/2026 at 10:00AM. Alisia Schrader unit #A1085; Teasy Lemurug unit #A1091; Jeffrey K Tackett unit #A2101; Marlo Plater unit #A3027; Jaime Decaney unit #A3116; Keegan K Lafon unit #A3129; Taylor Moran unit #A3173. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply

P C I O 2 6 - 1 4 4 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 140445 OR Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*7171 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JESUS J. MACIEL AND MARIA MACIEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 4/27/2019, recorded 5/2/2019, as Instrument No. 2019-004453, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 130, EAGLES VIEW NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK, AND STATE OF OREGON. APN: 567400 / 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

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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 Reinstated: \$19,937.78 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$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 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

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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 PCIO26-151 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: <a href="http://oregonsheriffssales.org/">http://oregonsheriffssales.org/</a>

# PUBLIC RECORD

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

## Independence Police Department

### THURSDAY, FEB. 26

At 6:59 a.m., Laila Paniagua-Medina was arrested for scratching, pulling out a piercing and hitting her domestic partner in the head during an argument in the 200 block of Deann Drive. Paniagua-Medina had left the scene when officers arrived and was later detained by Salem Police Department and transported to the Polk County Jail where she was charged with assault 4 - misdemeanor.

At 1:53 p.m., Kevin Chavez was arrested in the 100 block of Monmouth Street on an outstanding failure to appear warrant from Marion County.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 27

On the eve of Jan. 30, an officer noticed a car doing donuts in the intersection of South Main and I streets. The officer turned to follow the vehicle but lost sight of it. The registered owner of the vehicle had no ties to the area. A couple of weeks later a Dallas Police Department officer identified the driver as Axle Paddock, who'd purchased the involved vehicle the day before the incident in Independence. Paddock received a criminal citation for reckless driving.

At 2:45 p.m., officers assisted Dallas police by taking custody of a wanted subject, Sara Gembala, and transported her to Polk County Jail, where she was lodged and charged with contempt - violation of a restraining order

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

At 3:57 p.m., a report of loose turkeys jumping on vehicles on C Street.

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

An officer contacted an individual sleeping in his vehicle in the 1600 block of Monmouth Street discovered that the male, James Bese, had an outstanding failure to appear bench warrant out of Mill City Municipal Court. Bese was cited and released.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

At 3:51 p.m., officers investigated a report of a vehicle abandoned in the road on River Road. They were unable to locate the vehicle.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

At 4:02 a.m., officers from Independence and Monmouth investigated a building alarm on Main Street. They found the front door unlocked and cleared the building with the owner's consent. They found nothing and the owner locked up.

A 911 call was placed about two men arguing over a driving incident outside of Independence Elementary School during morning drop off. David Young got a tire iron out of his vehicle and approached the victim after spitting at him. Young was taken into custody and was booked at the Polk County Jail where he was charged with menacing and physical harassment.

At 7:20 p.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run on Monmouth Street. They are still investigating.

## Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, Feb. 26

**Suspicious Vehicle:** A report of a vehicle running idle for multiple hours. The owner was contacted and was unaware it was running, thinking it must have been left on after arriving home.

**Assist Other Agency:** Officers assisted another law enforcement department regarding a physical domestic disturbance. One person left the scene and is believed to be in another city. The other department has probable cause for assault against the person who left.

**Illegal Parking:** A complaint about a silver van parked incorrectly near an intersection, creating a traffic hazard. The vehicle was located and occupied by the intersection's crossing guard. An officer had an informal conversation with the driver and requested the vehicle be moved to a legal spot. The complaint was updated.

**Hit and Run:** A black sedan was struck on the left front corner by an unknown vehicle while parked overnight, resulting in significant damage. Currently, there is no suspect information, but an investigation will use nearby video to try and identify the vehicle. A crash report was filed.

**Check Welfare:** A person fell from an e-bike after the chain broke. The rider was uninjured but requested help getting back to a nearby city. While the officer tried to assist with the chain, the person arranged for a friend to help.

**Noise Violation:** Officers responded to a noise complaint regarding a generator running in a backyard. The sound was

audible upon arrival. An attempt to use a sound level reader failed due to dead batteries, and upon returning with new batteries, the generator noise had stopped. Two people drove by and were confrontational, with one threatening to file a harassment complaint.

**Noise Complaint:** A resident came to the police department to file another noise complaint about neighbors warming up their truck this morning. The resident advised they stood in their own driveway and held a decibel reader up, which indicated 75dB while the truck was parked across the street along the curb. The resident advised they warmed their truck up for 12 minutes this morning. An officer explained there was ice on windshields this morning and it did not appear their action was intentional. The officer let the resident know the issue would be documented but would not be addressed again with the family.

**Trespass:** Staff at a business reported a female repeatedly soliciting customers and standing by the door despite being asked to stop. The female was issued a trespass order from the business at the staff's request, which she acknowledged understanding.

**Attempt to Locate:** Officers received a report of a possible kidnapping involving a male in a black four-door vehicle and a young child. While units searched for the vehicle, another caller from an elementary school reported an unattended six-year-old, who was confirmed to be the involved child. No crime occurred.

**Illegal Parking:** An anonymous complaint about a white sedan parked in front of a fire hydrant. The owner was contacted and stated a tow truck driver left the vehicle there without her knowledge. She agreed to move it when her relative, who had the key, returned from work.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A person called requesting the return of a firearm. The municipal police department does not have the gun. An attempt to call the person back did not receive an answer.

**Missing Person:** A staff member at a group home reported a client as missing after over 24 hours of no contact. The client was last seen in a nearby city and refused to return with staff. The client was wearing all black and is suspected of using illegal substances again. The client was entered into the missing person system.

**Burglary:** A resident reported that an unknown person entered her dorm room

during a one-hour window and took a white medication bag containing 10 different prescription medications labeled with her name.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 27

**Warrant:** A person stopped for a seatbelt violation was cited for an outstanding municipal warrant.

**Warrant:** Police located and stopped a person regarding an outstanding municipal court warrant for a reckless driving charge. The person was cited and released.

**Animal:** An officer responded to a barking dog complaint at an apartment complex. An officer spoke to a neighbor who agreed to help get the dogs back inside.

**Civil:** An officer responded to a report of a person attempting to break into an apartment. The intoxicated person was the caller's recently separated ex-partner, and a neighbor was assisting the ex-partner in attempting to enter. The ex-partner had lived there for years. The caller did not want him there with her juvenile child. The caller understood it was a civil matter and planned to start the eviction process. The ex-partner agreed to stay with the neighbors for the night.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 28

**Domestic Disturbance:** The person from the previous night's incident called again, reporting the ex-partner was banging on the back door. After discussion, the caller chose to leave for the night with her daughter to a friend's house so the ex-partner could stay in the apartment. Officers remained until she left.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person reported a male approached her days earlier, claiming to be a neighborhood watch and asking questions about their travel frequency. The male was described physically and was acting erratically. The person suspects a specific individual and is looking for security camera footage.

**Citizen Contact:** A person called to request a Vehicle Identification Number inspection for a vehicle they intended to buy. They were advised that the municipal police department does not perform these inspections and were referred to the state's motor vehicle department or a dealership, they declined the officer's offer to check if the vehicle was stolen.

**Citizen Contact:** A person with a disability called for immediate help to get prescription medications because their personal care assistant was temporarily refusing service due to a funding issue. After exhausting other options, an officer

picked up and delivered the medications, informing the person it was a one-time courtesy.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person reported being the victim of an attempted extortion scam after sending a screenshot from an adult website to a person on a social media app who was trying to get money by threatening to share the picture. The person was instructed to block the scammer on all platforms and to consider changing their phone number.

**Assist Other Agency:** An officer responded to a medical facility for a person reporting they were forced to use illegal substances at gunpoint in a cemetery. The investigation was transferred to the County Sheriff's Office since the location was outside the municipal jurisdiction. The officer requested a toxicology screen be conducted before the County arrived.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person called to report two teenagers walking around on her porch with flashlights. Nothing was damaged or stolen. The area was checked, but the individuals were not found.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

**Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants:** An officer observed a driver operating a truck showing signs of impairment, including failing to maintain a lane and nearly striking a median. When an officer attempted a stop, the vehicle drove onto a curb. After failing a field sobriety test, the driver was arrested and lodged at the county jail and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. The BAC was recorded as 0.17%.

**Assist Other Agency:** A person was cited and released for outstanding warrants from two separate counties.

**Assist Other Agency:** An officer called a person to serve a subpoena. The person, who was at work, requested the officer not come to the workplace, fearing a volatile reaction from another individual. The person offered to pick up the subpoena at a different location after getting off work.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person:** A minor child was reported to be hitting and spitting on a parent. The parent, the only one supervising the child, could not control them and showed the officer recent injuries received from the child. The child, who has a history of self-injury and escalating behavior (including slapping and headbutting), was cooperative in getting into an ambulance and was transported to a hospital. The parent

accompanied the child.

**Suspicious Activity:** A report was made about a group smoking marijuana in a park. An officer was unable to locate the individuals.

**Suspicious Activity:** A young person called with concerns about hearing creaking and tapping sounds, believing someone had entered their apartment while they were home alone. Permission was granted to enter and clear the residence, no one was found inside. The officer assisted in securing the apartment and attempted to contact the parent but received no answer.

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

**Domestic Disturbance:** A domestic disturbance was reported where a female tried to call emergency services but a male was preventing her from speaking to the dispatcher. Upon arrival, both parties were highly agitated. The female had visible bruising on her arm and foot, stating the male had thrown her around and degraded her. She confirmed he had prevented her from calling emergency services. The male initially denied physical contact but then admitted to pushing her. He was arrested and charged with domestic assault and interfering with making a report.

**Suspicious Activity:** A person called to report that a male resident expelled a female experiencing homelessness from an apartment, which was reported as regular behavior for the male. An officer spoke with the female, who was found sleeping under the stairs with her belongings and a dog. She stated the male became upset with her dog and told her to leave. She alleged the male had asked her for sexual favors, which she denied. She also denied anything physical and stated she did not want further association with the male.

**Harassment:** A person called to report the male from the previous entry was harassing the female experiencing homelessness. The caller intervened and told the male to leave the female alone. The caller did not believe a law enforcement response was necessary but wanted the incident documented. They reported that a ride from a local outreach team was on the way for the female.

**Arrest:** A person was cited and released for theft in the third degree.

**Missing Property:** A person came to the station to report their wallet as missing or stolen. The incident was already logged with the dispatch center as a loss near a hospital or business in a nearby city. The person left the

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lobby before an officer could contact them, and no wallets had been turned in. They stated they would return if they needed further assistance when a Spanish-speaking officer was available.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

#### Citizen Contact:

A person called to ask when they could retrieve their vehicle that the municipal police department had recovered after it was reported stolen. They were informed that the prosecuting attorney's office had sent a memo in February authorizing the vehicle's release to them. They were provided with the towing company's name and phone number.

#### Emotionally Disturbed Person:

A friend called and requested a welfare check on a person who reportedly took an excessive amount of pills because they were upset. Upon the officer's arrival, the person and their mother were getting into a car. The person then jumped out, climbed onto garbage cans, and jumped a fence, stating they would not go to a psychiatric hospital. The mother confirmed the person had taken 10 pills of a sedative. The officer was not needed further, as the person agreed to go with their mother to the hospital, and the scene was cleared.

**Illegal Camping:** A city department sent a request for a person to be moved along from a stage in a park. An outreach team member from the county was contacted and agreed to meet with the person to develop a plan. The officer spoke with the person and instructed them to move their belongings from the stage today. Later, the outreach team was observed moving the items, and all of the person's items were gone from the stage by midday.

**Suspicious Vehicle:** A report about a white van parking on the street at night and leaving during the day. An officer spoke with the occupant, who was living out of the van and carpooling to work with a neighbor. The officer discussed the city ordinance regarding vehicle parking and how to legally park the van, as it was currently parked facing the wrong way. A message was left for the reporting party explaining the action taken.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

**Tow:** A black sedan was repossessed and the appropriate law enforcement data system was updated.

**Assist Other Agency:** An officer covered for another department on an audible alarm at a bar. The front door was found to be unlocked, and the building was checked and cleared.

**Suspicious Person:** A person called about an incident where an individual on a bike was swearing, yelling at her and flipping her off as he rode past her vehicle and child. The officer explained that the person should call when

the incident is occurring so officers can contact the individual and see if his behavior reaches the level of Disorderly Conduct or menacing. The officer further explained free speech laws and that probable cause is needed for arrests.

A person reported that her family member was suicidal after taking pills and inhaling helium and was upset to have woken up. She reported he took more sleeping pills and was armed with a handgun in his room. Due to safety concerns, officers had the parents evacuate the house and made phone contact. The suicidal person advised he took one sleeping pill, just wanted to sleep, and denied being armed, stating he sold his gun, which was known to be false. The family later made in-person contact and confirmed he was unarmed and could be taken to the hospital if needed. A crisis intervention team was notified to reach out to the individual later that day.

**Hit and Run:** A driver hit a parked vehicle and left the scene. The victim followed the driver to an intersection where the driver briefly apologized before driving away again. The victim obtained a plate number. A neighboring law enforcement agency located and stopped the suspect, whose account of events was the same. The driver was lodged at the county correctional facility where he was charged with hit and run. A crash report was generated.

**Suspicious Person:** An officer responded to a suspicious person call, however, the person located was not the subject of the original call. The person located, however, was wanted by another law enforcement agency for multiple felony and misdemeanor charges, including burglary, theft, and criminal mischief. An officer stood by as cover while the arresting agency responded and made the arrest.

**Crash:** Officers responded to a report of a three-vehicle rear-end collision. Two individuals were transported by medics for a potential broken wrist and chest and head pain. Two vehicles required towing. A crash exchange form for one of the drivers is on the desk, with a note to explain the 72-hour reporting requirement if they come in.

**Crash:** A call originally reported as a hit-and-run was investigated and found to be a crash where a driver reportedly dozed off, sideswiped a parked vehicle, ripped off a front wheel, and then crashed into a second parked vehicle. The driver then drove on three wheels to his nearby home to have his English-speaking family member assist with reporting, as he was a Spanish speaker. The driver consented to field sobriety tests and performed well, having a faint odor of alcohol from one reported beer. The driver was cited for careless driving and was instructed to immediately report crashes or contact the other involved parties in the

future. Crash exchange reports were completed.

## Polk County Sheriff's Office

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

At 1:39 a.m., a deputy contacted Sharee Mount on Salem Dallas Highway and learned she had two outstanding out of county warrants. During a search, the deputy found methamphetamine on Mount. She was arrested on the warrants, transported to Polk County Jail where she was also charged with possession of a controlled substance - meth.

At 7:56 a.m., due to recent reports of suspicious activity on Reuben Boise Road, a deputy installed some cameras. While patrolling, the deputy spoke to two road crew contractors rocking the road near Robb Mill Road. The deputy chatted with them a bit and gave them some business cards.

At 3:11 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a fight on the county courthouse lawn. They discovered juveniles play fighting.

At 3:49 p.m., a resident who lives in Texas but owns property in the 5100 Block of Kings Valley Highway said that someone had changed the locks on shipping containers and stolen items on the property.

At 4:46 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle on Clow Corner Road near the railroad tracks. A deputy located the truck and owner who stated it overheated and he is waiting for it to cool down.

At 6:43 p.m., Royal Hale was arrested on Montgomery Street for a prior incident of reckless driving and criminal mischief 2. He was transported to Polk County Jail without incident.

At 5:10 p.m., a resident on Fernwood Court reported that an unknown suspect sideswiped her vehicle parked in front of her house.

At 9:29 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported a suspicious subject knocking on his door that he did not recognize. He asked for the area to be checked. Deputies were unable to locate the suspect.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 26

At 12:59 a.m., two dogs ran up to a deputy who was sitting at Salt Creek Fire Station. The deputy located the owner of dogs who lived close by and dropped them back off to the owner.

At 8:16 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a rear-end crash on Ellendale Avenue. A motorist was parked on the side of the road with heavy front-end damage. The driver, who was waiting for a tow, stated the driver in front of him abruptly stopped at the entrance of the Vet Clinic. He tried to stop in time but rear ended the vehicle. No one was injured.

At 11:49 a.m., a resident on Andy Riggs Road reported her ex-husband had left two dogs at her house and she considered them

abandoned. The deputy informed her that due to her ex-husband leaving them at her house does not qualify the animals as abandoned and that the responsibility of care falls to her.

At 1:12 p.m., a citizen in Minto Brown Park reported spotting an odd structure across the river with solar panels and no windows, apparently used by transients. The owners of the property, AMR Investment Group, were contacted. They wanted to give one week for the people to remove their stuff before arrests and action is taken.

At 1:40 p.m., a deputy patrolling the BLM public lands area of south Ridge Road near milepost 3 near Sheridan came upon two target shooters set up on a road adjacent to the road the deputy was on. The deputy contacted the target shooters who admitted to shooting from one road across to another road knowing that vehicles could drive down that road. After being very argumentative, one subject was cited for shooting over a highway.

At 1:36 p.m., a resident in the 500 block of Southwest Hawthorn Avenue reported an aggressive loose rottweiler. Deputies located the snarling dog and returned it to its owner's address, who will be cited for unlicensed dog and dog as a public nuisance.

At 2:48 p.m., a black iPhone with a blue case and pop-socket on the back was found smashed up on Smithfield Road near Highway 22. A deputy took it for safe keeping.

At 5:37 p.m., two callers reported a black car at the intersection of Buena Vista Road that was involved in a crash with no one around. A deputy was unable to locate the car.

At 6:34 p.m., a resident on vacation reported seeing through an online security cam a suspicious vehicle drive up to his property on Oakdale Road. The driver got out, looked around and left the area. The resident worried about a suspect casing the property. A deputy suspected a delivery driver.

At 7:39 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street in Falls City for expired registration. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and for driving uninsured.

At 7:48 p.m., a deputy pulled over a motorist for driving 45 mph in a 55-mph zone where cars were passing the vehicle on Highway 22. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 10:20 p.m., a motorist who drove into Wallace Marine Park after hours was stopped. The driver was cited on an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Salem Municipal Court.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 27

At 1:46 a.m., a slow motorist was stopped for failing to drive in the right lane. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 9:10 a.m., a motorist on Highway

99 near milepost 67 was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone and for expired registration tags. She was also warned for failure to carry insurance information.

At 9:26 a.m., a resident on Grice Hill Court reported an Amazon delivery van truck hit her gutter and a little bit of house trim, causing an estimated \$1,000 in damage. The resident plans to file a complaint with the company.

At 10:30 a.m., Andres Lopez-Cruz was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant on Brandvold Drive and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, possession of forged instrument, giving false information, criminal mischief, possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

At 1 p.m., multiple calls about the owner of an RV over the past few months. He had been warned multiple times about the trash and debris that was entering the road from his RV. He was cited on Church Street for offensive littering.

At 8:30 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving while suspended. A passenger in the vehicle, who had a valid driver's license, took the vehicle.

At 11:13 p.m., a deputy provided backup for Salem Police while they arrested a suspect on Wallace Road who had a history of firearms possession. She was cooperative and taken into custody without incident.

At 11:56 p.m., a resident on Pioneer Road reported hearing four gun shots near their home then tires squealing. A deputy drove through the area and parked but did not see anything out of the ordinary.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 28

At 1:36 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 88 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:35 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a vehicle on Yamhill River Road, but was unable to locate anyone in the area.

At 2:15 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 3:27 a.m., a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was stopped for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving uninsured.

At 8:28 a.m., a deputy confronted a motorist stopped at McDonald's in Independence for having license plates that didn't match the registration for his current vehicle. After initially refusing and risking arrest, the driver provided his license. The vin number came back "title canceled." He admitted putting the plates on from his previous vehicle two years ago. He was cited for illegally altered/display of plates, driving uninsured and failing to register a vehicle. The plates were removed. The driver was also

warned for failing to carry/present.

At 10:35 a.m., a tribal police officer asked PCSO for cover while taking James Malley into custody after Malley made threats to kill him and was punching his patrol car. A deputy arrived and assisted the officer take Malley into custody, who was very briefly resistive. No use of force.

At 9:41 p.m., a deputy contacted a male subject who was walking on the eastbound shoulder of Highway 22. He explained his girlfriend dropped him off in Grand Ronde after arguing and he was on his way to Salem. A background check turned up that he had an outstanding parole violation warrant. He was taken into custody and transported to Polk County Jail.

At 10:48 p.m., a car owner on Riddell Road reported letting a male subject work on her car. The mechanic then let a second male subject pick up the vehicle from the location. The second male subject is refusing to give the car back. The mechanic did not understand he wasn't allowed to let the second male borrow the vehicle. A deputy entered the vehicle into LEDS as stolen.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

At 2:27 a.m., a deputy contacted a male who was walking eastbound on Clow Corner Road in an orange hoodie. He told the deputy he was just booked at Polk County Jail not long ago and was just released and walking back home. He seemed like he was in a decent mood just eager to get home. He was not impeding traffic; just walking on the shoulder.

At 10:01 p.m., a resident on Reuben Boise Road reported hearing multiple gunshots to the north of her property. Deputies located two male subject and their truck in the 1400 block of Reuben Boise Road in a non-shooting area, near clearly posted no trespassing signs. They admitted to shooting at trees. They were criminally cited for trespassing. Deputies will follow up with the logging company to inquiry about what they wanted to do about the damaged trees.

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

At 8:31 a.m., while searching for a stolen boat in Wallace Marine Park, a deputy came across two subjects who had been previously warned for trespassing. The female subject was arrested on outstanding warrants from Linn County for criminal mistreatment 2 and from Salem Municipal court for failure to appear - trespassing. She was also charged with trespassing at the current location. The male subject was allowed to clean up their possession and leave.

At 8:52 a.m., a resident on Broken Arrow Loop reported at approximately 3:17 a.m. someone entered his vehicle and took a bunch of photography equipment and other items worth several

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thousand dollars.  
At 11:41 a.m., a resident on Yamhill River Road reported receiving a call from a restricted number from someone impersonating the Polk County Sheriff Department claiming he had a warrant out. A deputy spoke with the resident who said when

he asked for their number they hung up. The deputy confirmed he did not have a warrant and advised him of this common scam.  
At 2:28 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street in Dallas for no insurance. When he could not provide proof of insurance, he was cited for driving uninsured and Dallas Towing towed the vehicle.

At 3:50 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a single vehicle crash on Orrs Corner Road. The driver, Roy Welfley, said he “blacked out” and ran the stop sign, crashing into the ditch. Welfley showed signs of impairment and consented to a field sobriety test, which he performed poorly. Welfley was arrested, charged with driving under the

influence of an intoxicant and reckless driving. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.  
At 4:13 p.m., Jaci Hoyt was arrested on Hayter Street and lodged at Polk County Jail, where he was charged with contempt of court.  
At 9:36 p.m., a motorist on Highway 99 near milepost 65 was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph and

for driving while suspended - violation.  
At 9:37 p.m., a motorist on Riddell Road was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone and for failing to renew registration.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**  
At 8:33 p.m., a motorist on Suver Road was cited for speeding 90 mph in a 55-mph road.  
At 9:57 p.m., a report

of an incoherent female walking on the fog line of a county road. A deputy located the female who was obviously high on meth who stated that she was dropped off around sunset by a guy and she was walking home since then (the wrong direction). It was not safe for her to be out. She agreed to be taken back to her father’s house in West Salem by the deputy.

## PANTHERS

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confidence heading into the rematch. She believed then the Panthers would prevail.  
“We let down in the second half (of that game),” Garcia-Saavedra said before the game. “But I think we will do better this time.”  
Central did exactly that, maintaining its composure in the nail-biter.  
For Garcia-Saavedra, this season meant more to her than wins and losses. “Fun,” she said. “The people here are fun.”  
Junior Molly Henderson is excited about next season. She said the team made meaningful strides and will build on that progress.  
“I’m proud of our team this season,” Henderson said. “All the work we’ve been putting in at practice

and the relationships we’ve grown. We’ve gotten so much better, and I’m really excited for next year.”  
Central loses two seniors, Garcia-Saavedra and Bella Garcia-Becerra. A solid and experienced core is expected to return next year, though work remains.  
“One thing we struggled with was pushing each other harder at practice,” Henderson said. “We need to push each other more. I think that will show up in games.”  
Head coach Marc Burleson has also seen noticeable growth in his players, particularly when the ball is in their hands.  
“We’re trying to get the girls to shoot first and pass second,” he said. “We’ve had several games with different leading scorers in double digits. When you have two or three girls scoring like that, you’re going to be successful.”

Another challenge awaiting the Panthers next season. They’ll be navigating a new conference, the Oregon West Conference, along with Stayton, Cascade, Philomath, Sweet Home and Newport.  
Not that the move down a class will be easy: Stayton, Cascade and Philomath began the playoffs ranked in the OSAA’s top 10.  
Still, Burleson believes the change will help the Panthers regain competitiveness.  
“With the pool of athletes we draw from, it can be tough competing against the larger schools in the Mid-Willamette Conference,” he said. “Dropping to 4A should allow us to compete with schools that have a similar athletic pool.”  
Ending the season as winners only adds to the optimism the Panthers have heading into next season.

## Highlanders

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12 points in his return.  
“I was happy to see Jack return for the final game of his high school career,” head coach Tyler Allen said. “He was able to play with confidence and see the ball go in. He also handled the pressure from a very good defender.”  
Lucas Haines added seven points. No other Central player topped four points.  
Jordan Gray and his 24 points powered North Eugene’s offense.  
“We focused our scout on containing Jordan. That proved to be a bigger task than we were ready for,” Allen said. “He was able to get to his spots, score highly contested

shots, and really set the tone for North Eugene.”  
Brandon Ball and Asher Baker pressured Gray all game, but Gray showed why he is one of the best guards in the state.  
Damon Keith added 15 points for the victors.  
The Highlanders (9-3 in league, 22-4 overall) were never threatened, as they jumped out to a 23-8 advantage after one period.  
“We struggled to rebound and create any type of offensive production,” Allen said. “Not making excuses, but the majority of the team was fighting a major illness, and it showed in our energy all night.”  
No. 7 North Eugene meets No. 15 Centennial in second-round action on March 11.

Centennial upended No. 2 West Albany, the Mid-Willamette Conference champion, to advance in the playoffs. The Bulldogs went undefeated in the MWC.  
It turned out to be a very bad night for the conference. All five of its playoff teams failed to advance. As for the other three teams, Crescent Valley lost to Canby, Corvallis to Summit, and Lebanon to Crook County.  
The Panthers (13-6, 16-9 overall) won 6 of 11 games while Holestine was rehabbing. But ended the season on a five-game losing streak.  
Central entered the playoffs as its 10th seed. With the loss, the team’s season comes to an end.

## LANGFORD

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opponents to underestimate him, though any such thought would have been fleeting.  
“I think a lot of people probably didn’t expect much from (me),” he said. “So I just had to go back out there and prove myself.”  
Prove himself he did, as the Dragon steamrolled the competition. He outscored his foes 25-4. And shut out his

first three opponents getting wins over Aiden Clark of Thurston 7-0, Dylan Pascua of Hillsboro 10-0, and Jayden Lopez of Crook County 8-0.  
Earlier in the season, Langford wrestled up a weight class against larger opponents, thus forcing him to adjust his approach. This impacted his aggressiveness, especially when it came to finishing takedowns.  
To compensate, Langford wrestled more patiently at districts. But

the strategy didn’t work as well as he had hoped. So another change was in order.  
“At state I got back to being more aggressive,” he said. “I still didn’t take a ton of shots, but I wrestled more aggressively.”  
The change proved decisive. Langford wore Edmiston down as the match progressed. Momentum swung.  
“I could feel him slowly declining and losing strength,” Langford said.

The Dragon gained control from the top and that put Edmiston on the defensive.  
“When I was on the top, wrist-riding him, I could feel him going down more and more, and taking longer to get up,” Langford said. “I could tell he had lost confidence and strength.”  
From there, Langford closed out the bout to win his second state title in as many years, not to mention gain payback after that earlier loss.  
“It felt good getting

revenge,” he said. “I felt like I proved myself again.”  
Two-for-two is nice, but that is not Langford’s ultimate goal. His goal is to join a very exclusive club.  
“I believe there have only been 55 four-time state champions in Oregon history,” he said. “So one of my goals is to become the first four-time champ from Dallas High School.”  
Langford isn’t the only state champion expected to return next season. Khadijah Tabib of the girls team won

her division as well. Tabib is also a sophomore. There’s an advantage inherent in bringing two state champions back to a program.  
“It gives you leadership and experience. They set the tone. Mentally, that’s such a huge thing for our team,” Markee said. “It’s really hard to beat somebody who is confident and knows they’re going to win. Having kids like that come back rubs off on the rest of the team.”

## TABIB

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tournament, winning her four matches convincingly while remaining disciplined on the mat.  
Head coach Austin Markee said Tabib’s run wasn’t unexpected, that the Dragons’ coaching staff is very much aware of her talent and potential.  
“We were excited, but not surprised,” Markee said of her state title. “We see how Khadijah practices every day, and we know what she can do.”  
There’s not a lot of coaching going on at the tournament. Wrestlers fend for themselves this late in the season.  
“By the time you get to state, the work is already done. The hay is in the barn,” Markee

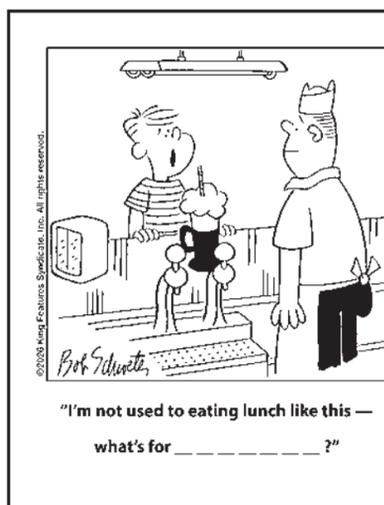
said. “That’s what the whole season is building toward, especially at the end of the year when we start talking more about the state tournament, the lights, and that environment.”  
Tabib’s toughest test came against top-seeded Martinez.  
“I was pretty nervous for my semifinal match,” she explained. “I knew she was going to be tough, and I was really determined to win.”  
Martinez is tough. But she wasn’t tough enough to stop Tabib, who won easily to advance to the finals. Her plan there was to exploit Unger’s weaknesses.  
“I had seen her wrestle a couple of times before, and I knew that if I pushed the pace and kept her working hard,

she would eventually give up,” Tabib added.  
Then there was the other weakness.  
“In (Unger’s) other matches, if she wasn’t winning, she would fall to the floor and start complaining,” Tabib said. “You could tell she didn’t have a very good gas tank.”  
These observations shaped Tabib’s strategy.

From the opening whistle, she pushed the pace, forcing constant movement from her opponent while applying pressure.  
Tabib competed at state last year, but that experience was short-lived. She lost her first two matches. That made this year’s title run even sweeter. It felt like redemption, she added.  
The moment when she

knew she won was sweet indeed.  
“I was really happy. I was shocked, too,” Tabib said. “I was like, wow, I really got to this point.”  
What Tabib likes about wrestling is the challenge.  
“I like how hard it makes you work,” she said. “And I like being aggressive and pushing

the pace out there.”  
Not one to rest on her laurels, Tabib’s offseason plans include more wrestling while also focusing on strength training and running. The goal is to get even better, quicker, stronger.  
That’s a scary thought for her competitors.



## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Below are four squeezer puzzles. Can you find the correct word to be placed in the middle of each to create two new words, one front-end, one back-end? Here's an example of how it works:

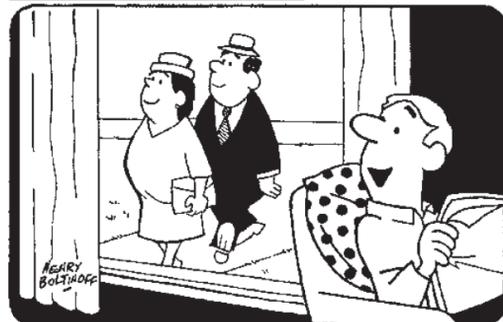
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- 3) king \_\_\_\_\_ man
- 4) ram \_\_\_\_\_ ridge

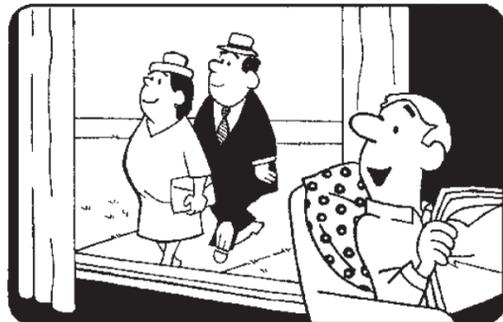
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Page is added to newspaper. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Arm is shorter. 4. Pillow is different. 5. Cuff is added to sleeve. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

### Stickelers Answer

- 1) sound STAGE coach
- 2) guide LINE age
- 3) king FISHER man
- 4) ram PART ridge

### SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Curse; 2. Chord
3. Teach; 4. Stench

Today's Word  
**DESSERT**