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Arbor Day altruists

A handful of volunteers took up shears and shovels to fight back the ivy strangling tree trees along the Barberr Trail on Saturday as part of the city of Dallas' Arbor Day activities. Laura Peasley (above) moves a handful of ivy she pulled to a disposal pile. She's lived on the trail for three years. "Whenever I walk by, I like to spend a while pulling this stuff up," she said. Jeff Wiegel, a 9-year resident of Dallas, saws at a particularly thick root of ivy. Sarah Servide (not pictured) added "there is something satisfactory with pulling up ivy!"



Monmouth okays land swap despite public opposition

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

A lack of communication was at the heart of community opposition to the city of Monmouth's discussion April 7 to swap 90 acres of land in its urban growth boundary with a 75-acre parcel for development to address a growing population.

Grace Rye has lived adjacent to the rural property boundary since 1971 and only found out in February the city's plan for the land swap which she feels left the community out of the

discussion.

"The city went out of their way for three years to talk with absentee California landowners and wealthy developers specifically about their designs on the Mistletoe Road farmland," Rye told the Itemizer-Observer.

She felt the city purposefully hid their intentions from the public living along the proposed land-swap area.

"They shouldn't be allowed to run over their neighbors and their voters like that," Rye added.

More than 150 citizens

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Indy approves sanitary service rate hike

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The Independence City Council unanimously approved last week a 3.5 percent increase in service rates for Brandt's Sanitary Service.

Consultant Estelle Harlan explained there were two key drivers to asking for the increase in rates effective May 1 – the cost of living and disposal costs increase. Harlan said it's particularly the disposal increase that's nudging this request.

Brandt's has an exclusive franchise with the city to provide solid waste collection and recycling services within the city limits of Independence. Harlan explained that from 2016 through May of 2023, Brandt's did not request a rate adjustment except for a \$1.90 recycling surcharge that was added for the sole purpose of covering the additional costs of recycling.

"Because of Brandt's filling cycles, and

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Preschool owner makes a run for America's Favorite Teacher

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Jessica Vidal wears many hats during a typical day.

She's co-owner, with her husband Hector, of Laugh N Learn Academy Preschool and Childcare in Monmouth. A few steps from the learning center inside her adjacent home, Vidal is also head teacher for her four homeschooled children, ages 12, 11, 9 and 5. When the Panther Kids Wrestling won the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce non-profit of the year in February, she was on hand to accept the award as president of the organization.

Oh, and she and her

husband run a five-acre farm with six goats, four sheep and over 100 chickens as part of the Polk County 4-H program.

"So we also have turkeys because my kids show turkeys and they sell turkeys at the fair," Vidal said. "And so they learn entrepreneurship of running a farm and keeping care of animals and then taking them to show and showing them and then taking them to market and selling them. And they learn a lot."

Most recently, Vidal had to hone her skills in self promotion after a parent of one of her students nominated her for America's Favorite Teacher.

"So, I mean, it took me

by surprise," Vidal said

She never knew how many other teachers she was up against in the national contest, only that her stock kept rising as more of her families and community members voted for her.

The America's Favorite Teacher contest recognizes educators who go above and beyond in their roles with finalists selected through community nominations and public voting. Vidal credits her placement in the Top 10 to the overwhelming support from local families, friends, and the broader community.

The campaign serves as a fundraiser for The

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Jessica Vidal, co-owner of Laugh N Learn Academy Preschool and Childcare in Monmouth, made the top 10 in the America's Favorite Teacher competition.

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News Briefs

COUNTY CLERK GIVES PRIMARY VOTING REMINDER

With the May 19 Primary Election approaching, Polk County Clerk Kim Williams reminds voters of the following:

The primary election is a closed election.

April 28 is the last day to register to vote (if you are a cancelled voter or new to Oregon) or to change your political affiliation for a specific partisan ballot.

April 29 is the first day the ballots are mailed and drop sites open.

May 19 is Election Day. The County Clerk's office is open from 7 a.m. to 8

p.m. Official drop sites are open until 8 p.m. The first round of election results will be posted at 8 p.m.

For any questions regarding voter registration or ballots call the County Clerk's office at (503) 623-9217.

FORMER FEDERAL CORRECTIONS OFFICER SENTENCED WEST SALEM CHILD SEX ABUSE CASE

Peter Fles, Jr., 41, has been sentenced to serve 150 months (12 years, 5 months) in prison for sexually abusing a child under the age of 14 from West Salem. Fles, of Salem, was sentenced by



Peter Fles, Jr.

Polk County Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park, after pleading no contest to two counts of sex abuse in the first degree. He will also be required to serve a 45-month term of Post-Prison Supervision and

register as a sex offender upon his release.

Park sentenced Fles on April 14 to two consecutive prison terms of 75 months each. Fles is not eligible for any early release or other program that would result in a reduction of his sentence. At the time of his arrest in 2024, Fles was employed as a prison guard at the Federal Correctional Institution in Sheridan.

In a press release, the Polk County District Attorney's Office commended the victim for reporting the abuse and their bravery throughout the case. In addition, the DA's office also thanked the Salem Police Department for their dedicated work on the investigation. The prosecution was led by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. If you or someone you know

has experienced sexual assault, child abuse or another victimization, below are resources always available for assistance or someone to talk to:

Center for Hope and Safety: (503) 399-7722

Sable House: (503) 623-4033

Warriors of Hope: (971) 241-3594

SALEM WOMAN FOUND GUILTY IN WEST SALEM ASSAULT

Maria Miller, of Salem, was found guilty on all counts by a 12-person jury after a trial concluded April 16 in Polk County Circuit Court. The charges stemmed from a June, 2025 incident in which Miller forced her way into the West Salem home of her ex-husband and physically assaulted a woman inside the home.

After a two-day trial, Miller, 60, was convicted of burglary 1, assault 4, harassment and



Maria Miller

trespassing. She was sentenced by Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park to serve 120 days in jail, five years of probation, and to get mental health treatment. At sentencing, the District Attorney's Office argued for a longer sentence due to Miller's prior felony convictions.

The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen.

Dallas Community Food Drive Set for May 16

The Dallas Rotary Club will be collecting food and funds for the Dallas Food Bank during its Epic Day of Service on May 16.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rotarians and Dallas Food Bank volunteers will be outside Grocery Outlet, Safeway, Walmart and the Dallas Les Schwab Tire Center to accept donations. Most needed non-perishable foods include canned fish, meats, fruits and vegetables, soup, canned chili, pork and beans, tomato sauce and peanut butter.

"The stress of increased living costs and

reductions in government food assistance has many families turning to Dallas Food Bank for help," said Damon Langley, event coordinator. "Last year, this drive added more than 2,400 pounds of food to neighbors' cupboards. We hope the community will step up and do even more this year. The need has not declined."

Monetary donations may also be made directly to Dallas Food Bank, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit that has served the greater Dallas community since 1983. Tax-deductible donations may

be made online at www.dallasfoodbank.com or by check mailed to 322 Main St., Ste. 180, Dallas, OR 97338 (write Epic Day on the memo line).

Dallas Food Bank serves hundreds of low-income families each month. About one-third of food recipients are children. Food bank distribution hours are 1-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and 9-11 a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

The Epic Day of Service is a global initiative organized by Rotary Clubs. For more information, go to www.epicdayofservice.org.

PCL names Adam Praskievicz to new director role

Partnerships in Community Living (PCL) recently appointed Adam Praskievicz to the newly created role of Life Services Administrative Support Director.

Praskievicz brings a

strong background in leadership and direct service to his new position. Since joining PCL in 2018, he has served in a variety of roles supporting people with intellectual and developmental



Adam Praskievicz

disabilities, most recently as an area director. His experience across multiple levels of the organization has prepared him to step into this new role, where he will support leadership operations and help strengthen services across the organization.

Originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, Adam grew up in rural Maine before moving to Oregon. He attended Southern Oregon University, where he studied technical theater and criminology. He now lives in Salem with his fiancée, their son, and three cats.

Outside of work, Adam enjoys playing video games, building and repairing computers, gardening, and working on home improvement projects.

PCL's leadership team shared their excitement about Adam stepping into this role, noting that his enthusiasm, leadership, and dedication to the organization's mission make him a valuable addition.

About PCL:

PCL supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live meaningful, fulfilling lives in their communities and homes. Founded in Independence, Oregon in 1987 as Polk County Summer Camp for the Handicapped, PCL initially provided integrated recreation for about 75 people in Polk, Marion, and Yamhill counties.

Today, PCL serves approximately 200 people across eight counties and employs roughly 650 team members. Services range from 24-hour in-home support to career-building programs, community inclusion initiatives, and individualized assistance tailored to each person's goals and needs.

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DA'S Office kicks off National Crime Victims' rights week with annual flag display

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 19-25. This week is a time to honor crime victims and survivors, and the professionals who provide critical services to victims of crime.

The Polk County District Attorney's Office seeks to create community awareness to show the impact that crime has had on victims in Polk County with its flag display. The display of flags recognizes the victims of crime, their families, and the many others in the system that seek justice on behalf of victims.

A tradition established by the Victim Assistance Program through the Polk County DA's Office is creating a visual display of flags during Crime Victims' Rights Week on the Courthouse lawn. The



display represents the number of crime victims served by our program in 2025. Today, members of the DA's Office placed over 2,000 flags on the lawn.

The individual numbers for each category are:

DUII (Orange Flags) - 84
Property Crimes (Green and Yellow) - 772

Sexual Assault (Pink) - 44

Domestic Violence (Purple) - 277

Person Crimes (Red) - 731

Child Abuse (Blue) - 187

Survivors of Homicide Victims (White) - 17

Total: 2,112

The display runs through April 24.

WOU awards Loie Bunse Prizes for Nature Writing

Western Oregon University recently awarded its winners for the second annual Loie Bunse Prize for Nature Writing, which recognizes exceptional student writing that reflects a deep engagement with the natural world.

First prize was awarded to Malia Vican, a junior majoring in psychology with minors in writing and literature. The events

in her narrative occurred in her hometown, Cordova, a small coastal community in southeastern Alaska.

Second-prize winner Sadie Latimer is a third year English major who has "recently discovered a love for poetry." She grew up in Lebanon, Oregon, where she and her family continue to enjoy hiking the nearby trails of McDowell Creek

Falls. She also reads thriller novels and sings in WOU's a cappella club.

The Loie Bunse Prize for Nature Writing is made possible through the generous support of Meta and Garth Bunse. Garth Bunse was also a final judge who shared praise for both pieces.

Read the award winners' narratives online at <https://writeplace.org/2026-winners>.

WOU names Melanie Landon-Hays as acting Dean of the College of Education

Western Oregon University recently named Melanie Landon-Hays, Ph.D., as acting Dean of the College of Education, effective immediately. Landon-Hays, a faculty member in the College of Education at Western since 2013, brings extensive institutional knowledge, deep pedagogical expertise, and a strong commitment to educator preparation to her new leadership position.

A full professor in the Division of Education and Leadership specializing in Literacy, Landon-Hays' roots in Western's College of Education run deep. For more than a decade, she has helped shape the experiences and success of Western's teacher candidates.

From 2016 to 2022, Landon-Hays served as MAT Program Coordinator, overseeing student recruitment and admissions and leading comprehensive program curriculum reviews designed to improve student outcomes. During that period, she also acted as edTPA Coordinator for the Division of Education and Leadership, managing the implementation of assessment efforts

across all initial licensure programs. Her hands-on dedication to the college's students is further reflected in her leadership as chair for dozens of MAT Action Research Projects and MSED curriculum projects, as well as her consistent supervision of student teachers during classroom placements.

In addition to her contributions within the College of Education, Landon-Hays has been a proven university leader focused on advancing student success and academic excellence. Most recently, she served as Director of General Education and Student Transitions, where she led key initiatives including streamlining course scheduling, maximizing transfer credits for incoming students, and building sustainable transfer protocols with Oregon community colleges.

Landon-Hays has shown collaborative campus leadership, serving as Co-Chair of the University Budget Advisory Committee (2022-25) and holding roles in the Faculty Senate. She also served as President of the

WOUFT Union (2021-25), advocating with state legislators for higher education and participating in legislative education advisory committees. She earned her Ph.D. from Utah State University and serves as an elected member of the Central School District School Board.

"Stepping into this leadership role within the College of Education is a profound honor. In my work across the university — from teacher preparation to student transitions — I have seen firsthand how much we can achieve when we focus on removing institutional barriers," said Landon-Hays. "I am thrilled for the opportunity to continue building the supportive systems and structures that allow both our students and our faculty to truly thrive."

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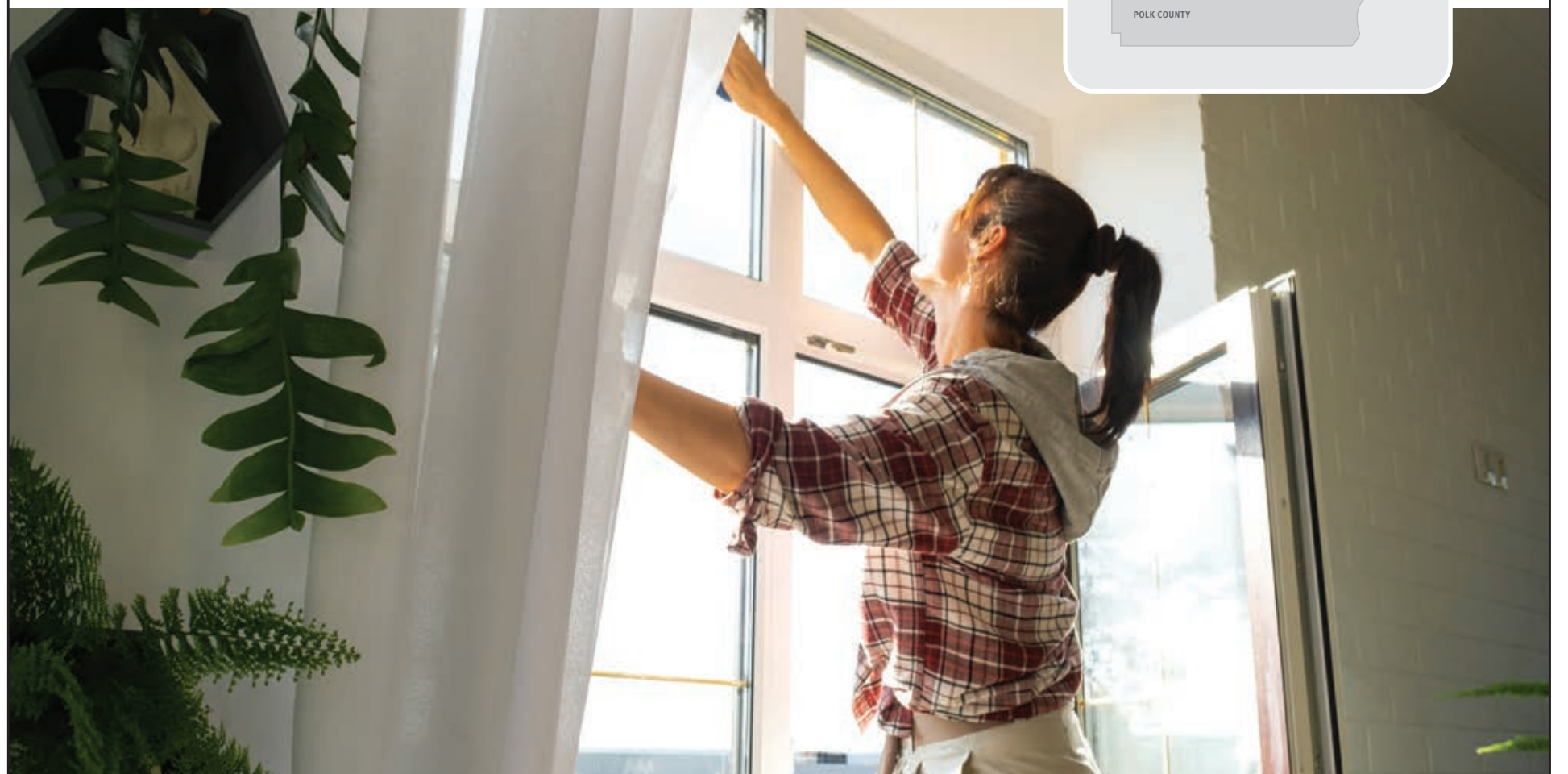
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OBITUARIES



Richard Sorenson
02/17/1940 - 03/24/2026

Richard Allen Sorenson died peacefully at his home at Capital Manor on March 24th, 2026 in Salem, Oregon at the age of 86.

Richard is survived by his son David Sorenson and daughter Lisa Toney; grandchildren Bastian Sorenson and Daniel Toney; sister Marilyn Baca and brother-in-law Bill Baca; Richard is preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary

Sorenson, his parents, and sisters Sally Baschke and Barbara Atkins.

Richard was born on February 17th, 1940 in Spencer, Iowa to Glenn and Dorothy Sorenson. He grew up on the family farm near Spencer. His dad played accordion with a neighborhood group for dances, and they rehearsed in the family home, encouraging an early love of music. Richard enjoyed playing piano and began lessons when he was 7. He took up the tuba in high school, played in the band, and was inspired to become a band director because of his high school band director.

He attended Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa). He played in the orchestra, brass quintet, and all the bands. He played a senior recital on piano and was chosen to perform with the College

Symphony Orchestra, for which he played the Grieg Piano Concerto. He graduated summa cum laude with a BA degree in music. He received the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship to pursue his Masters Degree, which he did at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York.

After graduation from Eastman, he taught in public schools for 4 years in Iowa; the last year he taught in the public schools, his junior high school band performed by invitation for the annual Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference. Then he moved to Boulder, Colorado and attended the University of Colorado, where he met Mary Lucas. They married in 1968. While he was working on his doctorate, he served as graduate assistant instructor of tuba.

After receiving his PhD in music education, he and Mary moved to Monmouth, Oregon, where he worked at the Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) from 1969-1999. They had two children, David and Lisa.

Richard loved music and dedicated his life to sharing music with others through teaching, conducting bands, and playing tuba. In 1972 he was invited to become the director of the Albany Civic Band (now Willamette Valley Concert Band) and served as their conductor for 45 years. He served as the head of the WOU music department for his last 5 years before retiring. He enjoyed directing the WOU symphonic band, pep band, marching band, and jazz ensemble. He started the high school concert band and jazz ensemble festivals.

He ran the Solo Ensemble Contest for Oregon Music Educators Association (OMEA). He was active in OMEA and served as vice president of the group for which he organized and ran the Oregon State Solo Contest. He was a member of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) and served that group, including being president for 2 years for the Northwest Division. He was active as an adjudicator and clinician for numerous band festivals and contests in Oregon.

His college bands performed throughout the state of Oregon, as well as other states and Canada. He performed tuba with several groups including the Salem Concert Band and the Capitol Brass Quintet. He also organized and directed the Reconstituted Monmouth-Independence Town Band for 40 years.

Richard enjoyed

gardening, swimming, and spending time with his family. He was an active member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, serving on the music and worship committee, the board of the Lutheran Fine Arts Foundation, communion assistant, and ushering.

In 2015, he and his wife Mary moved to Capitol Manor in Salem, Oregon. He enjoyed making many new friends and spending time with old friends who also lived there. He greatly appreciated the staff at Capital Manor and Manor Care.

A memorial service is scheduled for May 31 at 2 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem, Oregon with reception following. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Richard's life. He will also be honored by the Willamette Valley Concert Band in their Memorial Day Concert on May 25, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Albany Performing Arts Center. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to support local community bands or Parkinson's research. Memories and condolences welcomed at www.farnstrommortuary.com.



Bill Hawley

Bill Hawley passed away in March, leaving behind a life defined by hard work, adventure, and a deep love for the outdoors.

Bill grew up working on the Hawley family fruit farm, learning the value of dedication and perseverance from an early age. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1977 and went on to train and work as a machinist in the Muskegon area. Outside of work, Bill spent as much time as he could hunting and fishing—passions that would eventually shape the course of his life.

In 1999, Bill followed his love for the outdoors to Montana, where he attended a hunting guide and packer school. He was quickly hired and began guiding in Challis, Idaho with White Cloud Outfitters, leading big game hunting and fishing trips. Over the years, he also worked with Ken Smith's Hunting Idaho and Drifters Landing in Kenai, Alaska, guiding salmon and halibut fishing adventures.

After suffering a serious accident in Idaho, Bill made the difficult decision to step away from guiding. He remained in Challis, where his mother and sister had relocated, and channeled his work ethic into building and running Hawley's Wild Game Processing. He later acquired the local meat processing shop and eventually moved his business to Blackfoot, Idaho.

While in Challis, Bill met Cynthia, and the two built a life together. They were married in June 2017, after moving to Blackfoot. In later years, they relocated to Oregon, where Bill returned to his roots in farming. His skill and dedication quickly earned him a management role, and he worked at several farms near their home in Oregon.

Bill was an adventurous soul who took pride in everything he did. Guiding took him across the country and gave him experiences many only dream of. Whether in the field, on the water, or at work, he was known as an extremely hardworking man who gave his all.

He is preceded in death by his father, Francis Hawley; his mother, Joyce Hawley; and his grandparents, George and Mable Fleming, and Donald and Ethel Hawley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia Hawley of Oregon; his stepsons, Justin Seymour of Montana and Jordan Seymour of Texas; and his sister, Joni Hawley, and her husband, Bryan Cross, of Nevada.

Bill will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A memorial celebration will be held later this summer in Shelby, Michigan



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DEATH NOTICES

Lois Jean Clark

Her date of birth was April 1, 1941 in Tillamook, Oregon. Her date of passing was April 13, 2026 in Dallas, Oregon. Bollman's Tribute Center

Larry Kieth Murray

Jan. 30, 1947
March 18, 2026

Come celebrate the life of Larry Kieth Murray at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant & Saloon on May 9, 2026, from 12-3 p.m.

Celebration of Life for John Casey

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Go to sos.oregon.gov/voting and follow the steps to find your secure voter registration.

Questions? You can see the Polk County Clerk at the courthouse or call (503) 623-9217.

Bob Christ, Dallas

LAND SWAP IS A GROWTH MANAGEMENT TOOL

Last week Mr. David Pastor wrote about an ongoing land use process in Monmouth (A failure in the “Public Participation Part”). His account omitted significant details that merit clarification.

House Bill 2647 followed years of effort to adjust the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Adjustment was necessary for reasonable growth because landowners opposed development on certain properties inside the UGB. A “swap” — exchanging parcels owners identified as not “ripe” for development with portions owned by sellers ready to develop — was a rational, responsible response, especially during a declared housing crisis.

UGBs are planning tools: often static but never permanent. They function as 20-year plans for managing growth. Landowners near a UGB should expect possible adjustments, stay engaged, and understand development realities as our state and community populations expand.

Monmouth’s population was 7,741 in 2000, 9,545 in 2010, and 11,487 in 2020 (Oregon Bluebook). Projections suggest at least 14,000 by 2030 and perhaps nearly 18,000 by 2040, which will eventually require development beyond current UGB lines.

NIMBY responses are common with growth, but Oregon landowners retain the right to pursue lawful options. Change is difficult; people often interpret impacts as malice or mystery. Those frustrated by

the process are entitled to their feelings and to pursue legal remedies when decisions violate the law.

I understand the frustration. I will work to improve communication, seek broader engagement with landowners and neighbors, and mitigate potential negative impacts should development proceed.

Paul Evans, Monmouth

VOTE PROUD BY VOTING FOR CARLOS BARRIENTOS

Our vote for Carlos Barrientos will make a difference. His life has always been, and continues to be, about service.

Carlos has dedicated much of his life to serving our state and country through military and public service. He also served for over 20 years with the Oregon State Police as a resident trooper, detective and sergeant. For more than 24 years, he has called Dallas home.

Carlos has stepped up time and again to serve our local community. He has served as a Dallas City Councilor, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and Chairman of the Public Works Committee. He has also volunteered in many roles throughout Dallas, including with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dallas Chapter 3202.

Carlos came from humble beginnings and built his life through hard work, determination and service to others. That background has shaped his character and given him a deep understanding of people’s struggles and the importance of helping others.

As a neighbor and friend, I have seen firsthand his passion for serving others, his family, and this community. That is the kind of leadership we need in Polk County.

A vote for Carlos Barrientos is a vote we can all be proud of.

Bill Parsons, Dallas

SUSPECT’S CONVICTION EXPOSES COURT’S LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Peter Fles Jr.’s conviction (“Former federal corrections officer sentenced in West Salem child sex abuse case”, April 22)

exposes a bigger problem in Polk County — Judge Hill.

Former federal prison guard Peter Fles Jr. being sentenced is accountability — but this case also exposes a serious failure in Polk County’s pretrial system.

As a former Polk County pretrial release officer at the Polk County Circuit Court, I supervised Fles while he was on pre-trial release.

Under Judge Hill’s administration, Fles was allowed to go to New Mexico pending trial with no supervision and no face-to-face pretrial check-ins — despite the nature of these charges. While on release, he accidentally called my office and left a voicemail that included him interacting with the victim in New Mexico — evidence of a violation and a sign a minor could be in danger. I reported it and pushed for accountability.

I worked with the District Attorney’s Office and New Mexico law enforcement to have him arrested for violating release conditions and extradited back to Oregon. At the time of his arrest, he was found to be living with the victim.

Fles should never have been allowed to leave Oregon with zero oversight. I no longer work for the Polk County Circuit Court — I was forced out. And I can assure you: victims in Polk County are no safer today than they were when I worked there. Judge Hill’s ego is too big to care about you or me — his focus is positioning himself for the appellate court.

Daniel Walker, Dallas

VOTE YES ON LEVY 27-148

Our fire district needs this replacement measure because of rising costs and increasing numbers of emergency calls in our area.

I support levy 27-148 because of two fires on

our land. In both cases our local fire department arrived in time to save our house and barns. The first fire was an accident started by our neighbor. It was in the grass and trees 60 feet from our house when the fire department arrived and put it out. The second fire was started by a car’s catalytic converter. It was rapidly moving through the grass toward our house and barns. Thankfully, our neighbor came with a tank of water and a pump. He was able to slow the spread and almost get the fire out before the firefighters arrived. Without the firefighters though, the water in the neighbor’s tank would have run out and the fire would have quickly taken over again.

These fires made me realize how swiftly fire moves and how helpless one feels when fire strikes, especially during the dry summers we have had. Without the proper help and equipment, we could have lost our house and barns very quickly. Our local fire district has shortened their response time from 25 minutes in 2020 to less than 10 minutes in 2024.

Let’s not go backwards because of layoffs, vote yes on levy 27-148. Your family, house, and safety matter; support the important things in life.

Lucy Cross, Dallas

JEREMY GORDON WILL KEEP THE COUNTY WORKING FOR YOU

Everyone who lives in Polk County has benefited enormously from Commissioner Jeremy Gordon’s leadership during the past five years. I enthusiastically support his reelection this May.

Bringing valuable experience as the Mayor of Falls City, Jeremy Gordon has honed an accessible, collaborative, and steady leadership style that delivers results. He develops strong working partnerships with cities, tribes, and businesses. His

approach has been incredibly important for communities that lack affordable, accessible internet service. Commissioner Gordon has become a leading advocate for internet access in rural Oregon, serving on the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council. His work on internet access is a great example of good government.

After the county surveyed rural property owners about whether they had access to adequate internet services, the county shared that data with internet service providers, developed a strategic plan to improve services, and helped fund projects to bring improved service to thousands in Dallas, Rickreall, Clow Corner, and Bethel Heights.

Polk County continues to benefit from his advocacy for improved rural internet service through federal and state funding. Oregon’s plan to provide internet access to all Oregonians was just approved by the federal government; projects funded by the plan are expected to start at the end of this year.

Thanks to Jeremy Gordon, we have a county government that works for the people of Polk County. Re-elect Commissioner Gordon this May.

Susan Lea Smith, Salem

LET CARLOS BARRIENTOS CONTINUE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY

We support Carlos Barrientos for Polk County Commissioner. Carlos Barrientos has spent his whole adult life in public service. He was in the Army, was a Police Officer in Boston and then was an Oregon State Trooper for 20 years. His focus is the people he serves. His campaign for this position has been door to door, he listens to the people he serves.

As a Dallas City Councilor, he knows Dallas well and is very

concerned and involved with public safety. As a special investigator with the State Patrol on fatal accidents in Marion and Polk counties he has a unique perspective and avidly supports the improvements needed in our highway infrastructure. Carlos is a good friend and public servant, he is very active in local government and will talk to you about any concerns, anytime.

As your Polk County Commissioner, Carlos will work as hard as you do to protect and maintain the quality of life we enjoy in Polk County.

Carlos says, “It all begins by listening to the people in our community.”

Ann and David Hurd, Dallas

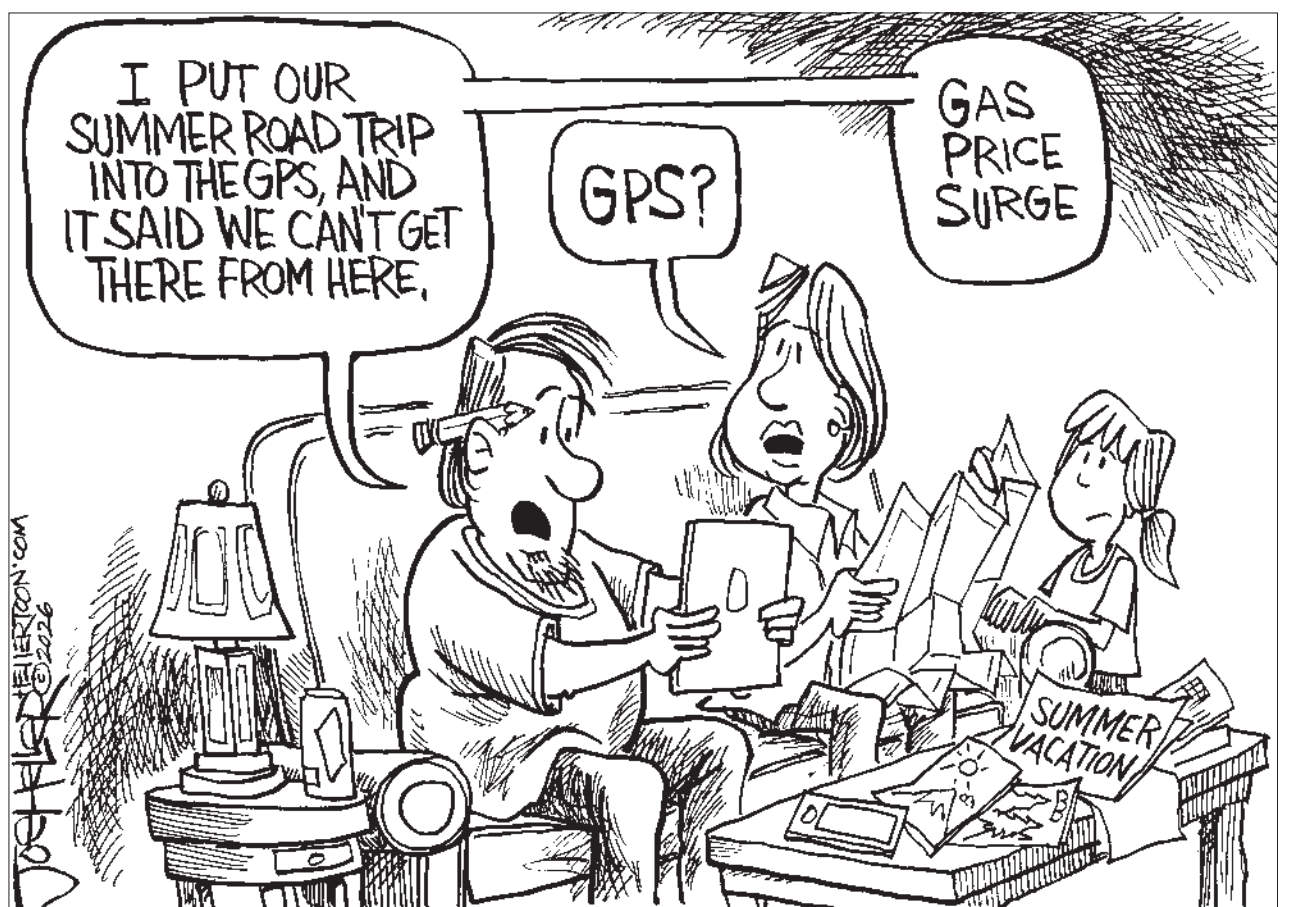
JEREMY GORDON HAS THE RIGHT QUALITIES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Jeremy Gordon has earned re-election as our county commissioner. He is a proven decision maker, results oriented, and passionately committed to our shared values — improving the lives of those in Polk County.

Over the years, as mayor of our community, I have seen firsthand that Jeremy goes the extra mile toward solutions. While a mayor and then as a county commissioner, Jeremy’s history shows that he listens, seeks to understand, brings people together, and is a true partner with local cities, business, and governments — all toward making our county a great place for people and families.

Jeremy Gordon is what a commissioner should be: kind, solution-oriented, actively engaged, visible, one who listens intently, and a demonstrated passion to serve all the residents of our county. I offer my highest recommendation and urge the re-election of Jeremy Gordon as our Polk County Commissioner.

John McArdle, Independence



Temp/Rainfall	April 17 - 59 36 0.00
April 13 - 57 45 0.01	April 18 - 71 36 0.00
April 14 - 50 42 0.15	April 19 - 75 45 0.00
April 15 - 52 36 0.92	Total April 13-19 - 1.08
April 16 - 57 35 0.00	Total through April 12 - 2.75

How much do you feel the local governmental leaders listen to their constituents’ concerns?

Very closely - 10.3%	Not enough - 17.2%
Somewhat - 20.7%	Not at all - 51.7%

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MAGIC MAZE

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH VOLCANOES

ROLHEBXUROLIEBY
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 KIOTGEUGMCICAYW
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 HFRRETARCTLNEVEC
 A Y X U E P S N V D U T A T S

EARTHQUAKES S L L N Q
 P E S N M O K R B R J O H E F
 E C B H M Z Y X E A V M U V T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: MOLTEN ROCK

Ash	Crust	Magma	Rupture
Basalt	Dormant	Mantle	Steam
Caldera	Earthquakes	Molten	Vent
Crater	Eruption	Mountain	

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Purse is moved. 2. Fork is reversed. 3. Napkin is different. 4. Doorway opening is not as wide. 5. Window is different. 6. Jacket is longer.

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Americanisms

“You pray for rain, you’ve gotta deal with the mud too. That’s a part of it.”
 — Denzel Washington

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Moments in time

- On May 4, 1929, Edda van Heemstra Hepburn-Ruston, the daughter of an English banker and a Dutch baroness who for decades has been better known to her many film fans as the actress Audrey Hepburn, was born near Brussels, Belgium.
- On May 5, 1809, Mary Kies became the first American woman to receive a patent, for her straw-and-silk weaving technique to create hats. The patent was signed by President James Madison.
- On May 6, 1994, former Arkansas state clerk Paula Jones filed suit against President Bill Clinton in the federal court in Little Rock, Arkansas, asking for \$700,000 in damages. The case was just one of four major scandals that combined to threaten Clinton’s second term.
- On May 7, 1984, seven chemical companies, including Dow and Monsanto, agreed to pay \$180 million to thousands of Vietnam veterans who’d been exposed to the chemical herbicide Agent Orange during the war. Lawyers for both sides announced the surprise out-of-court settlement on the day jury selection was set to begin.
- On May 8, 2010, “Golden Girl” Betty White became the oldest host of TV’s “Saturday Night Live.” She landed the job in part due to the hundreds of thousands of her fans signing on to a Facebook campaign rallying for the honor.
- On May 9, 1970, President Richard Nixon made an impromptu visit to a group of anti-war protesters at the Lincoln Memorial — an event that his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, dubbed “the weirdest day so far” of Nixon’s presidency, going on to record in a diary entry, “I am concerned about his condition. ... He has had very little sleep for a long time and his judgment, temper and mood suffer badly as a result.”
- On May 10, 2002, former FBI agent Robert Hanssen, who intermittently sold state secrets to Russia over the course of two decades, received a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole for espionage. Hanssen apologized for his acts, describing himself as “shamed” by them and saying that he had “opened the door for calumny” against his innocent family.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sturdily built
- 7 Evergreen-scented cleaning brand
- 14 Cows’ milk deliverers
- 20 Pejorative way to be caught
- 21 Transition zone between biomes
- 22 Go on a trip
- 23 “... at least”
- 24 Hundredth of a peseta
- 25 Cure
- 26 Managers’ evaluations of employees
- 29 “Rope-a-dope” boxer
- 30 Gas brand in Ontario
- 31 “Lid” cousin
- 32 Hit the slopes
- 35 Tries to swat with an open hand
- 39 2002 film with Jennifer Lopez and Ralph Fiennes
- 45 “I have it!”
- 48 Uno plus due

DOWN

- 49 Narrow ship passages
- 50 Regulation of a computer network
- 55 White wader
- 56 1/24 of a day
- 57 Torrid
- 58 Capital of the Bahamas
- 61 Try out for the role
- 65 Realm that began with the reign of Charlemagne
- 71 Monk’s title
- 72 Crumple (up)
- 73 Mafia bosses
- 74 Meadow
- 75 Denials
- 76 They were given to Moses on Mount Sinai
- 79 Most energetic
- 81 Humiliated
- 82 Suffix with 52-Down
- 84 Creamy cheese
- 85 “May I see —?” (diner’s question)
- 88 “Don’t Cry Out Loud” singer
- 94 Full of subtlety
- 97 Little kid
- 98 Plaza Hotel
- 99 They deliver fuel and air from carburetors to cylinders
- 102 National anthem in Ontario
- 106 Fleur-de- —
- 107 “Bad” cholest-erol, in brief
- 108 Worker’s pay
- 111 Bonn article
- 112 What you have to do before entering seven answers in this puzzle?
- 120 Address Hedy
- 123 Long rants
- 124 Put new cables in
- 125 To-do list
- 126 Illustrious
- 127 Loves to bits
- 128 Rises from bed
- 129 Insists
- 130 Pastry chefs, e.g.
- 3 African nation
- 4 Mushy food
- 5 St. Pat’s isle
- 6 Doe, e.g.
- 7 Texas river
- 8 Frosting tools
- 9 Sarge, say
- 10 Un-PC suffix
- 11 Evening, in French
- 12 “My treat!”
- 13 10th-century pope
- 14 Netherlands province or its capital
- 15 Doodled, e.g.
- 16 Stops up
- 17 Adam’s mate
- 18 Like many wines
- 19 Like many winks
- 27 Gala affairs
- 28 Motels
- 32 Swizzle
- 33 Model Moss
- 34 Pt. of MIT
- 36 — dish
- 37 Drag to court
- 38 Una’s place
- 41 Great anger
- 42 Alternative to Bob Evans
- 43 Hiker’s guide
- 44 Touch base after a fly-out
- 46 Madeline of “Judy Berlin”
- 47 In history
- 50 Elevator part
- 51 “— welcome”
- 52 Neighbor of Chad
- 53 Hollywood’s Hawke
- 54 Road goop
- 59 Only
- 60 Coze
- 62 Chuck (cheap wine)
- 63 “— Rock” (1966 hit)
- 64 Probability
- 65 Choose (to)
- 67 Is defeated
- 68 Nonreactive
- 69 O’Donnell of TV and film
- 70 Citrate, e.g.
- 73 Give formally
- 77 Tropical plant with bright flowers
- 78 One paying dues: Abbr.
- 79 Bell’s ring
- 80 “Peer Gynt” playwright
- 83 NNW’s opposite
- 85 Dye used in blue jeans
- 86 City bond, in brief
- 87 Devours
- 89 Cyber-giggle
- 90 “— be my pleasure!”
- 91 Murmured lovingly
- 92 Fruit drink brand
- 93 That, in Chile
- 95 It might ensnare congers
- 96 Aeneas’ lover, in myth
- 100 Played like Galway
- 101 Neighbor of Denmark
- 103 Think a lot of
- 104 Closer to one’s heart
- 105 “Gunsmoke” actor James
- 109 Revises
- 110 Main ideas
- 112 Soda holders
- 113 Pakistani language
- 114 Part of DST
- 115 Prune
- 116 Tennis player Mandlikova
- 117 Drearily dull
- 118 Mother of Helen of Troy
- 119 Furry “Star Wars” critter
- 120 Fall behind
- 121 Grow older
- 122 Ran into

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: B equals C

CMBGJT JP C SJMXVHUO
 BCDSO MOLF DTJCEBCFV
 LGJ UJJMSHXGVF CF C
 IJSHBO JPPHBT:
 CMEOTFJM BJILOT.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the title of the final episode of “M*A*S*H”?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Red Sea is an inlet of which ocean?
- INVENTIONS: Which English scientist invented the color wheel?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do pandas mostly eat?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional college where “Animal House” is set?
- HISTORY: What was the last Chinese imperial dynasty?
- GEOMETRY: What is the distance around a circle called?
- SCIENCE: The world’s first vaccine was developed to prevent which disease?
- LITERATURE: Where is Stephen King’s novel “It” set?
- BUSINESS: What is the Disney logo based on?

- Answers**
- “Goodbye, Farewell and Amen.”
 - Indian Ocean.
 - Sir Isaac Newton.
 - Bamboo.
 - Faber College.
 - Qing.
 - Circumference.
 - Smallpox.
 - Derry, Maine.
 - The signature of Walt Disney.
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GO FIGURE!

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

-	×	=	10
+	+	+	
+	÷	=	7
-	-	÷	
+	÷	=	8
=	=	=	
4	1	3	

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phippe

OK, WE’RE GOING TO TRY A NEW APPROACH. WE’LL SHARE OUR FEELINGS, AND WHEN YOU HEAR THE BELL, RETURN TO YOUR NEUTRAL CORNERS.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

WHO ORDERED THE CHICKEN PARMIGIANIANT?

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

SON, WHAT A GORGEOUS DAY. WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NICE WEATHER LIKE THIS.

DAD, DAD, I KNOW! LET’S GO SWIMMING, OR BETTER YET, LET’S SNEAK OUT AND GO TO A PARK!

EVEN BETTER, HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A NAP IN THE WARM SUN?

AT WHAT AGE DOES A NAP STOP BEING PUNISHMENT?

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YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Summer 2026: Hot, dry and dangerous

“March is often a big month for snowstorms. Instead of getting snow we would normally expect we got this unprecedented, way-off-the-scale warmth”

— Dr. Russ Schumacher, climatologist

By PHILIP S. WENZ

Meteorologists, climatologists, snowpack experts, farmers and ranchers kept their hopes up. After Western states experienced a warm, dry 2025-26 winter, there was a chance that March storms would replenish the sub-par snowpack in the Rocky, Sierra and Cascade mountain ranges. But a record March heat-wave dashed those hopes, leaving accumulated snow levels low, or in many areas, non-existent as April arrived.

Every year in early

April, scientists venture to high Sierra Nevada meadows to measure the depth of the annual snowpack.

“Normally, we’d be standing right here,” Andy Reising, manager of the California Department of Water Resources snow surveying division, told a Guardian newspaper reporter who joined his team’s 2026 trek. He pointed to the top of a five-foot-high measuring rod used for testing snow depth. But this year Reising was standing on grass because the snowpack depth was zero.

As well as measuring snowpack depth and estimating its overall mass from satellite images, scientists calculate the “snow water equivalent” (SWE), that is, how much moisture the snow holds that will turn into water

when it melts. California’s overall 2026 snowpack mass is 26% of normal. The SWE of that snow is 18% of its year-to-year average.

Although Oregon is better off, its snowpack is also at a dangerously low 30-40% of normal, depending on the location. The SWE stands at 10-30% of the median. Little snow. Little water.

Snowpacks, which act as natural reservoirs, typically melt over the summer and fall, continuously replenishing rivers, streams, and lakes. This helps reduce wildfire incidence while providing irrigation during the critical hot, dry months when most crops ripen.

“Because [this winter] was so warm,” Oregon State Climatologist Larry O’Neill told Oregon

Public Broadcasting, “... our largest [natural] reservoir of water is nearly empty at this point in time.”

What can we expect in the summer of 2026?

For starters, scientists predict what they call a “super El Niño” this summer and fall.

An El Niño is the warm phase of a vast natural warming and cooling cycle of central Pacific waters. (La Niña is the cool phase of the cycle, with the phase-change period ranging from two to seven years.) An El Niño releases heat stored in a wide area of the ocean into the atmosphere, warming the air around Earth’s mid-latitudes. When the ocean is 1°C warmer than normal, the El Niño is moderate. At 1.5°C it is strong. This

year, the water is well above 2°C higher, pushing the El Niño into the “super” range.

For the West Coast, that means more heat added to the previously predicted record temperatures for the summer and fall.

Thus Oregon’s wildfire risk throughout the state could rival earlier record-breaking years, O’Neill told OPB. Some large wildfires might occur in relatively remote areas, harming regional wildlife, polluting the local water supply, and adding copious amounts of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere while filling the air with dangerous particulates — as well as reducing the supply of potentially harvestable timber and costing a fortune to fight. Other fires strike human settlements,

burning homes and infrastructure, as well as threatening parts of entire towns.

Also, parts of the state, particularly its agricultural valleys and areas west of the Cascades, will be vulnerable to life-and crop-threatening heat waves. Caused by high-pressure atmospheric domes which, in this new era of reduced polar jet stream speed, can sit over wide regions for weeks at a time, today’s heat waves are significantly more dangerous than those of past decades.

Yes, you can still look forward to summer. But be aware and take care so you can enjoy it safely.

Philip S. Wenz studies environmental trends and developments. Visit his blog at [Firebird Journal \(firebirdjournal.com\)](http://Firebird Journal (firebirdjournal.com)).

SWAP

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filled the city hall chambers to air their opposition to the plan.

It’s also personal for John Moore. More than 500 feet of his property borders the land-swap area. He, too, was disappointed in the city’s communication of the plan.

“Even though the city guidelines require notification, I have never received a letter,” he said. “They could have invited me to sit and discuss with them options. Instead, they ghosted me and it looks like they did it on purpose.”

Despite the negative feedback over the process, the city council voted 4-2 to approve the proposed land swap. Voting yes were councilors John Oberst, Carol McKiel, Jon Carey and Christopher Lopez voted yes while Roxanne Beltz and Jason Ridgeway gave no votes.

In the city’s staff report, the administration countered with examples of ample notification

of the land-swap plans including:

Notice signs were posted in a location visible from a public right-of-way. The signs were posted less than 10 days prior to the first public hearing, therefore the public hearing was held open for 2 additional weeks to provide interested parties additional opportunity to see the posted hearing notice signs and provide comments at the Planning Commission or the second public hearing before the City Council.

A Ballot Measure 56 notice was sent to the property owners directly impacted by the proposed amendments in Areas 1, 2 and 3.

Notice was published in the Polk County Itemizer-Observer.

Monmouth Community Development Director Suzanne Dufner explained when the process gets to the steps the city is at now with public hearings, the discussion becomes more about the due process, is the administration following city rules and procedure and are people



getting to exercise their appeal rights accordingly if they feel the city has made an error.

“It can be challenging. We know this in planning, to get folks engaged in those earlier stages,” Dufner said. “I understand the frustration that comes out. It becomes more immediate when it potentially impacts your property.”

To help facilitate the land swap, Rep. Paul Evans and Sen. Deb Patterson sponsored House Bill 2647, giving Monmouth an expedited process to swap 90 acres southwest of the city for 75 acres to the city’s west.

In a letter to the I-O, Evans pointed to the region’s population explosion according to Oregon Bluebook — Monmouth’s

population grew from 7,741 in 2000, to 9,545 in 2010 and again to 11,487 in 2020. Evans said projections suggest at least 14,000 people by 2030 and perhaps nearly 18,000 by 2040, which will eventually require development beyond current UGB lines.

He added that urban growth boundaries are planning tools that are often static but never permanent.

“They function as 20-year plans for managing growth. Landowners near a UGB should expect possible adjustments, stay engaged, and understand development realities as our state and community populations expand,” Evans said.

At the crux of the matter is the city is out of land within its UGB to develop.

“The city is doing a lot of things to solve the problem,” Carey said. “Many of those are applicable to new development. Not all, but most. The city’s been doing a lot of work. We’re still constrained by the land.”

The staff report also addressed concerns citizens expressed to the council including potential problems with potential loss of farmland, compatibility with surrounding land use, impact to traffic and infrastructure, environmental concerns which included flooding and drainage issues, and the impact on Western Oregon University, such as campus safety, and athletic activities and events.

Councilor Roxanne Beltz, who voted against the land swap, said a land-use decision is never easy. From everything she’s seen, Beltz felt the city followed state guidelines.

“But meeting the legal standard and community expectations doesn’t always feel the same, and I think that is important to say out loud,” she said. “Transparency doesn’t always mean everybody agrees. But it does mean that everybody knows why and when and how decisions are made.”

The city council must still codify the approval in the form of an ordinance at a future meeting.

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listed in this directory.

TEACHER

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Planetary Society, the world's largest nonprofit space organization, "inspiring future explorers through education and innovation."

The reward for the winning teacher, Vidal said, is \$25,000, a trip to Hawaii, and a school assembly with Bill Nye the Science Guy.

"The rewards are to meet Bill Nye, which would be so cool. And the goal with that would be to bring it to the Central School District, not just to my own school," Vidal said. "And have all the kids of our community be able to enjoy that."

Vidal touted her success transitioning from an undercover security investigator to a home daycare provider for 12 years to certified preschool teacher

over the last six years.

"We use a curriculum called Creative Curriculum through Teaching Strategies. It's a pretty spendy program, but it has helped bring our program more hands-on learning," Vidal said.

A key component is having the outdoor space to get the children engaged outside the classroom and into nature.

"Often centers don't have that ability to be outside, and kids just learn so much easier, so much better when they're doing hands-on work, hands-on things and being outside," Vidal said.

She added the program is community based.

"We have a program that allows parents to kind of engage with each other, kind of lean on each other as a community would. So we're very, very highly community-based. Parents come in and

volunteer and help out in the classroom," she said. "They're encouraged to do that. They're encouraged to attend events outside of the school and then just be a part of their kids' education."

To promote her America's Favorite Teacher nomination, Vidal had to hone up on her social media skills. Making posts here and there when she could, she didn't expect to get far in the contest.

"I'm actually very surprised. I mean, I didn't expect it to go very far at all, actually. I don't know why. I'm not a big social media person. And so this has been really hard for me because they'll send emails, 'Hey, if you haven't posted.' And so I'll just go on and read those and maybe write a little thing to go with it. And then family and friends have just been sharing it,"

Vidal said.

She added it's been kind of weird at the same time, too.

"I went to the GATE Gala last week and had like three people who I hadn't talked to in many, many years literally come up to me and be like, 'I saw that you were in the America's Favorite Contest, the teacher contest,'" Vidal said. "I am beyond grateful for everyone who has taken the time to vote and support me. This isn't just about me - it's about our entire community and the importance of early education."

As the votes started piling in a couple weeks ago, Vidal climbed the ranks into the top 10, where she finally peaked at number six, just missing the last cutoff for voting for the top five this week.

Regardless of the final

results, Vidal feels she's been a part of a greater plan to help the community's youth start their educational journey.

"If you asked me 20 years ago or 10 years ago, if I would see myself owning a childcare and running a preschool, I would have a hundred percent said no way, because my degree was criminal justice," Vidal said. "But I've grown to realize that God's plan is better than mine."

She has enjoyed stepping into that role.

"I get the privilege of seeing these kids so young. And some of them come from families that don't have mom and dad at home. They only have mom or they only have dad, or they only see their mom or dad an hour a day before bedtime, you know? And so being able to develop and have those types of relationships with

those kids and know that that helps them be more successful in life, that's amazing."

Vidal added she is very proud of finishing sixth in America's Favorite Teacher contest as it's way farther than she ever imagined going.

"I'm grateful for every single person who supported and voted for me along the way. That part means everything," she said. "At the same time, coming so close to the next stage and just missing it definitely seems a little (disappointing). You can't help but wonder 'what if.'"

But she plans to focus on the positive.

"This experience reminded me why I love what I do. It showed me how strong and supportive my community is, and pushed me outside my comfort zone in the best way," Vidal said.

RATE

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because they're on a cash basis in the county, each of the May increases, and we've been getting increases in May for the last several years, have not actually been received in dollars after their fiscal year end of June 30," Harlan said.

Now that the 2024 and 2025 have been fully accounted for, Haran added the increase of 3.5% would still place Brandt "on the very low end of the current target for the industry, which is 10-12%" operation costs. "We need this margin

to, that we're asking for, to have a reserve, which is necessary when they go to the bank to be able to finance it for the trucks. The request over the last period of time has been within, the last several increases have been within the CPI increase," she said.

Councilor Bill Boisvert's first instinct was to be against the rate increase request.

"But I saw that comparatively where we sit in there, we really don't have much to complain about in that regard. But since this will be the third year that you've come to us for an increase, do you anticipate having to do this

every year?" he asked.

Harlan said Brandt's went six years without an increase during a time a leadership transition has been trying to catch up since.

"And what we told you last year was that we would try to come back in annually with smaller increases. So this is not that 7.9. We're getting caught up. And so we're holding at 3.5. But again, we cannot help what this disposal increase has done," she said.

Joshua Brandt, the fourth-generation owner of the company, explained the rising disposal costs to them that affects their timeline asking for rate

adjustments from the city.

"What happens, for instance, for disposal, I got a letter the first week of November for a January 1 new rate. Those used to go up by \$2 a ton. Then they turned to five. This year it was \$5. Next year it's \$10. The yard waste, green waste, is actually \$15 more a ton next year," Brandt said. "It ends up making our timeline pretty tight."

He added fuel costs for his fleet of trucks is now \$9,000 a month and the uncertainty of landfill end of life reports add extra unknowable costs to their operations. Brandt pointed to a \$200 million fine Republic Services was

imposed that he expects the company to recoup from their customers and other industry service charges.

So that the council wouldn't be inundated with Brandt's budget considerations that goes into last minute requests in April, Councilor Evan Sorce sought more regular updates from City Manager Kenna West on the costs of waste management.

"Is it possible sometime in the future to get an update to council about all of that stuff when it comes to where we're at with the landfill and how it's impacting (Brandt's)? Because I know there's

also discussion about maybe the county going in on some of this waste transfer," Sorce asked.

West promised city staff would work on the issues, which are still up in the air.

"If it ever comes out of the air, we will absolutely work on it. You know, I want to make sure that our community members understand that this is a business that has to pay bills, and so many of their costs are outside of their control," West said. "And so when they see their bill going up, you know, year by year, making sure we're doing our job to educate our community about it."

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Central hosts largest John Oliver Invitational yet



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Ava Sanchez anchors the Panthers 4X100 relay to a second-place finish at Saturday's John Oliver Invitational track meet at Central High School.

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

Central's track and field program hosted its biggest event of the season, and the largest John Oliver Invitational ever, on Saturday.

The meet drew 19 teams and some 500 athletes, thereby creating a highly competitive environment for the area's best athletes.

"It's the biggest meet we've had," coach Eli Cirino said.

This year's showcase events were the boys and girls 1500 meters. Panthers' senior Ty Cirino set a new event record of 3:53.63 in winning his race.

Alexis Ramirez, pole vault, and Ryan Perkins, long jump, also won their events, as did the 4X100 relay team of Perkins, Kao Phantern, David Rice and Ryan Burgett.

The boys team did very well. Central bested the field for the fourth year in a row – despite thinner depth in some events and strong programs in attendance like Corvallis, Thurston and South Salem.

Thurston bested the girls' field, with Central coming in fifth. Still, a young Central core produced positive results, with multiple athletes contributing points and posting personal records.

Finishing in second place for the Panthers were Brynn Taufu'asau in the shot put, Anna Cole in the discus, and Lyala Olsen in the long jump.

In addition, Taufu'asau ran the first leg for a 4X100 relay that placed second. Olsen, Maddie Foreman and Ava Sanchez completed the quartet.

The scale of the event posed significant challenges. Hosting duties stretched the coaching staff thin, forcing them to balance meet management with athlete support. Still, the opportunity to compete at home added extra excitement for many of the team's athletes.

"There's a different kind of pride when you're performing in front of your friends and family," coach Cirino said.

With a few weeks remaining

in the season, the Panthers remain focused on their development.

"We're still trying to get people healthy and figure out where they fit best," Cirino added. "The goal is to be at our best at the end of the year."

The Mid-Willamette Conference championships begin Wednesday, May 20, at Corvallis High School.

**JOHN OLIVER INVITATIONAL
Panther Stadium, April 18
Final Results
Central Boys**

100 Meters: Third, David Rice; Sixth, Ryan Perkins
200 Meters: Fifth, Rice
800 Meters: Liam Gibson of Keah-Kah-Nie set a new meet record, 1:54.95. Second, Ty Cirino, 1:55.91
1500 Meters: First, Cirino, new meet record, 3:53.63; Fourth, Aidan Wendring
110m Hurdles: Fourth, Asher Baker
300m Hurdles: Second,

See **TRACK**, page B2

Pirates' goal is to make deeper run in state playoffs

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

Perrydale softball remains on track to top last year's stellar run.

"We want to host playoff games, ideally two or even three," said head coach Jeremy Gunther. "That means continuing to win and controlling our destiny."

Last season ended with the Pirates falling in the second round of the state playoffs. The goal this season is to forge an even deeper run.

"After last season, I knew we were building something. We won a home playoff game and then played a top team in the state. I could see where we were headed," Gunther said. "The mindset and focus in practice told me the sky's the limit for these players."

Isabell Arthur agrees with her coach.

"We want to go further," the senior pitcher said. "We made it to the second round of the

playoffs last year, so the goal is to get past that and have no regrets."

A glance at the roster confirms that a competitive Pirates team is trending in the right direction. Arthur is the team's only senior.

"She's our pitcher and one of our top hitters," her coach said, adding that Arthur is "a great leader, almost like having another coach on the field. She was key to last year's success and continues to be this year."

Filling out the roster are six juniors, six freshmen and one sophomore. The result is a very competitive environment.

"We have freshmen who can step in and produce right away. That competition pushes everyone to improve and keeps players accountable," Gunther said. "It's a good mix."

Completing the team's talented core, the coach added, are Mallory Gunther, Madison Gunther, Brooklyn Barcroft and Elizabeth Yates.

Gunther said Yates, a



PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON

Jeremy Gunther, coaching in his second year as head coach of the Perrydale softball team, has the team in first place with the goal to make a deep run in the state playoffs.

freshman, has been huge for the team.

"She's hitting well, plays great defense and is moving into a key role in the lineup," he said.

Complacency is not an option. Instead, continued improvement is a must.

"We need to hit the ball better and clean up our defense," Gunther said of his players' focus. "It comes down to fundamentals."

As of Sunday, Perrydale sits atop the conference standings, at 5-1, 8-3 overall. Their lone league loss came against Kennedy (4-0, 8-2), a team ranked lower than them in the standings, but higher in the OSAA rankings. The teams meet today in the second of three league match-ups.

"This game is huge for us. We're focused on winning league, and every game matters toward that goal," Gunther said. "We want that win."

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A few words with Ray Rogers

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

There's no better girls team in Oregon than the Dragons of Dallas High School. Soon we'll know how they stack up against the rest of the country. That's because the girls are headed to the 2026 U.S. High School Bowling National Championship in Columbus, Ohio on June 20-22.

Dallas will be well-represented at this event, as its emerging boys team is headed there as well.

Long-time coach Ray Rogers is excited about both teams. He's excited that the girls, after being so close for so many years, got their first state title. And he's excited for a boys team that appears to have turned a corner with its eight-place finish at the state tournament.

Rogers recently discussed his program. The

interview, which has been edited for space, began with him talking about the boys.

RR: They didn't even make it to state last year, and then this year they got in a situation where they lost early. If they lost another one, they were out. They put their nose to the grinding wheel and got themselves to eighth place before they finally got beat again. They went from the bottom of the pack up to eighth place, knowing that it was do or die. Because if they got beat again, they were going home right now.

LM: The boys entered the state tournament as its 14th seed. So they certainly overachieved. What made this possible?

RR: They just realized they had to make good shots, cover their spares, do what needed to be done. It's just like anything else, you put



Ray Rogers

your mind to doing what you're supposed to do and go forth and do it. Don't rest on your laurels. Don't get lazy. The boys reached down deep, found it inside themselves, and that brought them back.

LM: So the girls won their first state title. What are your expectations for them at the national finals?

RR: Well, last year we had two girls that qualified in the singles, and got to bowl the next

day. I really think that all five girls ... have the potential to qualify as singles. As a team – I think we were 27th out of 112 teams last year. With their chemistry, and how tight they are, I think we'll do better. One of the things the girls have in their favor is how close they are. Chemistry is huge. In any team sport, when there's that chemistry, that's when you excel.

LM: And for the boys?

RR: It's going to be the first time for all of them, at nationals. It's going to be a learning experience. I've got a couple that are new to the game, but they have potential. And then there's Carson Thompson, especially, and Douglas Bialza. I really expect to see them excel in the singles events and carry the team quite a bit.

LM: That's a lot of pressure.

RR: Yes, it is. We could be way ahead or way behind. Back east, like in Pennsylvania, high school bowling is as cutthroat as high school football is in Texas. It's very competitive. We're going to be in Ohio bowling in a 64-lane bowling center. Around here, 24 or 32 lanes are big.

LM: How do you prepare the boys for that kind of pressure?

RR: We're just going to have to learn as we go.

LM: What are the teams' travel plans?

RR: We have five boys and six girls. Four coaches are going, and there's a parent for every kid. The parents pay airfare, but the AirBnb and food are covered by the club through fundraising. We have an event at Burgerville in May. We get a percentage of sales. We're going to publicize that and get the kids to

promote it.

LM: What is something about competitive bowling that a lot of people don't understand?

RR: This game is so mental. If you make a bad shot and dwell on it, it's like quicksand ... the more you struggle, the deeper you get. You have to stay positive and look forward. Doubt is the biggest hurdle. When you doubt yourself, you set yourself up for failure. When you stay positive, you succeed.

LM: First state championship in program history for the girls. How did they get there?

RR: Last year, they finished fourth. Before that, three straight seconds. Jaelynn Vohland has been on that team through all of it – two seconds, a fourth, and now a championship. They've been so close so many times.

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PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1986

Jobs open at Dallas High

With the announcement of a third retirement among the administrative ranks at Dallas High School, the district will have to find replacements for three top spots at the school for the 1986-87 school year.

Ken Johnson, Dallas High principal, notified the school board at its meeting Monday night of his intent to take early retirement at the end of the school year. Johnson has been with the school district for 15 years.

Earlier this year, Jim Bowman, athletic director, and Ed Caillier, assistant principal, both announced their plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Messer takes two speech titles

Dallas High School's speech team finished this year's state contest with a double state champion.

Senior Peter Messer captured first place in two events, extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking, in leading Dallas to a fourth place performance over the weekend at Oregon State University.

Messer is the first double winner at Dallas High since 1961 when Craig Muir doubled in oratory and debate. He is also the only duplicate champion that Dallas has ever had in speech.

Defence dooms DHS diamondmen

If baseball is a game of highs and lows, then

Dallas High's squad reached the stratosphere and the center of the earth last week.

The Dragons were in the clouds following Cody Weston's no-hitter against McMinnville on April 7. The 2-0 victory was the first for the Dragons against the Grizzlies in four years, according to Dallas coach Greg Smith.

Just as important, it improved the Dragons' record to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Willamette Valley League, both league wins coming away from home.

50 YEARS AGO

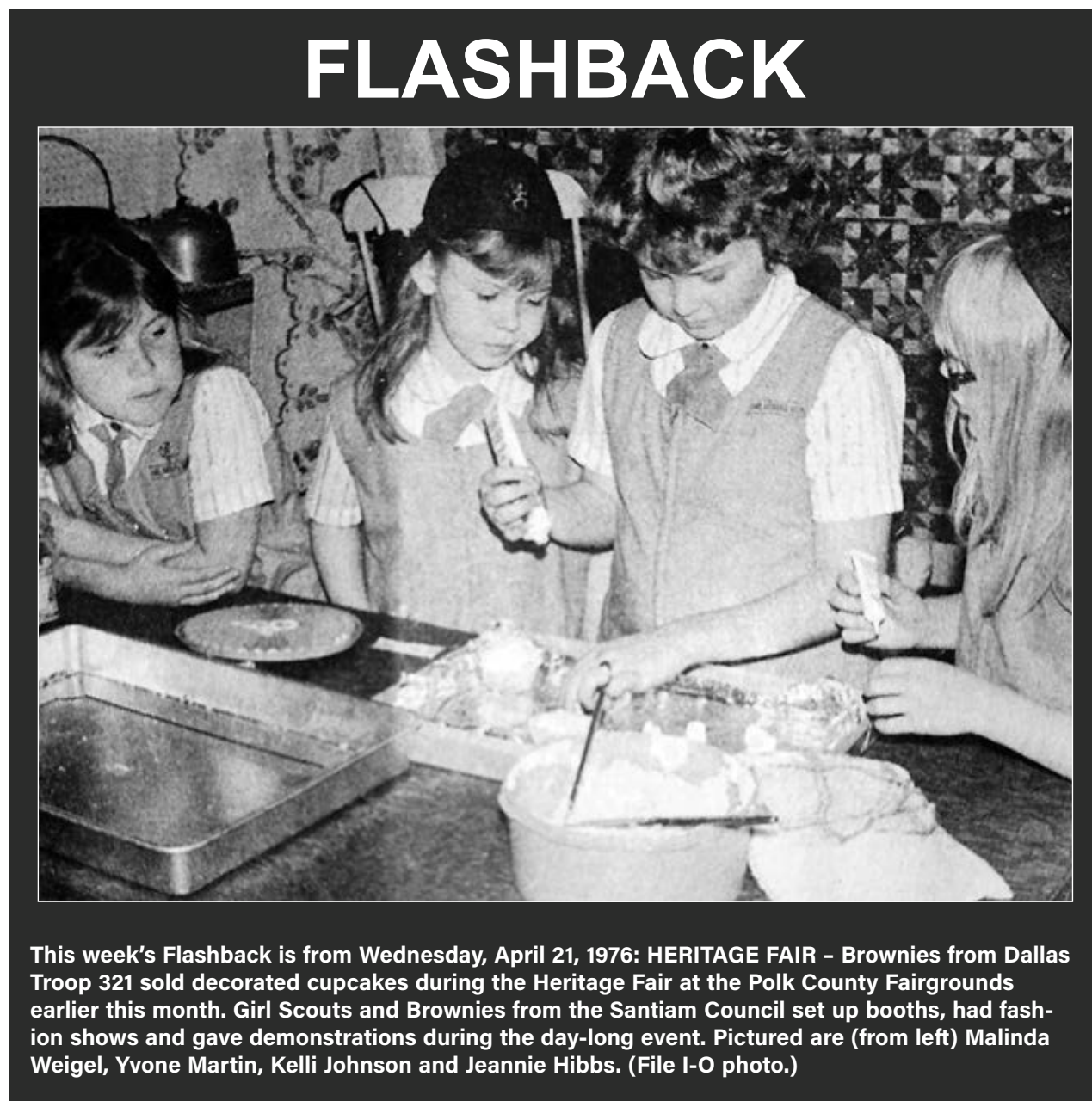
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1976

Dallas rates taking jump

Dallas city water and sewer rates will be increased next fiscal year as the result of a proposal presented to the Dallas City Council Monday night. The proposal calls for raising an extra \$27,000 in the water and sewer fees to make the utilities self-supporting.

The proposal was made after the city council earlier this year voted not to increase the city budget for the coming year. As a result, recent weeks have seen an effort by the council to make city services self-supporting rather than being supplemented by money from the general fund.

If accepted, it will mean a minimum water charged will soon cost Dallas residents \$3.50 instead of \$3. General water charges



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, April 21, 1976: HERITAGE FAIR - Brownies from Dallas Troop 321 sold decorated cupcakes during the Heritage Fair at the Polk County Fairgrounds earlier this month. Girl Scouts and Brownies from the Santiam Council set up booths, had fashion shows and gave demonstrations during the day-long event. Pictured are (from left) Malinda Weigel, Yvone Martin, Kelli Johnson and Jeannie Hibbs. (File I-O photo.)

for the coming year will be increased 15 percent. Sewer user receipts will be increased approximately 50 percent.

Miller answers recall

Meeting with a group comprised primarily of Polk County union leaders Friday night, county commissioner Alan Miller answered questions surrounding his 14 months in office, spending much of the three-hour meeting explaining county positions on such items as the purchase of office space on Main Street in Dallas, policy on buying and using county cars, and the 1976-77 county budget.

Many of the questions were intensified in recent weeks by an ongoing recall petition against Miller. The recall was started three weeks ago is now being

circulated throughout the county.

Dragons lose to McMinnville

Dallas opened its Coast Valley League baseball season last Tuesday with the visiting McMinnville Grizzlies. Mac prevailed with a 6-0 decision. Last Thursday's scheduled game at Forest Grove was rained out and so was a non-counter slated with Wests Albany on Saturday.

Dix, Winker, and Shockey were too much

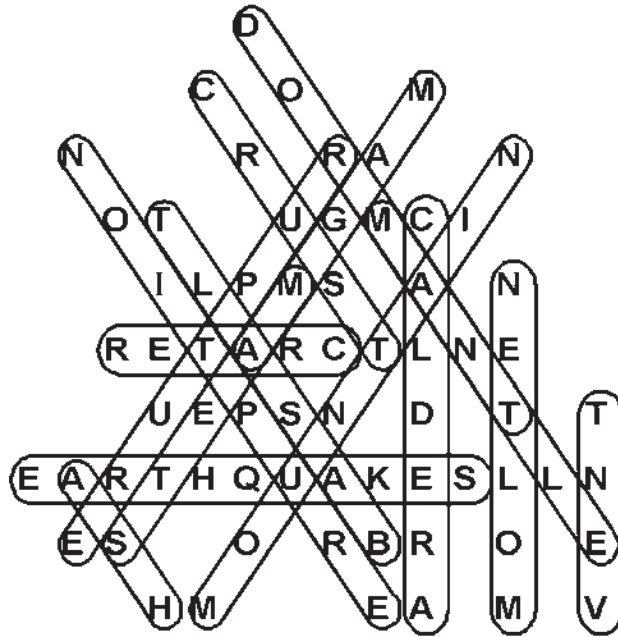
Three Mac Grizzlies combined to give Dallas nothing but fits in the CVL opener. Doug Dix pitched a 3-hitter, Corey Winkler, batting in the 4 slot, had four hits (2 singles around a double and triple), scored once and drove in 2 runs, and Mick Shockey had 4 RBI. The team had 9 hits.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH VOLCANOES



TRACK

From Page B1

Ryan Burgett

4x100 Relay: First,

Perkins, Kao Phantern,

Rice, Burgett

4X400 Relay: Third,

Jason Vega Ramos,

Wending, Cirino,

Burgett

Shot Put: Eighth,

Adam Menke

Pole Vault: First,

Alexis Ramirez

Long Jump: First,

Perkins

Triple Jump: Second,

Perkins

Team Scores: First,

Central, 94 points; sec-

ond, Philomath, 83; third,

Corvallis, 81; fourth,

McNary, 63; fifth, South

Salem.

Central Girls

400 Meters: Sixth, Ava

Sanchez, 1.00.96

4X100 Relay: Second,

Brynn Taufa'asau, Lyala

Olsen, Maddie Foreman,

Sanchez

4X400 Relay: Seventh,

Foreman, Selah Jones,

Demi Overlin, Sanchez

Shot Put: Second,

Taufa'asau

Discus: Second, Anna

Cole; eighth, Mikayla

Young

Javelin: Eighth, Cole

High Jump: Third,

Taufa-asau

Pole Vault: Third,

Ashlyn Viner

Long Jump: Second,

Olsen

Triple Jump: Seventh,

Kenzie Bennett

Team scores: First,

Thurston, 146.5 points;

second, Banks, 77; third,

South Albany, 54; fifth,

Central, 52.5.

ROGERS

From Page B1

When they won this year, it was like getting a monkey off the back.

LM: As for the boys' finish, something to build on?

RR: Big time. Eighth place is the boys' best finish since I've been coaching. It's going to be tough losing Carson, but we've got great young talent coming up.

LM: So, how do the teams look moving forward?

RR: I'm losing one senior off each team - Jaelynn and Carson. So we'll have experience coming back. In bowling, players really feed off each other and help each other improve.

LM: Additional comments?

RR: I'm excited to go to Ohio. I think it's going to be a good time. We've got strong bowlers and we're going to represent the West Coast well.

Note: Senior Carson Thompson will be bowling for the Oregon State club team next year.

Go Figure!

answers

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CryptoQuip

answer

Anchor of a longtime cable news broadcast who moonlights as a police officer: Anderson Copper.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6 p.m. - Imagine Our Future: Climate Art Showcase, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chari Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior

Center
 10 a.m. - Age Cafe, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Winter Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 2:30 p.m. - PEARLS, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 5:30 p.m. - Independence Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior

Center
 10 a.m. - Pottery Class with Elinor, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library
 12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Art Afternoon & Sunshine Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
 4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 4 p.m. - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Live Music: Rod DeGeorge, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

6 p.m. - Live Music: The Edge Band, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

1 p.m. - CelloBop, Gideon Freudmann on the electric cello, Monmouth

Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 2 p.m. - Live Music: Can't Never Could, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence
 8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/Hand & Foot/ Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Accessibility Workshop, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
 12 p.m. - Bunco Game, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 4 p.m. - Public Safety Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 4 p.m. - Public Works Committee meeting, City

Hall, 187 SE Court St.
 5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
 6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas
 6:30 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga/ Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Age Café, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime Winter Series, for ages 3-5, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
 12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Monmouth Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 S Warren St.
 6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.
 6:30 p.m. - Independence City Council meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7 p.m. - Alcoholics

Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
 10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, for babies and toddlers, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
 11 a.m. - Lunch w/ Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
 11:45 a.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
 1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 1:30 p.m. - Craft with a Cop, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.
 4 p.m. Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center
 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House
 6:30 p.m. - Independence Budget & URA Committee meeting, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
 7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At Hunter Arboretum on Park Street, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the work you want to do and take a break with us at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

PRINCESSES RETURN TO BIBBIDI BOBBIDI BALL APRIL 25

When You Wish Events Oregon presents the Bibbidi Bobbidi Ball from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. You and your little ones to waltz the enchanting day away with all of your family's favorite magical Princesses, including The Ice Queen, The Ice Princess, The Island Princess, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, The Little Mermaid, Princess Beauty and Jasmine. There will be two enchanting sessions to choose from (11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$38.50. Everyone needs a ticket to the ball and each child must be accompanied by an adult. Limit 4 children per adult. Children ages one and under are free. Go to <https://bit.ly/47QGvTl>.

FAMJAM RETURNS APRIL 25

FamJam returns April 25 from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., presented by Polk County Family & Community Outreach and Mid-Valley Parenting. Come to the Polk County Fairgrounds for fun giveaways, activities, resource connection, and kindergarten registration information.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER APRIL 25

The Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center hosts an Afternoon Tea Fundraiser, April 25 in Building B, 520 S Pacific Hwy. W., in Rickreall. Entry of \$35 a person includes an English Style Afternoon Tea with services at 11 a.m. and noon. RSVP to (503) 623-3048.

HAZEL'S ON MAIN HOSTS PAINT YOUR PET'S PORTRAIT DAY APRIL 26

Hazel's on Main hosts a Watercolor Paint & Sip event DIY Pet Portrait Class, presented by Paint With Magenta, from 2-4 p.m. April 26 at their Monmouth location, 105 Main St. E. Fun for all ability levels. Bring a print out of your pet. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/4sJbSYr>.

SPRING FLING DISCO COMES TO DALLAS CHURCH APRIL 28

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Resource Connections of Oregon presents a Spring Fling Disco, from noon to 2 p.m. April 28 at Dallas Church, 450 Washington St. Bring your grooviest outfit, your best dance moves, and get ready to boogie with DJ Messiah, spinning funky tunes. Mingle, play games and make new community connections. Lunch and beverages provided. Dress in themed attire and enjoy games and dancing for a chance to win giveaways.

FOREST PASS BREWING HOSTS SABLE HOUSE BINGO FUNDRAISER APRIL 28

Forest Pass Brewing hosts a Bingo Fundraiser for Sable House from 6-8 p.m. April 28 at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas. The \$15 buy gets 10 cards for 10 rounds and a black out round.

SW POLK FIRE DISTRICT HOSTS PANCAKE FEED MAY 3

The SW Polk Fire District hosts a pancake feed May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Rickreall Community Station, 9105 Rickreall Road. Join the firefighters for pancakes and fire engine rides. No ticket purchase necessary. Donations are appreciated.

FIRE DISTRICT HOSTS FORUMS

FOR OPERATIONS LEVY MAY 6

Southwest Polk Fire District hosts a community forum at 5:30 p.m. May 6 at the Rickreall Community Fire Station, 9105 Rickreall Road, to learn more about their proposed operations levy Measure 27-18 and how it impacts fire and emergency services in the community. There will also be hot dogs and live demonstrations.

FAIRGROUNDS HOSTS MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE MAY 8-9

The 24th Annual Polk County Master Gardener Association's Plant Sale is from 9 a.m. May 8 to 2 p.m. May 9 at the Polk County Fairgrounds Events Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway West, in Rickreall. This free-entry event includes annual flowers, hanging baskets, perennials, house plants, trees & shrubs, vegetables, berries, native plants, herbs and a country store.

MOSAIC CHURCH HOSTS BLOOM'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MAY 9

Mosaic Church Dallas hosts Bloom's Women's Conference, from 5:30-9p.m. May 9 at 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. Come ready for a night of soul-stirring worship, deep biblical teaching,

and dinner shared with sisters in Christ. Tickets are \$35 and are available online at <https://bit.ly/4miyVqo>.

BAMBINOS HOSTS ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY APPRECIATION MAY 9

Bambinos Oregon's Annual Mothers Day Appreciation event is May 9 at 322 S Main St., in Dallas. It features a Swap & Shop and Car Seat Clinic from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., compliments of new friends Kissin' Kate BBQ.

DALLAS ROTARY CLUB HOSTS EPIC DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE MAY 16

The Dallas Rotary Club will once again be collecting shelf-stable food items to benefit the Dallas Food Bank on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rotarians will be at the entrances to Grocery Warehouse, Safeway and Walmart to hand out flyers and collect your donations. Donations may also be brought directly to our collection hub in the Les Schwab parking lot or to the Dallas food bank at 322 South Main St. If you have questions, contact Damon Langley at (541) 591-4660 or Eddie Nelson at (503) 623-3578.

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PCIO26-219 Salt Creek Cemetery District Meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6 pm until 7 pm. Location will be the Salt Creek Fire Station, 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Those residing within the district are invited to attend. Agenda will include the following: Review of Oregon laws 97.570 spouse has vested rights, 97.620 use of plot by survivors, 97.630 Family plots, 97.710 Power of cemetery to make rules. Income and Expenditures, Recent sale of lots, recent placement of cemetery stones and/or markers, Activities of directors and recent burials 4/22/26

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PCIO26-191 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-24-1004787-RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KELLY CHAPMAN AND HEIDI CHAPMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, as Beneficiary, dated 6/25/2004, recorded 6/28/2004, in official records of POLK County, Oregon as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2004-010419 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 562318 07529-AC-05200 LOT 11, BLOCK 3, NORTH OAKS ADDITION, PHASE IV, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 592 NW EVE DR, DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$43,300.19 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$218,668.97 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 7/30/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of

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said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest KELLY CHAPMAN 592 NW EVE DR DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 Original Borrower HEIDI CHAPMAN 592 NW EVE DR DALLAS, OR 97338-1074 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-24-1004787-RM Dated: 3/20/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0313881 4/22/2026 4/29/2026 5/6/2026 5/13/2026

PCIO26-229 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearing will be held at 7:00 pm Monday, May 18, 2026 on the following: Legislative Amendment #25-05 Amend Dallas Development Code Article 2 (Land Use Districts) to create a new zoning district classification. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate

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via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov 4/22/26

PCIO26-228 TEAMSTERS COUNCIL #37 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION v. VELVET E. FULLER; JOSEPH ABRAHAM SHINN; KEIRSTIN NELKE ROBERG; ALL OCCUPANTS; AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY SUMMONS - CASE NO. 26CV04265 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY (collectively, "Defendant"), the above-named defendant. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For judgment for foreclosure and sale of the Property located at 2300 Lincoln Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304, and a declaration of amount owed and secured by plaintiff's Deed of Trust comprising of the unpaid principal balance of \$311,110.47, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$4,768.73 through January 16, 2026, plus interest accruing thereafter at the contract rate of 3.25 percent per annum (\$28.086 per diem), from January 17, 2026, until the date said judgment is entered; plus the title search cost of \$974.00; together with any additional sums required to be paid by plaintiff during the pendency of this suit for the protection of the Property and the plaintiff's interest therein; plus plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements incurred herein; plus interest on the total on the total sum in paragraph 1 at the contract rate of 3.25 percent per annum from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full; 2. That plaintiff's Deed of Trust, dated January 20, 2022, recorded January 25, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-001078, Records of Polk County, Oregon, be declared a first lien upon the Property for the amount of the judgment prayed for herein; 3. For judgment and decree that plaintiff's Deed of Trust upon the Property be foreclosed, and that the title, claim, interest, or demand of defendants in said Property, and every part thereof, except their statutory rights of redemption, be foreclosed; 4. For judgment and decree that the Property, with all of its appurtenances, rights, privileges, and easements be sold on execution by the Sheriff for Polk County, Oregon, after giving notice as required by law; that plaintiff may be and become a purchaser at said sale; that the Sheriff give the purchaser thereof a Certificate of Sale and, unless the Property is redeemed before the expiration of the redemption period, a deed; that said purchaser have immediate possession of the Property, and every part thereof; and that said purchaser be entitled to such remedies as are available at law to secure such position, including a writ of assistance, if defendants or any other parties or persons shall refuse to immediately surrender possession to the purchaser; and 5. That the proceeds of the sale be applied as follows: first, to pay the costs and expenses of said sale; second, to pay the judgment of plaintiff; and third, the surplus, if any, be paid to the Registry of the Court subject to further court order. WARNING: You may get offers from people who tell you they can help you keep your property. You may get offers from people who want to buy your "redemption rights" or "all rights under ORS" chapter 18." You should be careful about those offers, as a sale of your rights to a property in foreclosure may include your right to claim any surplus funds arising from

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the foreclosure sale. Make sure you understand any papers you are asked to sign. If you have any questions, talk to a lawyer or one of the organizations mentioned below before signing. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that can give you information about foreclosure and help you decide what to do. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the statewide telephone contact number at 1 (855) 480-1950. You may also wish to talk to a lawyer. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: http://www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to http://www.oregonlawhelp.org. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of the Honorable Timothy R. Park, Judge of the above-entitled Court made on the 30th day of March, 2026, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Polk County, Oregon. Date of first publication: April 22, 2026, Date of last publication: May 13, 2026. Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff FARLEIGH WADA WITT 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97204-3136 (503) 228-6044 mbertolino@fwlaw.com 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-227 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearing will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, May 14, 2026 on the following: Conditional Use #CUP-26-02 Construct an RV Park at the Dallas Golf Club at 11875 Orrs Corner. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.4 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov 4/22/26

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PCIO26-226 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR POLK EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Polk Extension Service District will be held in the Main Conference Room of the County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and to receive the budget message and document. Time is reserved for public comment at 10:15 a.m. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 8, 2026, at the Board of Commissioners' Office, Polk County Courthouse, during regular business hours. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Dated: April 15, 2026 4/22/26, 5/06/26

PCIO26-225 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Falls City School District, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR. The meeting will take place on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. A second meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and public comments on the proposed budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 12 at 111 N Main St, Falls City, OR, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/06/26, 5/13/26

PCIO26-224 NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY The City of Dallas has in its physical possession the unclaimed property described below, that was found in April 2026. If you have any ownership interest in any of this unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the City of Dallas, before Wednesday, July 29, 2026 or you will lose your interest in this property. Electronic Hearing Device You will be required to describe the item and provide legitimate proof of purchase and/or ownership. To inquire or file a claim, please contact City of Dallas City Recorder 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338 or call 503-831- 3502 4/22/26, 4/29/26

PCIO26-223 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE City of Monmouth - Uses of State Revenue Sharing for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 May 5, 2026 at 6:30pm A Public Hearing concerning possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds to be received for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held before the City of Monmouth Budget Committee on May 5, 2026 during their meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public may attend this hearing: · via computer, tablet and/or phone (online Zoom links and dial-in will be provided on the agenda to be posted on the City's website by April 29, 2026); OR · in person at the Monmouth City Hall at 151 Main St W, Monmouth, Oregon. The public is invited to comment on the possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds. Written testimony can be mailed in advance to City of Monmouth, Attn: Shawn Waite, Finance Director, 151 Main St W., Monmouth, Oregon, 97361, or emailed to swaite@ci.monmouth.or.us. 4/22/26

PCIO26-222 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Monmouth, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Monmouth City Hall, located at 151 Main St W, Monmouth, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message, and to receive

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comments from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation by the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting, or send comments in advance for the purpose of discussing the proposed programs with the Budget Committee, by contacting Shawn Waite, Finance Director at swaite@ci.monmouth.or.us. A copy of the budget document may be obtained on or after April 29, 2026 by calling 503-838-0722 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or by viewing online at the City's website. Up to three more public meetings related to the budget may be held, if needed, using the same venues and time on Thursday, May 7th, Tuesday, May 12th and Thursday, May 14th, 2026. Any additional meeting dates will be announced at these meetings when known. Additional meeting information can be found on the City's website, https://tinyurl.com/32aj6b7w. Publish: April 22, 2026

PCIO26-230 Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB03379 Deceased: Daniel Francis Tschida NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michelle L. Tschida has been appointed Personal Representative (the "PR") of the Estate of Daniel Francis Tschida, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB03379. All persons having claims against this Estate must present them within 4 months of the publication date of this notice at: Mannix Law Firm, 2009 State Street, Salem, OR 97301, or claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the above-named Court, from the PR, or from the PR's attorney, Joseph O. Huddleston, Mannix Law Firm, 2009 State Street, Salem, OR 97301. DATED and published: Apr. 22, 2026 /s/ Joseph O. Huddleston Attorney for the PR 4/22/26

PCIO26-221 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Monmouth Urban Renewal Agency, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Monmouth City Hall, located at 151 Main St W, Monmouth, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message, and to receive comments from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation by the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting, or send comments in advance for the purpose of discussing the proposed programs with the Budget Committee, by contacting Shawn Waite, Finance Director at swaite@ci.monmouth.or.us. A copy of the budget document may be obtained on or after April 29, 2026 by calling 503-838-0722 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or online at the City's website. Up to three more public meetings related to the budget may be held, if needed, using the same venues and time on Thursday, May 7th, Tuesday, May 12th and Thursday May 14th, 2026. Any additional meeting dates will be announced at these meetings when known. Additional meeting information can be found on the City's website, https://tinyurl.com/3staaekd. Publish: April 22, 2026

PCIO26-213 Notice of Central School District 13J Budget Meetings for FY 26-27 April 28, 2025 Public meetings of the Budget Committee of Central School District 13J, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held in April, May, and June, if needed, in the Henry Hill Education Center Board Room, 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon. Meetings can be viewed streaming on the "Info Central 13J" YouTube channel. The FIRST public meeting of the Budget Committee, will be on April 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Form OR-LB-NBC	Notice of Budget Committee Meeting Oregon Department of Revenue	PCIO26-220
<p>A Use this notice if public comment will be taken at this meeting.</p>		
<p>A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Polk SWCD (District name) Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 20 26 to June 30, 20 27 , will be held at Hybrid Zoom & OSU Extension Office (Location)</p>		
<p>289 E Ellendale Ave Ste 301, Dallas, The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 7th at 1 30 (Address) (Date) (Time)</p>		
<p>The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.</p>		
<p>This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.</p>		
<p>A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 30th (Date) at 580 Main St, Suite A, Dallas (Location)</p>		
<p>between the hours of 8:00 (Time) and 4:30 (Time)</p>		

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The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. No public comment will be taken at this meeting. An additional meeting of the Budget Committee will be held at a later date to take public comment. Information on submitting public comments and participation will be provided at a later date and be available on the Central School District 13J website. A copy of available budget documents may be inspected or obtained on or after April 27, 2026 at 750 S. 5th Street, Independence, Oregon, at 5:00 pm or via email request to pmcgahey@central.k12.or.us. Jennifer Kubista, Superintendent Central School District 13J <http://www.central.k12.or.us/> 4/15/26, 4/22/26

PCIO26-208 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Dallas School District #2, Polk County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the District Office, 111 SW Ash St, Dallas, OR, 97338. Members of the public can watch the meeting by using the link posted on the Dallas School District website at www.dallas.k12.or.us under the heading of Budget Committee Information or attend in person. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. The Dallas School District Budget Committee is dedicated to the public comment process and all agendas will contain time allotted for public comment. If you wish to submit written public comment via email it must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Comments submitted after 4:00 p.m. will be included in the next scheduled meeting. Please submit written public comment to tami.larson@dss2.org clearly marked with Budget Committee Public Comment in the subject line by 4:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget document will be available on the Dallas School District website at www.dallas.k12.or.us no later than April 28, 2026. A second Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026. Any additional meetings necessary will be announced at the May 11, 2026, meeting. 4/15/26, 4/22/26

PCIO26-207 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Downtown Storage and Warehouse located at 889 Liberty St NE Salem OR 97301 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 5/07/2026 at 10:00AM. Leah D Degroat Unit #A4216; Lisa Henkel Unit #A4266. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 4/15/26, 4/22/26

PCIO26-206 TS No. OR09000027-23-1S APN 359289 I 3201 To 1024865 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, ROBERT M CHODERKER, AN ESTATE IN FEE SIMPLE as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON as Trustee, in favor of ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary dated as of June 2, 2003 and recorded on July 7, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003-012867 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 359289 I 3201 LOT 7, BLOCK 3, LOWELL ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 2252 WESTFARTHING WAY NW, SALEM, OR 97304 Both the Beneficiary, Zions Bancorporation, N.A., successor by name change to Zions First National Bank, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default

for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 10/01/2022 to 02/01/2026 at \$52,414.37 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$101.35 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$68,857.32 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.00000% per annum from September 1, 2022 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on June 30, 2026 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, Please Note: Sale date has been moved to a future date as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Street Plaza, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Dated: 2/12/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0486315 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 04/15/2026, 04/22/2026, 04/29/2026, 05/06/2026

PCIO26-205 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Grand Storage located at 29005 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 5/06/2026 at 12:00PM. Shelbi Smith Unit #8. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO26-199 NOTICE IS GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO PROPOSE A FEE INCREASE FOR THE PUBLIC LAND CORNER PRESERVATION FUND before the Polk County Board of Commissioners on April 29, 2026 at 9:00 am. The hearing will be held in the main Board of Commissioners conference room, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss increasing the fee charged for land-related deeds from \$10 to \$20. The proposed increase is intended to better support operational costs associated with statutorily required public land corner preservation work. Recent changes to state law removed the previous statutory cap on the fee, allowing counties to establish fee amounts that reflect local needs. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed fee increase. Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Commissioners. Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM April 28, 2026. Please advise the Board of Commissioners (503-623-9237) at least 24 hours in advance if you need special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting virtually. If you have questions, please call the Polk County Surveyor's Office at 503-623-9287. 4/08/26 4/22/26

PCIO26-195 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 0709144885 T.S. No.: 25-14948 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, BRETT D. STOUT AND HEATHER STOUT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR RELIANCE MORTGAGE, LLC ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 7/6/2009, recorded 7/10/2009, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2009-008230 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 159650 LOT 1, BLOCK 4, ORCHARD VIEW TRACTS, IN THE COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 210 SE ORCHARD VIEW LN, DALLAS, Oregon 97338-9717 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 1/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, ad-vances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$94,918.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5 % per annum from 12/1/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 7/21/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Ore-gon Revised Statutes, at At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in

interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation 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. For Sale Information Call: (949) 776-4697 website: <https://prestige-postandpub.com> For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 2/27/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-002402 4/08/26, 4/15/26, 4/22/26, 4/29/26

PCIO26-188 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-75608 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by PATRICK A SCOTT, SINGLE MAN as Grantor to OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INS CO., as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/3/2021, recorded 11/4/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-017533, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 8 in Block 1, in HAYTERS SECOND ADDITION to the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. (Plat Volume B2, Page 48). The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1377 SW LEVENS ST, DALLAS, OREGON 97338 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 139717 / 07532-DA-04700 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments

of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 3/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$24,267.78 Late Charges: \$952.34 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,592.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$874.50 Total necessary to cure: \$28,686.62 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$332,617.45 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 7/10/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 2/26/2026, ZBS Law, LLP, Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47046 Pub Dates 04/08, 04/15, 04/22, 04/29/2026

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

At 7:04 a.m., officers responded to a two vehicle, minor injury crash on Ellendale Avenue. At 9:54 a.m., officers gave a send off escort for the Dallas High School students to the state competition. At 11:32 a.m., a

resident on Main Street reported someone broke into their car overnight, stealing several items. At 3:50 p.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited on La Creole Drive for driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance. At 7:22 p.m., a report of an attempted bike theft on Walnut Avenue. The resident later reported witnessing a juvenile suspect taking the bike then confronting the suspect and retrieving the bike. The owner did not wish to press charges. At 11:25 p.m., Gregory Lewis, of Salem, was arrested on Fir Villa Road and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine and fentanyl

and with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

At 10:35 a.m., a Door Dash driver received a stern warning for speeding on Ellendale Avenue. At 11:58 a.m., a resident on Ash Street requested extra patrol in the area after his cat was hit by a "street racer." At 1:58 p.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported while pulling onto his street to go home he ran over his neighbor's dog which ran into the street. He advised the dog owners were on scene and took the dog to the vet requiring no further action. At 2:43 p.m., an officer responded to a business alarm on Ellendale Avenue. Staff were

working on the cooler that had iced over, tripping the alarm. The officer verified the issue with the cooler by visual inspection. At 3 p.m., while an officer was taking a runaway report on Academy Street, the residents advised the juvenile came home on April 5 with what they believed to be a stolen bicycle. The bicycle was clear of wants. The officer seized the bicycle, a red Next, Break Point mountain bike. At 8:54 p.m., an officer talked with four juveniles playing at Gala Park off Uglow Avenue and advised them of park hours. At 11:36 p.m., an officer investigated a phone alarm on Maple Street. The officer found the building secured and no

one was located.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

At 12 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25-mph zone. At 3:34 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Mill Street for expired registration. The vehicle belongs to a friend and the driver will notify the owner to correct the registration. At 1:34 p.m., a resident on Pine Street made a noise complaint of a vehicle playing loud music. The car was gone upon the officer's arrival. At 2:09 p.m., officers located a vehicle from an alert of a "highly intoxicated" driver out of Yamhill County as it pulled up to the registered owner's residence on Ellendale Avenue.

The driver, Devin Ellis, refused to take a field sobriety test so he was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. He was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with DUII, reckless driving and reckless endangering. At 6:01 p.m., officers investigated a report of a hit and run on Oakdale Avenue. It turned out not to be a hit and run, as the at-fault driver returned to the scene with all information documented for the victim party. They exchanged information. At 11:11 p.m., a juvenile driver on Fir Villa Road was stopped for speeding. The driver received a warning and was informed of her

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driving behaviors and the risk she is putting herself in by disregarding the speed limit.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

At 1:41 a.m., a subject was taken to Polk County Jail and charged with trespassing on Academy Street.

At 4:27 a.m., officers investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Kings Valley Highway. They found the vehicle parked with the driver and passenger, who just got off work from Spirit Mountain Casino, were playing Pokemon Go.

At 3:47 p.m., an officer spoke with two juveniles about their PDA in the park off Park Street and how it was perceived by citizens.

At 7:08 p.m., a resident on Dimick Street reported a suspicious person walking around her complex last night. Her window was opened and the blinds were raised. Nothing was taken from the residence and it's unknown whether or not anyone entered.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

At 3:17 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for no operator's license, no insurance and failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 8:02 a.m., a report of multiple gas flaps open on vehicles along Ash Street. No reports of any lost fuel at this time.

At 3:35 p.m., an abandoned Subaru Legacy was towed from Howe Street.

At 2:57 p.m., officers investigated a report of a woman walking a husky on Main Street stating she was being held against her will. They were unable to locate the female.

At 9:06 p.m., a report of dogs hanging out a second story window of apartments on Elmwood Drive and barking, but the owners weren't home. An officer informed the complainant there was likely nothing to be done since owners weren't home and didn't know who they were.

At 11:03 p.m., a motorist on Main Street was stopped for expired registration. The driver was stopped in Salem approximately one hour prior for the same violation. The officer advised the Driver to get this issue corrected and to carry proof of insurance.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

At 1:52 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Ellendale Avenue. It was a newspaper driver parking to take a nap.

At 2:24 a.m., an officer responding to a non criminal domestic dispute on Levens Street found the female subject involved had an outstanding warrant out of Salem for a traffic offense. She was cited and released.

At 11:43 a.m., a report of the theft of a bicycle and other items from Walmart.

At 2:05 p.m., officers investigated an anonymous report of a one and seven year old left in a vehicle on Kings Valley Highway. They found no evidence of kids being left in the vehicle after footage was reviewed.

At 9:10 p.m., a motorist on Willow Lane was cited for failure to renew registration.

At 9:31 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility.

At 10:47 p.m., a

motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25-mph zone and received a written warning for no proof of insurance.

Wednesday, April 15

At 2:13 a.m., an officer investigated a report of a subject half hanging out the door of her car for an extended period of time on Ellendale Avenue. She was fine, just digging change out from under the seat.

At 2:34 a.m., a motorist on Ellendale Avenue was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 2:59 a.m., Javier Castenada was arrested on Church Street and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 7:59 a.m., Robert Norton was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with theft 2.

At 12:26 p.m., Jordan Jessie was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with theft 3 and criminal trespass after he stole a buzz ball right in front of a police officer.

At 1:26 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a 12 Year old threatening to fight a 13 year old neighbor on social media. No crimes were committed at this time.

At 3:10 p.m., a motorist on Holman Avenue was cited for failing to register a vehicle and received a written warning for cell-phone use.

At 9:12 p.m., Stephanie Smith was arrested on Fairlawn Court on an outstanding Dallas Municipal Warrant. She was also charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

At 10:34 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was cited for speeding 67 mph in a 45-mph zone.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested Antonio Bernal Corrales in San Diego, California, on a warrant stemming from an investigation of sex abuse to a child that occurred in Independence in the early 2000s. Bernal Corrales is charged with sexual penetration with an object, rape 1, sodomy 1, rape 2 and sex abuse 1.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

At 12:04 a.m., officers found a vehicle illegally parked in the lane of travel on F Street with the driver asleep. Although the driver was not intoxicated, he did have a suspended license and no insurance on the vehicle. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

At 2:20 a.m., officers responded to a report of a female subject on Monmouth Street who passed away in her sleep.

At 6:06 p.m., a motorist on Polk Street was stopped for expired registration. The driver had an expired license and no insurance. She was cited for no insurance and the vehicle was towed as a hazard.

At 7:01 p.m., an officer on patrol was contacted by Edward Prim on Polk and Walnut street regarding a lost knife. During the conversation the officer discovered Prim was out of compliance on his sex offender registration. He was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

At 12:56 a.m., an

officer observed a motorist in the 1300 block of Monmouth Street using the turn lane of travel for over one block and initiated a traffic stop. Aaron De Los Santos was suspected to be under both the influence of alcohol and marijuana. De Los Santos asked for an attorney so a search warrant for a blood draw was prepared and executed. He was arrested and transported to Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

At 10:50 a.m., a resident on River Oak Road reported his entire bank account had been emptied by fraudulent transactions.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

At 3:11 p.m., officers investigated a civil dispute over a car on Monmouth Street. Subsequently, a subject was trespassed from a nearby business.

At 7:24 p.m., officers assisted Monmouth police with an emotionally disturbed person on Stadium Drive. The subject was transported to Salem Hospital.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

At 8:12 a.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance on 4th Street. A juvenile damaged a family member's car windshield. But the family member did not wish to pursue charges. However, while talking with the youth, the officers determined he was visibly intoxicated. He was cited with minor in possession of alcohol.

At 9:50 a.m., a male subject was trespassed from the Brew Coffee & Taphouse on Main Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

After multiple domestic disturbance calls were responded to at a household in the 1000 block of South 4th Street, charges were pressed for physical harassment and minor in possession of alcohol.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Assist Other Agency: Officers checked on an elderly male with a history of delusions who was reporting that people were stealing items from his backyard; no sign of anyone having been there was found.

Assist Other Agency: An individual was arrested and lodged on a felony parole violation warrant. The person was also trespassed from another location.

Check Welfare: Following a request from staff at a school, an officer checked on children who had not been heard from for over a week. The parent explained the family had been ill and agreed to notify the school; the school staff was also updated.

Assist Other Agency: Assisted a neighboring police department in attempting to locate a missing elderly male reported by family. He was eventually located without incident.

Suspicious Activity: A caller complained about trash being pulled out of their cans, believing the people were from a RV parked across the street. Upon arrival, the area was clean and contact was not made with the RV occupants.

Trespass: Met with university campus public safety regarding multiple trespass issues concerning an individual. The individual was verbally

trespassed from the university and warned they could be arrested if they returned.

Arrest: An individual with a failure to appear municipal warrant was stopped, cited and released.

Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle/Theft: A person reported a theft from her vehicle that happened overnight. Stolen items included a black backpack, black laptop, brown file folder, leather bag, cell phone and two black coats.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Missing Person: A juvenile called to file a report for his two adult brothers who had left late the previous night and were unreachable. While an officer was gathering information, both brothers returned to the apartment and were reported to be okay.

Citizen Contact: A business owner reported that employees from a nearby food chain were dumping boxes in their dumpsters when the food chain's was empty. The owner agreed to place signs on her dumpsters, and an officer planned to speak with the food chain about the issue later.

Trespass: University campus public safety reported that two individuals were collecting cans on campus and initially refused to leave. They were located and formally trespassed from the campus.

Assault: A physical altercation between two males was reported at a convenience store. Both parties claimed the other threatened them with a knife and had minor injuries from the fight. One male claimed the other was upset about a tow bar and had damaged his truck. Due to the tow bar being a civil issue, lack of camera footage, and injuries on both sides, the matter was deemed a civil issue. Both were warned about their actions.

Check Welfare: Officers investigated a report of two juveniles in a car with cracked windows. The caller noted they were not distressed, and the vehicle left shortly after the sighting. No further action was taken.

Attempt to Locate: A caller reported a female possibly intoxicated and driving the wrong way through a parking lot. The driver was located and explained she mistakenly drove down a one-way area but saw the painted arrows and corrected herself. She showed no signs of impairment.

Animal: Responded to a complaint of a loose small dog near a library. The dog returned home while the officer was speaking with the owner. The loose dog ordinance was explained, and a warning was issued instead of a citation.

Trespass: A property owner requested that the occupants of an RV parked nearby be trespassed due to complaints that they were going through tenants' trash. The occupants were contacted and formally trespassed from the property.

Citizen Contact: An individual came in to file a complaint involving a previous call he was in, expressing upset about the outcome and requesting to speak with a supervisor.

Citizen Contact: Spoke with a person regarding a previous civil situation she had reported, explaining that her deceased uncle's property and possessions have been stolen by his

girlfriend.

Intoxicated Person: A male reported an unknown, highly intoxicated and non-verbal male urinating by his car and falling. The intoxicated male had left before arrival, and the caller did not want to pursue trespassing charges. The intoxicated male was located stumbling eastbound but ignored attempts at contact; the officer chose not to pursue the low governmental interest matter.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Crime: A male called to report his truck's sunroof was broken overnight, possibly hit with a hammer, and requested an information report for insurance purposes.

Suspicious Activity: Spoke with a person regarding his neighbors allegedly giving his son a tattoo without his consent. The father later believed it was just pen art and decided against filing a report. The officer offered to check on the son if seen later.

Animal: Responded to a complaint of excessive dog barking. A warning was left for noise. The owner was later contacted and agreed to keep the dogs inside to comply with the noise ordinance.

Crash: A two-car collision occurred, blocking the intersection, after one driver pulled out onto the street in front of another vehicle. No injuries were reported, but one vehicle was towed due to airbag deployment. Accident exchange forms were provided.

Crash: Discovered a third, parked vehicle was involved in the earlier crash. Security footage was reviewed, photos were taken, and the owner of the parked vehicle was notified.

Ordinance Violation: Located an unlicensed sedan parked for hours. The registered owner was contacted and agreed to move the vehicle within the week, noting it had a valid temporary tag.

Citizen Contact: A male called with concerns over a GPS tracker possibly having been placed on a vehicle he owns. He explained the vehicle was stolen by an acquaintance and that he recovered it himself, during which the acquaintance menaced him with a gun and knife. He was told that officers had no way to check for trackers other than a visual inspection and was advised to find a detection device. He was strongly cautioned that lethal force is not justified for defense of property alone.

Suspicious Activity: Followed up on a request for extra patrol at a park due to increased overnight activity. The park was checked and no one was present.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants: An officer stopped a vehicle for failing to signal after observing it stop, the occupants stumble and then switch drivers. Both occupants showed signs of impairment. The second driver was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and reckless driving. The driver blew a BAC of .20%. The original driver refused tests, was arrested, and a search warrant was executed, yielding a BAC of 0.16% nearly four hours later. The second driver repeatedly threatened to force a shooting by law enforcement.

Follow Up: The mother of one arrested driver

called with concerns after receiving a disturbing voicemail and seeing his phone pinging at the county jail. She was informed of the arrest and referred to the county jail for release information.

Theft: A female reported believing she had left her wallet (containing her license, health/credit cards, and photos) at a store cash register two days prior. An officer planned to check for surveillance footage.

Assist Other Agency: A male called a neighboring police department stating he believed two people were observing his storage unit while he was inside. They were gone prior to police arrival.

Suspicious Vehicle: A vehicle was reported parked in front of a house for several days. It was determined to be clear, and no one was located inside. The caller was informed that a community service officer could tag it if it remained.

Missing Person: A female called to report her partner missing after he failed to return home the previous night. She called back later to report he had arrived home.

Sex Offense: A juvenile female reported being sexually and physically assaulted by an adult male. She was transported to a hospital by medics for evidence collection kits. Her wet clothing was taken for evidence and left to air dry.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Animal: Responded to concerns of possible animal neglect, specifically a dog with matted feces and infrequent outdoor time. The owner explained the dog recently recovered from a digestive issue and her own hip surgery limited her ability to walk the dog. The dog appeared well-fed and healthy; the owner was planning to schedule necessary grooming. No immediate neglect or abuse was observed.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A person contacted the police, stating she cut her wrist and had a tight cord around her neck that she was unable to get off. She informed the officer she was trying to end her life to avoid a civil hearing the next day. An officer responded, removed the cord, and placed her on a mental health hold.

Follow Up: A driver involved in an accident was provided with their accident exchange form and advised of Department of Motor Vehicle reporting requirements.

Warrant: A search warrant was executed at a residential unit, and several items related to a sexual assault case were seized.

Check Welfare: A female was reported to be suicidal, threatening to overdose on pills or crash her vehicle. She was taken into custody on a mental health hold and transported to a hospital.

Follow Up: A sexual assault evidence collection kit was retrieved from a hospital and submitted into evidence, along with clothing evidence.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Arrest: An individual was arrested and at the county jail was charged with second-degree theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Crash: A person originally reported a hit and run where a landscape truck and trailer backed into the front of his

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vehicle and drove off. After meeting with the other driver, he stated he was unaware he backed into the other vehicle. The parties were assisted with exchanging information.

Parking: A caller requested that the ordinance process be started on a frequently moving van parked near the location. The vehicle's owner lives nearby and moves it often. The ordinance process was not started, and an officer planned to monitor the vehicle.

Assist Other Agency: Officers responded to an apartment complex for a domestic disturbance reported as loud banging, crying, and screaming, with concern for young children. Multiple attempts to contact anyone inside the unit were unsuccessful. Officers were advised this is normal behavior and no injuries have been seen on the children in past follow-ups.

Assist Other Agency: A second attempt to contact the domestic disturbance residence was made. Nothing was heard inside, and recordings from the caller sounded more like a child having a tantrum.

A neighbor across the hall did not hear any yelling or banging.

Check Welfare: Two individuals called seeking an update on a welfare check they requested. They were informed the person had been transported to a hospital.

Suspicious Person: A female reported a male outside yelling and directing profanity at her while she was on her balcony. She said the male seemed intoxicated but had gone back inside his apartment.

Harassment: A female reported that her relative by marriage was sending her threatening messages after an ongoing disagreement, including insults and threats of physical violence. The female was documenting the incident and planned to block the sender and contact a probation officer the next day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Alarm: A resource center went into lockdown after a client reported a subject parked outside with a shotgun resting in their lap. Officers found the car unoccupied. Staff then reported the subject was inside the building and claimed the gun was legally owned. Interviews with the subject and the reporting person confirmed no crimes were committed; the situation resulted from inaccurate information being relayed.

Found Property: A worn black bicycle was found but not collected as its value appeared to be under the minimum for found property. A small key was also found and placed into evidence for safekeeping.

Arrest: An individual was interviewed regarding his part in tattooing a juvenile. The individual admitted to giving the tattoo and was referred to the juvenile department for prohibited body art practices.

Citizen Contact: A male

called wanting to verify if his pickup truck was listed as stolen, as another person had claimed it was. He was informed it was not listed as stolen and that only he, as the sole registered owner, could report it stolen.

Fraud: A property manager reported that a female attempted to deposit a fraudulent check worth over \$10,000 from their bank account. They were able to cancel the check in time.

Trespass: University public safety reported a female had been asking a student for money and refusing to leave the property. The female was located, identified, and formally trespassed from the university. She planned to go to the bus stop to travel to another city.

Emotionally Disturbed Person: A manager at a park venue stated a male became upset after a call with his attorney and made comments about wanting to end his life before leaving on his bike. Due to the male's history of threatening law enforcement to force a shooting, officers decided to hold off on responding unless the situation escalated.

Runaway/Arrest: A runaway juvenile female was located. Her probation officer requested she be lodged for a probation violation, and she was transported to juvenile detention.

Drug: A female called to report finding more drugs while cleaning a deceased relative's house. An officer responded and seized a crystal-like substance that is likely methamphetamine, two spent syringes, and a spoon.

Arrest: An adult male was arrested and charged with multiple counts of second-degree rape and second-degree sodomy and lodged at the county jail.

Domestic Dispute: A physical domestic dispute occurred between a mother and her juvenile daughter. Both admitted to pushing and shoving. The mother had minor scratches. The daughter was referred for harassment as the apparent primary aggressor.

Polk County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

At 5:56 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of sounds of an alarm on Ford Street. The deputy drove around the area, but heard no alarm-like noises.

At 8:02 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a run-a-way juvenile on Oak Grove Road. The deputy went to two known locations where the juvenile hung out and was able to locate her. The juvenile's parole officer placed a detainer on her for probation violation. The deputy transported her to the Yamhill Youth detention center.

At 8:51 a.m., Eola Hill Wine Cellars reported a million dollar scam attempt. Over the past week they have had over 200 transactions for very large amounts of money. These transactions are through Wine Direct. It appears their page has

been hacked, settings changed, and accounts locked out. Eola Hills has voided the transactions, but they are essentially losing money and business everyday.

At 10:11 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a single vehicle, non-injury crash. The driver said he was traveling south on Corvallis Road and misjudged the sharp corner and ended up going straight into the ditch. The driver called for his own tow.

At 11:43 a.m., PCSO received an anonymous tip about Gregory Mitchell staying at a residence in the 5700 block of Main Street in Buena Vista. Mitchell had an outstanding warrant for failing to register as a sex offender. His warrant was confirmed and he was taken into custody. He was transported to Polk County Jail.

At 12:39 p.m., two inmates got into a fight at Polk County Jail. One inmate was charged with assault 4 and strangulation.

At 10:17 p.m., a male subject camping in Wallace Marine Park off Glenn Creek Road was warned for trespassing by being at the park after hours. He stated he will pack up and leave. The deputy told him about local resources.

At 10:26 p.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle that entered then exited Wallace Marine Park for potential trespassing. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 11:12 p.m., a deputy observed a male on a bike riding out of Wallace Marine Park after dark. The deputy stopped the subject and learned he had an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Salem Municipal Court. He was cited and released.

At 11:41 p.m., a deputy doing an area check of Wallace Marine Park, came across Shay Korkow who had a failure to appear warrant out of Linn County. He was cited and released with a new court date.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

At 9:26 a.m., a resident on Barnhart Road reported a late hit-n-run incident. She said when she came home she noticed a tree had been hit and her trash can was in the road and smashed. She said the garbage company stated the trash can was \$75 to replace it and the tree was valued at approximately \$250.

At 3:30 p.m., deputies responded to a t-bone accident on Clow Corner Road. Vehicle one was stopped at Riddell and Clow Corner roads. The driver pulled out in front of vehicle two causing a t-bone collision. Driver one was transported to West Valley Hospital and driver two was transported to Salem Hospital. Both vehicles were towed to Dallas Towing yard.

At 4:09 p.m., a motorist reported a hit-n-run. She stated the vehicle that hit her was on Highway 22 as she was pulling out of a parking lot.

At 4:35 p.m., a motorist on Highway 51 was

stopped for obscured license plates. The driver was cited for driving while suspended and for illegal display of plates.

At 7:23 p.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on James Howe Road. The driver was cited for no insurance and was warned for speeding.

At 7:22 p.m., a deputy responded to a welfare check where it was reported a child was jumping and running towards the highway waving his arms. Tribal police held the scene while the deputy was enroute. The deputy arrived and was informed the child's father Zachary Vergin was heavily intoxicated while watching his son. Vergin was also on probation with a condition of no intoxicants or alcohol. Through the investigation, the deputy developed probable cause to arrest Vergin for child neglect 2. His parole officer also placed a detainer on Vergin.

At 7:58 p.m., a report of a white sheep wandering near the fairgrounds, last seen southeast in the orchard. A deputy was unable to locate the sheep.

At 10:36 p.m., a deputy doing an area check of Wallace Marine Park came across Cassie Davis who had a failure to appear warrant Salem Muni. She was cited and released and given a new court date.

At 11:05 p.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle Wallace Marine Park for trespassing. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 11:25 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of suspicious activity on Fir Villa Road. The resident reported seeing a person with a flashlight looking around in a pole barn where there shouldn't have been any people. The deputy contacted three individuals, two of whom lied about their identities due to warrants they had. Ultimately, the property owner wanted to pursue trespass charges, and all three individuals were arrested. Elijah Paschelke was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Lincoln County and also charged with trespassing and giving false information. Alicia McCallum was arrested on four outstanding warrants and charged with giving false information. Gregory Lewis was charged with possession of a controlled substance - meth and fentanyl, and with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

At 12:05 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a two vehicle non-blocking, non-injury crash on Hopewell Road. A motorist passed a second vehicle that was making a signaled turn, causing the crash. All occupants were wearing seat belts and were uninjured. The at-fault driver was cited with unsafe passing.

At 4:45 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a late theft at the Rickreall Grange Hall. The complainant reported missing approximately \$880 worth of items that were donated to the hall. She stated she had two suspects.

The deputy is waiting to receive security evidence to contact the two suspects.

At 9:43 p.m., a deputy responded to an agency request from Lincoln City Police to take photos of a domestic victim on Ellendale Avenue. The deputy took photos of all the injuries and sent them to an LCPD officer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

At 7:16 a.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported his electric bike was stolen from his trailer last night. The onsite manager had footage of the theft. The deputy reviewed the footage of the bike being stolen from the trailer but couldn't make out a description of the suspect.

At 1:48 p.m., a deputy responded to a report a male subject on 53rd Avenue had ingested and poured bleach on himself. He was cooperative and medics transported him to Salem Hospital.

At 2:05 p.m., a motorist reported he crashed his vehicle into a ditch on Barnhart Road (damaging a nearby mailbox) with his mother-in-law and son also in the vehicle.

At 5:59 p.m., a resident on Perrydale Road reported getting a scam call, in which he felt he did not give any important personal information. However, when he felt it got suspicious he called his bank and they advised he had a fraudulent charge for \$31,000 from his bank account and \$1,000 from his credit card. The money status is in limbo since the bank successfully flagged the fraudulent withdrawals.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

At 8:27 a.m., a motorist on Highway 51 was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 1:22 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a dog in the roadway in a rural area of the county on Prairie Road. The deputy was unable to locate the dog.

At 2:02 p.m., deputies served a search warrant at a residence on Bryant Street. Many items seized to include a safe to be searched at a later time.

At 3:17 p.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident at Clow Corner and Riddle roads. There were no signs of intoxication on either driver. There were no medical transports. Both vehicles were towed.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

At 6:50 a.m., a deputy on Highway 99 saw a vehicle and a boat in a farmer's field. The driver stated a white truck tried to pass him and did not have enough space, hitting him on the driver's front side, causing him to go off the road and end in the field. Oregon State Police later arrived and took over the crash.

At 10:06 a.m., a resident on A R Ford Road reported that he heard several shots the previous night and is concerned about poachers in the area as well as unsafe neighbors with fire (camp fire) safety with the season soon to be changing into warmer weather.

At 12:11 p.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident on Warren Street. A driver was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device.

At 1:04 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 31+ mph over the posted speed limit of 55 mph and for driving while suspended - violation.

At 1:28 p.m., a report of goats getting their heads stuck in a fence on Ballston Road. It's apparently an ongoing situation. A deputy called the owner, getting the daughter. She promised to tell her mother.

At 5:11 p.m., an alarm was triggered at a business on Highway 18. A deputy called the complainant who owns Mishler Towing and he stated there was an accidental activation of the alarm.

At 6:39 p.m., a report of a two vehicle, non-injury crash on Ellendale Avenue. Damage was minimal and OSP responded and investigated.

At 7:05 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 95 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 8:20 p.m., a resident on A R Ford Road reported fireworks and gunshots from his neighbors property. A deputy spoke with the neighbor who admitted to shooting, showing the deputy where, and setting off bottle rockets. He said he understood the need for a backstop and said he would stop shooting late at night. He also agreed to stop launching them too.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

At 12:20 p.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was stopped for no front plate. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 12:31 p.m., a motorist on Salem Dallas Highway was cited for speeding 90 mph in a 55-mph zone and was warned for an unsafe lane change.

At 1:04 p.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 6:21 p.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash on Red Prairie Road. There were no injuries. Two trucks removed both vehicles from the scene.

At 8:47 p.m., a motorist on Glen Creek Road was stopped for several violations. The driver, Anthony Dorado, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor. He was taken into custody and lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 8:54 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Bridge Street for expired tags. The driver admitted to being suspended and driving without insurance. He was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for driving uninsured.

At 10:22 p.m., a deputy observed a male exit Wallace Marine Park. The deputy contacted the male to warn him for trespass. The subject, Rick McColly, had an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Salem Municipal Court. He was cited and released on the warrant.

PLAYOFFS

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Arthur said she learned a lot from pitching against the Trojans earlier this season.

"I'll focus on their weaknesses and try to get ahead early in the count," she said. "We learned a lot from that first game.

So it's about applying that and finishing strong."

This week ends with another tough test. Perennial powerhouse St. Paul is at Perrydale on Friday.

Both games begin at 4:30 p.m.

Facing tough tests is nothing new for these Pirates, as many of them competed on a basketball

team that went undefeated in league and advanced to the playoffs.

"We already know how to play together because of basketball, so that chemistry carried over," Gunther said. "We're a close knit group ... and when we transitioned to softball, it felt natural, like we were just playing a different game, but still

together."

The girls' basketball team is coached by Lindsay Gunther, Jeremy's wife, who is an assistant coach for the softball team. Mallory and Madison Gunther are their daughters.

This is Jeremy Gunther's second year leading the Pirates. His roots stretch back to

coaching youth leagues in McMinnville. From T-Ball to competitive travel teams, Gunther developed an understanding of player development while working alongside respected figures like McMinnville High School coach Josh Terry.

When his family moved to Perrydale, Gunther stepped away from the

diamond. But the lure of coaching young athletes proved to be too strong.

"Once I saw an opportunity to coach, I jumped on it," he said. "It's been exactly what I expected - tons of community support, a great athletic director and superintendent, and talented players."

Regular season play ends May 18 at Colton.