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Playoff run stuffed

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The Silverton defense stops Dallas junior running back Peter Nicol at the goal line to prevent a comeback attempt, preserving a 31-13 win over the Dragons on Nov. 13. For more on the matchup, see story on B1.

Indy sells sports park land to Salem soccer club

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The city of Independence has sold a section of its undeveloped "sports park" to a Salem Soccer club for $275,000 as a future location for its expanded soccer program.

Assistant City Manager Shawn Irvine told the City Council before it approved the sale on Oct. 27 the "Sports Park" property was listed for sale in November of 2025 for $300,000. In January 2026, city staff entered into negotiations with Capital Futbol Club who submitted a plan to use the site as a second location for their soccer club and the two sides agreed on a purchase price of $275,000. Irvine said the YMCA is currently leasing

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Willamina art tour features blend of new, old artisans

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

When hosting an event that's been ongoing for more than three decades, it helps to rotate the lineup to feature something new and something old to continue to attract regular and new attendees.

The city of Willamina was ground zero Nov. 13 and 14 for the annual Coastal Hills Art Tour and Quilt Show, now going into its 33rd year. Born in 1991, the event began as a walking tour of downtown businesses displaying local art and has grown to draw new regional artists and visitors ever since. At its peak, the event drew 30 artisans. This year there were about 20.

One of the longest-running participants is the Coastal Hills Quilters. Pamela Hylton has been a member of the group since it formed in 1998 and currently has 10 regular members. This year they set up their display of 52 hanging quilts within Willamina's VFW Hall.

"We sell quilts for our own self-edification, make quilts and enjoy making them," Hylton said, adding she does all her crafting on a long arm quilting machine. "We don't do hand quilting anymore. And then we just barely make enough money to buy enough fabric to make another quilt, which works out."

The Hall is filled with crafts beyond the quilts, including table runners, napkins, blankets, supplies, and much more. Not all of the quilts were for sale, Hylton said.

"Some of them are made for grandchildren, and we just display them and show them, and some of them are made like that. The flag quilt was made for her husband, and they cuddle up in it at night," she said.

Hylton added that turnout has been down this year, but sales have been up.

"We usually have around between 150 on the first day and maybe another 150 the next day, and we've only had about 101 people today (Saturday)," Hylton said. "But we have a lot of people that are interested in buying things this year, so we're doing well with sales, even though we do have very few people coming compared to what we thought we were going to have."

Down the road a few blocks, the city library got in on the art tour. Library clerk Katie Wisler was offering up reproductions of original art members created based on popular novel covers in the form of bookmarks and postcards.

"We are going to continue to have them on sale here in the library throughout the year. And we're planning on doing the same thing next year, where people can just add book cover art," Wisler said.

"And our 3D printed bookmarks are very popular right now, too," she added. "Our library director made these on the 3D printer we have here for our Makerspace Lab here in the library."



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Nikki Belland's jalapeno bacon cheddar bread was her most popular offering as the Coastal Art Tour's first ever artisan bread baker. The 33rd annual event was held in Willamina Nov. 13-14.

Wisler said it's been great for the library to be a stop on the

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Avian flu hits valley ducks, cackling geese

By ODFW

Many of the geese migrating through Oregon are showing signs of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), with many other sick and dead birds being reported to ODFW. The majority of these reports currently are from the Willamette Valley and the cackling goose (a smaller subspecies of the Canada goose) appears to be the most heavily affected.

ODFW urges people to avoid contact with sick birds and keep pets away. Dead birds can be disposed of – it is recommended to wear disposable gloves and a mask, and double-bag the carcass before putting it in the trash.

There is no effective treatment for HPAI-infected wild and domestic birds, and the virus can spread rapidly among bird populations and potentially to other wildlife. Because of this, sick birds cannot go to a wildlife rehabilitation center and should not be captured live by the public.

ODFW's Wildlife Health staff have been collecting and testing birds to track the outbreak. While the lab does not need additional collections of birds for HPAI testing, the public is encouraged to report groups of birds found dead without

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Grand Ronde Tribe receives DOJ development grant

The Grand Ronde Tribe was one of four Oregon Tribes to have secured a combined $1,804,643 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop, expand, and enhance culturally appropriate services for crime victims in Tribal communities.

Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced the honors on Nov. 9.

"We should do all we can to keep our communities safe and support victims of crime," Merkley said in a press release. "This investment from the federal government will allow Tribal communities across Oregon to provide critical services for survivors and their families to begin the process of recovery and healing."

"Tribal members in Oregon should feel safe in their communities and have appropriate services available if they become victims of crime," Wyden added. "I'm glad these federal resources are available to achieve those goals, and I'll keep battling to secure similar funds for tribal communities throughout our state."

Four of the awards, which come from the DOJ's Tribal Victim Set-Aside Services and the Services for the Victims of Crime programs, support Tribes implementing trauma-informed, victim-centered services, including direct services like counseling and crisis intervention, culturally specific traditional healing, and infrastructure projects like building shelters or modular homes. Funding also supports Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) search efforts and family support, alongside strategic planning, community outreach, and provider training.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received $284,130 in their share of the program. The other recipients were:

- $494,092 for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- $264,918 for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- $284,130 for the Klamath Tribes

Additionally, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received $477,343 from the Services for the Victims of Crime program. With this funding, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will expand its Domestic Violence Department by funding one full-time peer support specialist to provide peer support, case management, safety planning, court accompaniment, and victim support group facilitation. The project will also offer contracted civil legal services and support transportation needs of victims. The project addresses critical victim services gaps in this rural area, which is more than 20 miles from courts and social services.

"As a tribal people, we carry with us the historical traumas of violence and racism. These fuel the domestic violence cycles that too many of our people experience in their lifetime," said Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy. "Those who suffer at the hands of a loved one are looking for safety. A safe place to live, to rest, and a path to physical and emotional freedom. With these grant dollars the Tribe can further our resources to give them that. Grants like these save lives and we're grateful that the Department of Justice recognizes that."

West Salem man guilty of arson, animal abuse

A Polk County jury has found a West Salem man guilty of charges that stemmed from an apartment complex fire that resulted in the death of three household companion animals.

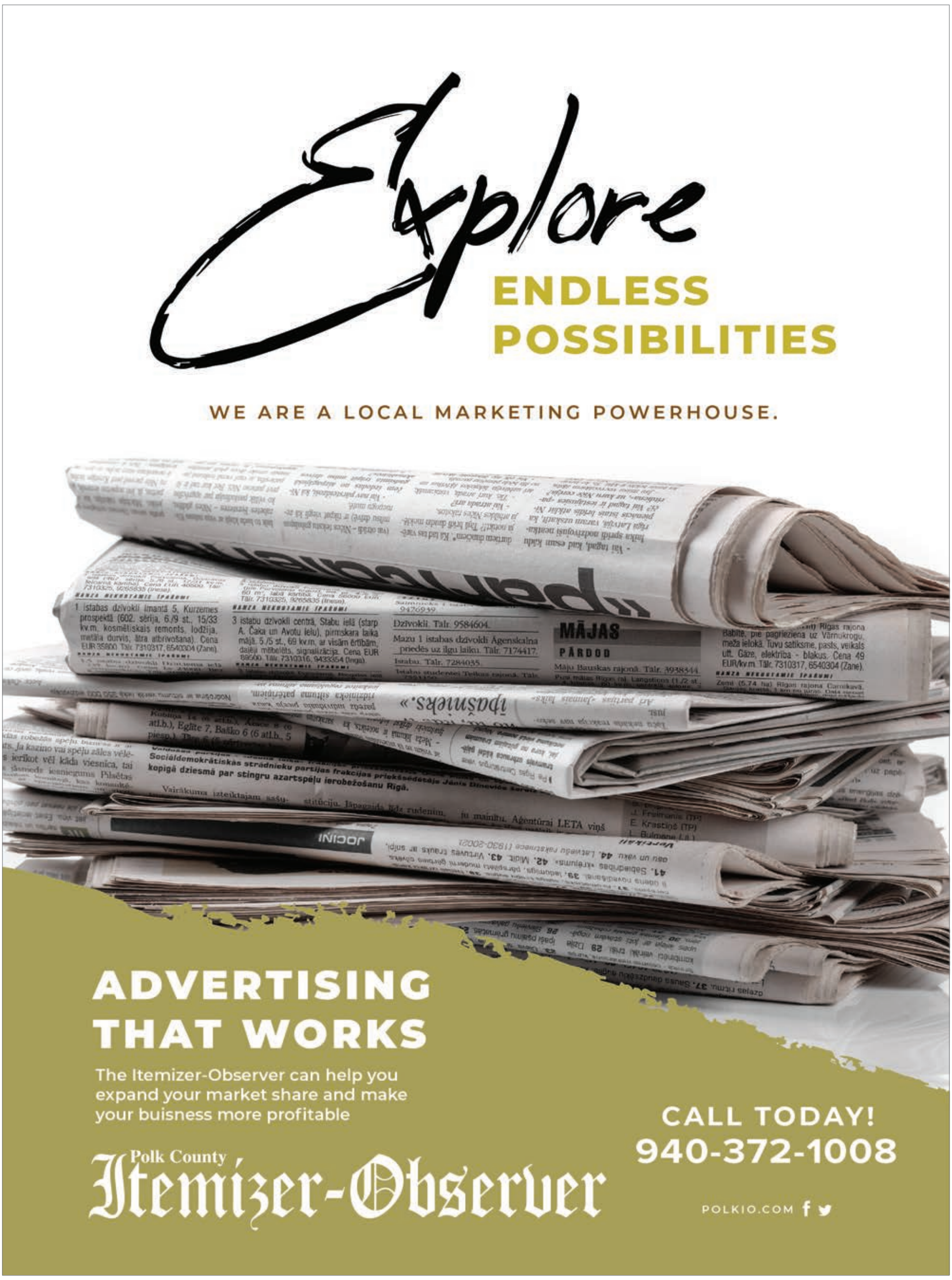
Calvin Tucker III, 55, was found guilty Nov. 10 of three counts of arson in the first degree, three counts of aggravated animal abuse in the first degree, and eight counts of recklessly endangering another person for his actions in starting a fire in October of 2025 that caused extensive damage to multiple units.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., on Oct. 3, 2025, Salem Fire Department units responded to a two-story, four-plex apartment complex on Stoneway Drive, Northwest, its roof and stairwell were engulfed in flames. Three of the four apartments were occupied by families when the fire was started. One family was trapped on the second story and required assistance from bystanders to get their children to safety. The fourth apartment was occupied by five cats, two of which firefighters were able to save, while the remaining perished.

A joint investigation overseen by the Salem police and fire departments determined that the fire was started intentionally by Tucker with gasoline in retaliation after one of the occupants of the apartment complex ended their multi-year relationship. The jury specifically found in its verdict that Tucker had shown no remorse for his actions.

The jury deliberated for approximately two hours before reaching its verdict after a three-day trial which was overseen by Polk County Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park. Tucker is scheduled to be sentenced at 4 p.m. Dec. 10.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen and investigated by the Salem Police Department and Salem Fire Department.



Dallas Retirement Village receives U.S. News & World Report top award

Dallas Retirement Village has been recognized as a 2027 Best Nursing Home by U.S. News & World Report.

For nearly 20 years, since 2009, U.S. News' annual Best Nursing Homes analysis has served as an independent, data-driven guide for families navigating short-term rehabilitation or comprehensive long-term care choices. Dallas Retirement Village earned a High Performing rating – the highest distinction awarded by U.S. News – for their outstanding quality in Short-Term Rehabilitation.

"Dallas Retirement Village is incredibly proud and grateful to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Nursing Homes in Oregon," said Stefanie Sanborn, Dallas Retirement Village Administrator. "This recognition reflects the compassion, dedication, and collaboration our team demonstrates every day, as well as our shared commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. I am especially proud of our staff and deeply appreciative of the heart, purpose, and genuine care they bring to their work, which translate into exceptional experiences and outcomes for our residents."

Recognizing only 18% of evaluated facilities across the nation for 2027, U.S. News' Best Nursing Homes designation reflects a high standard of care. This designation is reserved only for skilled nursing facilities that satisfy U.S. News' rigorous, proprietary assessment criteria demonstrating a consistent and superior commitment to quality patient and resident care.

"Earning a High Performing rating from U.S. News reflects a continuous, facility-wide commitment to superior resident care," said Jordan Derk, Ph.D., senior care researcher at U.S. News. "When families see this distinction, they can feel confident that this skilled nursing facility has demonstrated exceptional outcomes."

For the 2027 edition, U.S. News evaluated more than 14,600 nursing homes in the United States, assessing key indicators such as hospital readmission rates, staffing levels, health inspection results and other indicators of quality. The 2027 U.S. News Best Nursing Homes ratings rely on a comprehensive evaluation framework, assessing 17 distinct quality measures across both Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care categories to deliver a thorough analysis of overall nursing home quality.

For patients and families evaluating their options, choosing a skilled nursing facility recognized by U.S. News with a Best Nursing Home designation provides a trusted starting point for discussions with their healthcare provider.

Dallas Retirement Village has also earned a 5-Star Overall Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the highest quality rating awarded to nursing homes in the nation. Evaluating officials said that together, these recognitions "reflect the organization's unwavering commitment to quality care, outstanding clinical outcomes, and the compassionate service that residents and families experience every day."

Dallas Retirement Village's Nursing Home consists of 121 beds offering short-term rehabilitation, long-term care, respite stays and spacious hospice suites. Dallas Retirement Village accepts all payer types including most major insurances, private pay and Medicaid. Situated on a 30-acre campus, the nursing home is part of a continuum of care that includes 187 independent living homes and apartments, 65 assisted living apartments and 20 memory care suites. To learn more about the services provided by Dallas Retirement Village, call (503) 623-5581.

WOU undergraduate student presents research at prestigious conference

By WOU MARKETING

Western Oregon University student Garrett Dyemartin recently presented his research at the 2026 Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Spokane, Washington. Selection to present before a professional audience in the field is a rare opportunity for an undergraduate.

Dyemartin, from Salem, and a senior majoring in political science, examined four dams on the Lower Snake River in southeastern Washington. His presentation analyzed the fiscal and energy burden of the dams, the jurisdictional roadblocks to their removal and the promises made to local Native American tribes that the U.S. government did not keep. It also addressed environmental concerns from both progressive conservationist and environmental preservationist perspectives.



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Western Oregon University senior Garrett Dyemartin stands ready to present his research project at the 2026 Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting.

"Presenting at the annual meeting was the first time I'd shared my work with people who study these questions for a living," Dyemartin said. "Their questions pushed me to think harder about how policy, money and history all collide on the Snake River, and I left with a much clearer sense of where my research goes next."

Dyemartin conducted the research under the guidance of Robert Forbis, Ph.D. and Eliot Dickinson, Ph.D., both Professors of Political Science at Western.

"Presenting at a professional conference is something many students don't experience until graduate school," Dickinson said. "When an undergraduate stands in front of scholars and practitioners and defends their work, they build the confidence, critical thinking and communication skills that employers and graduate programs look for. Garrett's presentation shows what Western students can do when they're given real opportunities to contribute to their field, and it sets him up for success well beyond graduation."

The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association brings together faculty, researchers and students from across the region to share scholarship on politics, policy and government.



Four tips for managing parent guilt when you have young children

Guilt can show up when you're answering work emails instead of playing, ordering takeout instead of cooking or simply wishing for five quiet minutes.

Remember, feeling guilty doesn't mean you're doing a bad job. That guilt is often a reflection of how deeply you want to do right by your child.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when guilt bubbles up:

1. **Perfection isn't the goal.** The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that mistakes and difficult emotions are a normal part of parenting. Naming those emotions and frustrations out loud model for your children that perfection is not the goal. Parents, as well as kids, try their best and learn from less desirable outcomes.
2. **Focus on manageable priorities.** Turn your attention to what matters the most: connection, safety, routines and warmth. These are the foundations for healthy development.
3. **Remember: You have needs, too.** The CDC emphasizes that caring for yourself physically, mentally and emotionally can make it easier to be a positive, loving parent.
4. **When you feel like you're failing, reframe that you're doing your best.** Some days you have more to give than others. You're a real person, not a perfect one.

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OBITUARIES



Frances Catherine (Miles) Weisensee

Feb. 15, 1946 - Nov. 7, 2026

Frances Catherine (Miles) Weisensee passed away on November 7, 2026, at the age of 80.

Fran was born on February 15, 1946, in Baker City, Oregon, to Samuel Wesley Miles and Catherine Frances (Hunke) Miles. She spent the first six years of her life in Baker before her family moved to the countryside outside Dallas, Oregon, on Brown Road.

She attended Salt Creek School and later Perrydale High School, graduating in 1963 as part of a class of just four students, three girls and one boy. After high school, Fran attended Mount Angel College, a Benedictine teacher-training college, and later graduated from Eastern Oregon University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Her sister Chris remembers Fran's independent spirit showing itself early. Growing up Catholic in the 1940s and 1950s, Fran understood that she was expected to be a compliant and dutiful young girl. She tried to meet those expectations while, in her own way, pushing against them at the same time. Looking back, it was an early glimpse of the independent thinker she would become, at a time when society placed very different expectations and limitations on young women.

In 1966, Fran married Thomas Mark Weisensee. Together they had four sons, Mark, Todd, Scott and Jason. Early in their marriage, Fran and Tom also opened their home to more than 19 foster children. Long before she made advocacy her profession, Fran was already putting into practice something that would define much of her life: when someone needed help, she was willing to step in and provide it.

Fran and Tom divorced in 1988. In 1989, she married Stan Carver and moved to Calgary, Alberta, where they lived until their divorce in 1996.

Fran's independent nature became evident in her professional life as well. While working in a clerical position at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, she was encouraged to apply to become a deputy sheriff. She did, becoming the first woman to serve as a sheriff's deputy in Marion County, an accomplishment of which she remained very proud.

Her career later took a direction that reflected another defining part of her character: her desire to help people who needed someone in their corner. Fran became an advocate for victims of crime, with a particular passion for helping women affected by domestic violence. She started and ran the Polk County Victim Assistance Program and later continued her advocacy work in Yamhill County.

Fran had a deeply rooted sense of social justice and of right and wrong. Inequity and inequality bothered her, particularly when she saw someone vulnerable being treated unfairly. She wasn't someone who simply noticed these things. She wanted to do something about them.

That instinct extended far beyond her professional life. Fran was brave, confident, caring and remarkably nonjudgmental. Her family describes her as a rescuer, someone who naturally stepped toward people who were struggling rather than away from them. She had an unusual ability to meet people where they were and accept them without first requiring an explanation of how they got there.

Within her own family, Fran was often a peacemaker, particularly in her relationships with her sister Chris and brother Roger. She cared about keeping people connected, even when relationships became complicated. She could hold strong opinions of her own while still loving people who saw things differently.

Fran worked at relationships. She particularly treasured her regular walks with her cousin Cathy, and she made a point of keeping in touch with family and friends through regular phone calls. She genuinely wanted to know what was happening in the lives of the people she loved, and she wanted to share what was happening in hers. Staying connected to people was part of the rhythm of her life.

She was creative and remarkably capable with her hands. She loved crafts and wasn't afraid to tackle carpentry or home repairs herself. She loved traveling, cats, friendships, helping people who needed her and, above all, being with her family.

Fran had a particularly soft spot for little ones. Being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was central to her life. She took great pride in raising her sons and helping guide them toward becoming good and productive adults. As her family grew, she brought that same spirit to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved teaching, mentoring and encouraging the younger generations of her family, and she took genuine pleasure in watching them grow into their own people.

Perhaps the most important lesson Fran tried to give her family was one she taught primarily by example: love people unconditionally.

For all of her compassion and seriousness of purpose, Fran was hardly solemn. She had an edgy, mischievous sense of humor, appreciated irony, and wasn't afraid to push things a little further than expected if she thought it might make someone laugh or smile. She could be brave, loving, independent, caring and wonderfully irreverent, sometimes all at once.

Fran's desire to help others extended even beyond her lifetime. She participated as a research subject in an Alzheimer's disease research program at Oregon Health & Science University and chose to donate her brain for scientific study after her death. She cared deeply about advancing research and hoped that her participation might contribute, even in some small way, to a better understanding of Alzheimer's disease and to helping others in the future. This decision was important to Fran and reflected the way she lived her life: if there was an opportunity to help someone else, she wanted to be part of it.

Fran is survived by her sister, Christine Miles (Bob Coiner); her four sons, Mark Weisensee (Liz Weisensee), Todd Weisensee (Blaine Barklow), Scott Weisensee (Alyx Slough), and Jason Weisensee; her grandchildren, RB Weisensee, Quinn (Weisensee) Shryer (Jake Shryer), and Carter Weisensee (Camryn Weisensee); and her great-granddaughter, Eden Shryer.

There were many things Fran accomplished during her 80 years, from breaking barriers in law enforcement to advocating for people whose voices were too often ignored. But if Fran could listen to her family describing her today, they believe she would say they hit the nail on the head when they talked about how deeply she loved her family.

Ultimately, that may be her greatest legacy.

Fran taught her family that strength and kindness were not opposites, that a person could think independently while accepting others as they were, and that loving someone often meant simply showing up, staying connected and being there when they needed you.

Her legacy lives most clearly in the people she loved, helped, taught, encouraged and accepted exactly as they were.

Memorial service is Saturday, November 21 at 1:00 PM at Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations to CASA of Polk County, Inc. would be welcomed.



Michael Wayne Stevens

March 5, 1968 - July 27, 2026

Michael was born to Sharyl and Gary Stevens. He was preceded in death by his father Gary Wayne Stevens 2025. Mike is survived by his mother and stepfather Sharyl and Stephen Miller, wife Ginger Collins Stevens, Sons Jeff, Ryan, Zac, and Keoni Stevens. Sister Catherine Stevens Vu and brother-in-law Rick Vu. Niece Reece Melgard, nephew Justin Butler. Also, many Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. Mike will be forever loved and greatly missed.

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Glenyce Rae Hallberg

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Glenyce Rae (Johnson) Hallberg died on Oct. 23, 2026, at her home surrounded by many family members, in Dallas, Oregon, at the age of 94.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Nov. 28, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Salt Creek Baptist Church 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, OR



Sharon Louise Safina

Feb. 05, 1939-Nov. 04, 2026

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Your Environment: A different sort of global warming denier

"Climate change is like my head: it's not visible in every instance, but I'm pretty darn sure it's there."

— Kevin Focke, Author and Artist

By PHILIP S. WENZ

If you advocate for addressing global warming, you get used to dealing with various types of deniers. First, there are those who say that the phenomenon simply doesn't exist. Ain't happening.

Others question the validity of the scientific research that establishes the reality of climate change, and even the honesty of climate scientists. For example, they try to pick apart the measurements that establish the historical relationship between increased levels of carbon dioxide and global temperature rise. They claim that global warming is "just a theory." Sometimes, they attack the scientists who gather and analyze the data, claiming they make up facts so that they can procure research grants. (Often, those who make such claims work for fossil-fuel companies.)

Some accuse climate scientists and activists of having even darker, more sinister motives. This group sees the science as a sinister plot aimed at world domination by a "green regime." Prominent voices in their crowd range from Silicon Valley financier Peter Thiel, who preaches that climate activist Greta Thunberg is the "antichrist," to President Trump who famously said that climate change is a "Chinese Hoax," contrived to undermine America's "way of life."

The answers to such nonsense are pretty straightforward. "Theory," for example, is as good as science gets. That's because new facts often lead scientists to reinterpret established scientific ideas. "Germ theory," for instance, is the current scientific consensus that germs, as opposed to, say, witches or black cats, cause many diseases. Guided by germ theory, medical science has created sterile techniques for surgery and numerous effective vaccines and treatments. But it's only a theory. Perhaps future research will show that listening to punk music causes pneumonia. Meanwhile, we'll rely on germ theory to save lives.

I avoid engaging with climate-change deniers. I find them tedious and tiring.

But my avoidance doesn't apply to open-minded individuals who genuinely don't understand the issues. When, for example, one such person asked me if the climate hasn't always changed, I told him he was correct, it has. But past temperature spikes developed over tens of thousands or even millions of years, while today's comparable warming is barely a century old.

However, I increasingly encounter a new type of denier that I have trouble dealing with. For a lack of a better term, I'll call these people "hush-hushers," or the "I don't want to hear about it crowd."

They know what's going on, know what our rapidly warming climate is doing to the weather, our food supply, the habitability of many parts of the planet and the prospects for the future of our species. But for various reasons, they don't want to face it.

I don't blame them. Contemplating this overwhelming global change can be depressing and taxing. It's tempting to say, "It is what it is, its onslaught is inevitable, and there is little I can do about it, so why stress? I should enjoy the time I have while I have it."

Many people with children seem particularly reluctant to discuss or confront the climate issue. I've noticed that when I mention some of the latest problems like the massive heat wave that killed 35,000 people in Western Europe this summer or the super El Niño that's flooding America's west coast, they go silent or quickly change the subject.

Again, I don't blame them. And again, I don't know what to say. I certainly don't persist. That would be highly insensitive. But how can I convey that there is still hope for the future without explaining why we need hope?

Call it a climate denial conundrum. Where can we go from here?

Philip S. Wenz reports on environmental issues, and is active in the Monmouth-Independence Climate Group. Visit his website at Firebird Journal, firebirdjournal.com.

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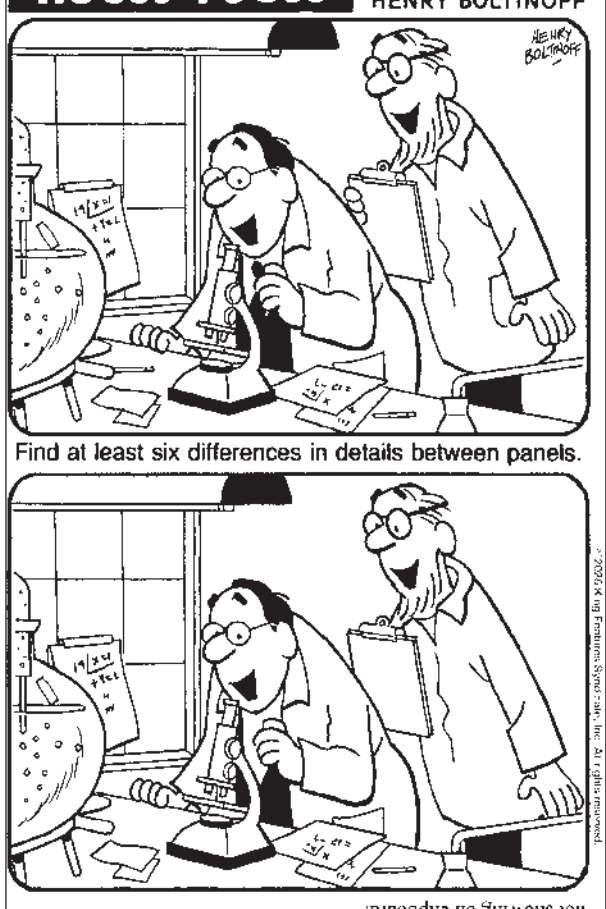
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: HONEY-MAKER'S HOME

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pencil is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Pocket is missing. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Light is not as long. 6. Fingers are not showing on clipboard.

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Americanisms



"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."
—*Oprah Winfrey*

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Moments in time



• On **Nov. 30, 1876**, Yale defeated Princeton with a score of 2-0, in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the first collegiate football game played on Thanksgiving. Nearly 1,000 fans watched as the teams played in cold and rainy weather, using a leather ball described by The New York Times as "similar to those used in Rugby Union rules." The Times also noted that "the friends of both colleges mustered in good force."

• On **Dec. 1, 1945**, Bette Midler, who later would also be known as "The Divine Miss M," was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. A multiple-award-winning actress, singer and comedian, one of her most memorable roles was that of the final guest on "The Tonight Show" with outgoing host Johnny Carson, where she brought tears to his eyes with an emotional rendition of "One for My Baby (And One More for the Road)."

• On **Dec. 2, 1804**, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Napoleon I, the first Frenchman to hold the title of emperor in a thousand years, in Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral. Pope Pius VII handed him the crown, which the 35-year-old conqueror placed upon his own head.

• On **Dec. 3, 1989**, 5-year-old Melissa Brannen vanished without a trace from a Christmas party in Fairfax, Virginia. The intensive investigation that followed eventually led to the arrest and conviction of party guest Caleb Hughes, using clothing fibers that matched those found in his car, but Melissa remains missing.

• On **Dec. 4, 1997**, the NBA suspended Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors for one year after he attacked their coach, P.J. Carlesimo, during a practice. Offended when Carlesimo told him to "put a little mustard" on a pass, Sprewell began choking him until several players and team officials pulled him away. Sprewell was instructed to leave but returned within 20 minutes and threw a punch at Carlesimo before again being pulled away.

• On **Dec. 5, 2002**, legendary television producer and executive Roone Arledge died in New York City at the age of 71.

• On **Dec. 6, 1957**, two months after Sputnik reached orbit, the first American attempt to launch a satellite came to a stunning halt when the rocket rose a mere 4 feet before crashing into the launch pad then exploding.

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Super Crossword

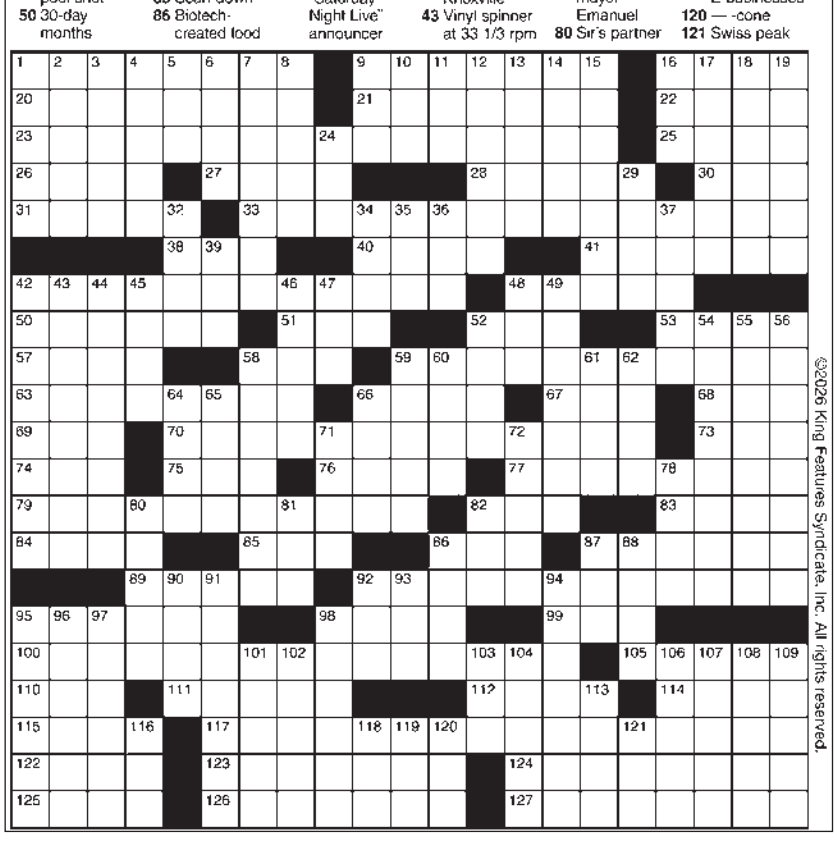
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ACROSS

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9 Before lunch or supper
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21 External part of the 99-Across
22 Declare
23 Sending junk email to everyone on earth?
25 Dressed up in
26 Falafel bread
27 Title for Helen Mirren
28 Cain's eldest son
30 Tell untruths
31 Stair units
33 Mother who's an absolute angel?
38 Patient care gp.
40 Crooner Burl
41 Enrolls in
42 Cartoon character Oyl glanced through a book quickly?
48 High-stick pool shot
50 30-day months
51 West of classic films
52 Horse relative
53 Eau, across the Pyrenees
57 Reality TV's Jenner
58 Lenient
59 Famous illusionist doing some tailoring?
63 Sowed again
66 Hairless
67 Prefix related to birds
68 Thu.-Sat. connector
69 I, in German
70 Not flipping the light-varying switch in time?
73 Vietnamese New Year
74 Actor DeLuise
75 Lofty trains
76 Oodles
77 Mexican miss
79 Metalworker who forges music award trophies?
82 Outfielder Roush
83 On the job
84 Writer — St. Vincent Millay
85 Scarf down
86 Biotech-created food
87 Cry after being saved
89 Rx amounts
92 Criminal who swindles people via harmful computer programs?
95 "Master of None" star Aziz
98 Cabernet or merlot
99 Hearing organ
100 Clogged a motor with sticky stuff?
105 Sadness
110 Angsty rock subgenre
111 "The king," in Cannes
112 See 119-Down
114 Option list
115 Kid's "cootie"
117 Materials colliding loudly?
122 Region
123 Ex-Bengal Boomer
124 Milan natives, e.g.
125 Part of P.O.
126 In that direction
127 1975-2014 "Saturday Night Live" announcer

DOWN

1 Catches a quick breath
2 Hit one out of the park, say
3 Pontificate
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5 PC-game "City" dweller
6 Writer Blyton
7 Went berserk
8 Rho-tau link
9 Oom- — (tuba sound)
10 Regret
11 Tiny work unit
12 Some track specialists
13 Low-budget, in adspeak
14 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author Mitch
15 Bloodsucking worms
16 Mandible site
17 Develop
18 More creepy
19 Prettifics
24 Pro —
29 Female fowls
32 Kids' writer Silverstein
34 Silent drama
35 "Hail, Cato!"
36 Nourished
37 Top squad
39 Orig. texts
42 City west of Knoxville
43 Vinyl spinner at 33 1/3 rpm
44 Guy native to Galway, say
45 Shop gripper
46 "Have — myself clear?"
47 Upper limit, for short
48 Flavor enhancer, for short
49 Guilt-ridden
52 German car
54 Something in a holiday shopper's cart
55 Go back to one's career after leaving it
56 Rabble-rousing sort
58 "Allow me to think ..."
59 — Vader
60 It produced the Cutlass
61 In a tie
62 Spanish artist Joan
64 Grades K-6: Abbr.
65 TV host Carson
66 Kick (out)
71 Dart about
72 Early PC platform
78 Former Chicago mayor — Emanuel
80 Sir's partner
81 Pas' partners
82 Flightless bird
85 Actor Kinnear
87 Elton John's '70s label
88 Sprinkler site
90 Pitching great Hershiser
91 Extra wager
92 Compete
93 Small hotel
94 Apparently does
95 Deterrent to dating, perhaps
96 Tres or cinco
97 Messy camp treats
98 Central German city
101 Garbage
102 Mr. Simpson, to Marge
103 Hosp. ward
104 Card player's "I pass"
106 "— vincit amor"
107 1970s-'80s Renault
108 Ceaselessly
109 Actress Rene
113 Getz of jazz
115 Dojo surface
118 Suffix with Siam
119 With 112-Across, E-businesses
120 — -cone
121 Swiss peak



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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: U equals P

ZPM BUUKA VXGSAF DABE RVXIA EAEZAQI VBPK JQXE CXQDVAQC IGXDKBCN: DVA CAR FXQS VPMVKBCNAQI.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

CryptoQuote

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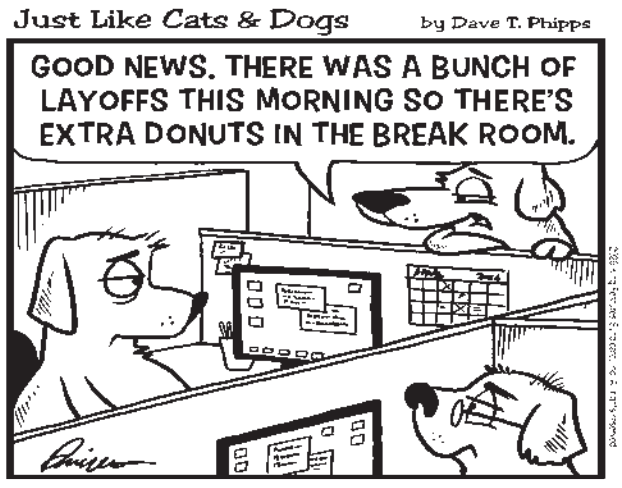
One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

XWZWP HAPPG CLAYR LCS TPWNN: COO RUCR FCRRWPN KN KB RUWG NTWOO GAYP XCFW PKMUR. — JCRW UYSNAX

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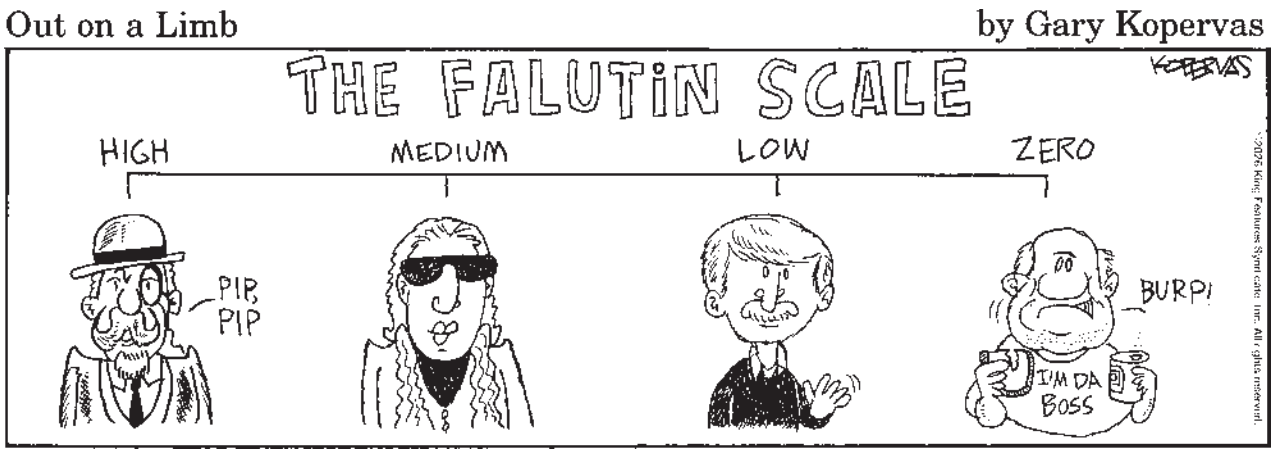
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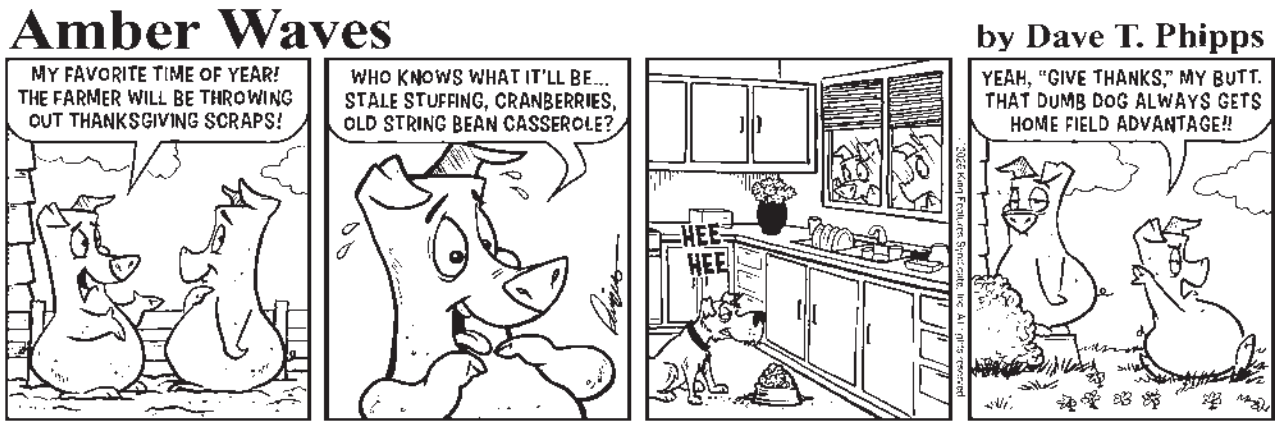
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays is the longest?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is kefir?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What does Australia mean in Latin?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of California?
5. MOVIES: Which famous Los Angeles landmark is featured in "Rebel Without a Cause"?
6. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the patella?
7. TELEVISION: What is Tina Fey's character's name in "30 Rock"?
8. MUSIC: How many Grammys does Beyonce have (as of 2025)?
9. COMICS: What is the name of Clark Kent's friend and photographer at the Daily Planet?
10. HISTORY: How many wives did Henry VIII of England have?

Answers

1. "Hamlet."
2. Fermented milk.
3. "Southern" (australis).
4. Sacramento.
5. Griffith Observatory.
6. Kneecap.
7. Liz Lemon.
8. 35.
9. Jimmy Olsen.
10. Six.

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Investigating the Bible: **Hidden Treasure and Untapped Power**

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

In the southwest corner of Oregon is the unincorporated community of Kerby. It's listed as a ghost town, with old buildings still standing from the mid 1800s, from its gold-mining days.

Charles F. Hart was a pioneer who lived there, and he later wrote about this gold rush.

"Newell DeLamatter bought a claim in the Althouse diggings, 13 miles from here. He paid $250 for it. The claim was supposed to have been worked out, yet in the next two years he took out $37,000 from this claim."

Today, that would be worth about $1.5 million! The sellers didn't realize the undiscovered wealth. Some early Christians in Rome forgot the rich treasure they had in salvation. Paul reminded them of three wonderful windfalls of their salvation.

Believers receive an amazing gift. God did what they couldn't do.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh[.]" (Romans 8:1-3, New American Standard Version used throughout).

Kaden Koebcke was born in Georgia and his kidneys failed when he was just two years old. His father had donated a kidney, but the transplant also failed. For eight years he had been on dialysis three times a week. Doctors questioned how long he could survive that routine. He needed another donor, so they made the request on-line. An anonymous donor who matched came forward and gave Kaden a life-saving and life-changing kidney that worked.

The donor was William Wilkinson who lived nearby and was Kaden's sixth grade technology teacher at his school! His mother posted her gratitude.

"He has given Kaden the chance of a living a normal life! He is truly our hero!" Likewise, God gave a lifesaving treasure, for "...while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

Believers have the power of thinking.

Paul cautioned "...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2).

Christian theologian, J.I. Packer, wrote: "God made us thinking beings, and He guides our minds as in His presence we think things out – not otherwise."

Moses chastised Israel for not thinking.

"For they are a nation destitute of counsel, and there is no understanding in them." (Deuteronomy 32:28).

"Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2).

Believers have life by the Holy Spirit.

Paul told the Roman Christians they have the same Holy Spirit who gave life to the cold body of Jesus. "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His spirit who indwells you." (Romans 8: 11).

The miraculous resurrection of Jesus is the demonstration of God's ultimate power. It's the most important message. Billy Sunday was an evangelist and strong force for God in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

After his death in 1935, his wife, Helen Thompson Sunday, continued his ministry, preaching, teaching, and raising funds for Christian ministries for the next 22 years. She had her late husband's same unswerving focus on Jesus' saving power. Once she was being introduced by the president of a seminary, who apparently extended his comments and praise.

She stood and said to the man, "You sit down now, so I can talk to these young people about the Lord."

[Mr. Pastor graduated from Bethel Theological Seminary in Minnesota. He leads a group Bible study every Sunday, 4 p.m., courtesy of a room at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy. It's non-denominational, one hour long, and interactive.]

Over $230M invested to strengthen Oregon's rural communities

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development has announced nearly $25 billion in rural community investments nationwide in fiscal year 2026. These projects strengthen essential infrastructure, expand housing and business opportunities, and ensure rural families and farmers have the tools they need to succeed.

"Rural communities know what they need to thrive, and USDA is proud to help turn those local priorities into lasting results," USDA Rural Development Oregon State Director Jim Carmack. "The investments we made over fiscal year 2026 strengthen housing, infrastructure, businesses and essential services across Oregon while creating new opportunities for the people who call rural Oregon home."

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These investments support local priorities in Oregon and deliver real results for rural residents, farmers, businesses, and communities, including the following highlights:

- **Business:** $73.8 million invested in Oregon's rural businesses, including timber production, manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and supporting value-added agriculture.
- **Housing:** $143.3 million in multifamily and single-family housing investments to support rural homeownership and affordable rural rental housing, including $12.3 million in direct loan funding for 40 new Oregon homeowners.
- **Water and Wastewater Infrastructure:** $1.2 million invested to protect, modernize, and improve rural water and wastewater systems.
- **Telecommunications:** $12.7 million to expand access to high-speed internet in Oregon's rural and remote areas.
- **Community Facilities:** $7 million invested to support emergency communications, essential community buildings, and equipment.

The investments mark only the beginning of USDA's commitment to deliver resources that communities can rely on to improve their quality of life. Focusing on the needs of rural America helps build more resilient communities across the nation.

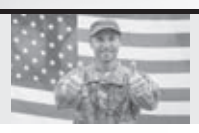
Looking ahead, USDA Rural Development will continue to deliver targeted investments that strengthen our communities by responding to rural needs across Oregon.

For more information on USDA Rural Development investments in rural America, visit the Rural Data Gateway. The Rural Data Gateway is an online tool that strengthens USDA Rural Development partnerships with rural people, entrepreneurs, government officials and Congress by making agency investment data accessible to the public.



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TOUR

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Coastal Art Tour introducing the bedroom library to newcomers.

"A lot of people already know us, but a lot of people are coming in who are new. Today, we've had people from Independence, Tiger, Beaverton. It's been great having people come into our library," she said. "They all love our space. And then just the locals coming in, too. It's nice to see familiar faces, too."

Sitting at the next table over from Wisler was first-time participating artist Jennifer Nelson. She traveled all the way north from Ashland, Oregon, to feature her watercolors and prints.

"My dad lives in town, and I heard about this and took it. I was a touring participant last year, and I was able to apply this year and get accepted," Nelson said. "I'm excited to be a part of it."



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Former Willamina resident Jennifer Nelson traveled all the way north from Ashland to participate in her first Coastal Art Tour, offering her watercolors and prints.

She added it's been a really cool way to meet new friends through her artwork.

"It feels really good to be sending off all of my greeting cards into communities that might be available. I really appreciate that opportunity," Nelson said.

She added she was enjoying modest success in her sales so far, too, seeing 15 of her artworks go out the door to happy customers.

Another happy participant was Nikki Belland, the art tour's first ever artisan bread baker. Based out of Fort Hill, Belland began baking a couple years ago to deal with the passing of her husband's grandmother. When he discovered she was good at it, baking soon transformed into a moneymaker to pay for their newborn's diapers.

Within the confines of Willamina Merchants store Belland offered up a selection of her breads, including rosemary garlic, cranberry orange and the jalapeno bacon cheddar selling the most. She also offered a variety of scones from caramel apple to s'mores.

Bellend has featured her baked confections at bazaars and festivals from Sheridan to McMinnville over the past two years. She loves getting elbow deep, kneading dough in her side gig away from her main job as a dietary manager.

"I'm a huge people person, so I love to talk. It gives me my enjoyment. When I'm baking, I'm really quiet. I don't talk to anyone," she said. "But when I'm out here, I talk to everyone. When I'm kneading the bread and shaping the bread, I pray over every loaf of bread for the people who are buying that specific bread."

PARK

From Page A1

one field for Fall soccer and would be allowed to continue using the field through the end of the fall season. The property would be transferred upon closing which would occur no later than Jan. 15, 2027.

Irvine added the city would maintain ownership of the land north of the sold property.

"In pursuing the sale, we wanted to ensure that the city retained the trail system that ran around it, as well as the wetlands that had been restored on the west side, and sort of the boat ramp or herring area," Irvine explained.

So the 50-acre property was partitioned into three parcels. Irvine said the city will keep parcel one, which is shaped like a donut with the road and boat ramp. Parcels two and three that were sold include everything north of the road and inside the trail and south of the road bounded by the trail south of the road.

Irvine said the property's disposition became too hard to maintain in the current economic climate.

"So you'll see in my staff report discussions that, you know, related to sort of structural deficit that the city's experiencing, it's made it really hard for me to continue maintaining the sports fields, especially in a way that would be sort of most beneficial to the community," Irvine said. "The Oregon Council is finding that the sports park is not needed for public use because of that maintenance cost that's required to sustain the facility, and then that the potential sale of the property would bring in one type of revenue that could be used to stabilize the city's contingency funds."

When asked, Irvine explained the property was first acquired in 2009 for about $875,000 when the property owner went into bankruptcy following the "Great Recession."

The city council first had to declare the property surplus then approved the proposed sale in two separate motions.

Councilor Evan Sorce said the decision to sell the popular property was not taken lightly.

"All of us have used this sports field. We value it. We value what it brings to the team, and we understand that this is a serious decision, but we also think this is the best decision for our community forward, and that this sports park will be put to a better use with the folks who are trying to buy it," Source said.

Councilor Dawn Roden added she was "super excited" to see the effort she and staff have put in over the past seeming decade to bring the location a proper sports park.

"This is going to be a great opportunity for our youth, for our community, for our businesses, for our hotel, for our restaurants, to have this area finally finished and brought to life," Roden said. "And I couldn't be more excited to go down and watch these soccer fields and whatever else they're going to put down there, because I've been told that they are already considering expanding beyond soccer. So I'm totally stoked."

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obvious signs of HPAI before death. The public can report these observations to the lab by calling (866) 968-2600 or emailing wildlife.health@odfw.oregon.gov. With the high volume of reports, lab staff may not be able to call back.

Typical symptoms in wild waterfowl include lethargy, inability to fly, erratic behavior, loss of coordination, cloudy eyes, swimming in circles, and head shaking. However, some dabbling ducks may carry the virus without symptoms, spreading it through their feces to other birds and wetlands. Birds usually die within 72 hours of showing clinical signs.

Infected wild mammals may appear sick or neurologically abnormal, or be found dead after consuming infected birds, and should also be reported.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the risk to people is low. Since 2024, there have been 74 human cases of avian influenza in the United States, and three deaths. For more information on avian influenza, go to www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/index.html.

Report dead or sick domestic birds (chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl) immediately to the Oregon Department of Agriculture by calling (503) 986-4711 or (800) 347-7028. Learn more on avian influenza in domestic birds and tips on protecting backyard flocks at https://bit.ly/4zI7sEw.



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Foxes extinguish Dragons in quarterfinals rematch

Dallas seniors leave their mark on football program

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Dallas' seniors reached the second round of the state football playoffs four years in a row and played for a league championship three times. In their final season, they helped the Dragons earn a share of the Mid-Willamette Conference title.

Their run ended Nov. 13 at Silverton, where the top-seeded Foxes beat Dallas 31-13 in the Class 5A state quarterfinals. After the loss, Dallas coach Andy Jackson thought back to the work his seniors had put in since they were freshmen.

"They put their whole hearts and effort into something for four years, and nobody can take that away from them," Jackson said.

Jackson said few outside the program expected Dallas to contend in several of those seasons. The seniors put in the work year-round and set an example in how they treated their teammates.

"Their leadership is across the board," Jackson said.

The Dragons gave their home crowd a moment to remember when they beat defending state champion Silverton 17-14 in the regular season. Aidan Galusha blocked a potential tying field goal in the closing seconds. The win helped Dallas finish in a three-way tie with Silverton and West Albany for the league title.

Jackson thought



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The Silverton defense quickly close in on Dallas senior quarterback Thomas Hess (9). The Foxes stifled the Dragons' running attack all night, winning 31-13.

Friday's competitors were good enough to meet for a state championship. When the playoff draw set up a possible quarter final rematch, he said the Dragons stayed focused and went into the game confident after a strong week of practice.

"When we saw the draw and realized how things were going to work out, our kids didn't flinch one bit," he said.

The rematch turned early. After a Dallas fumble, Silverton caught the Dragons expecting a run on fourth-and-one. The Foxes hurried to the line and snapped the ball to a running back, who flipped a pass to the tight end to keep the drive alive.

Jackson said the Foxes showed Dallas looks on both sides of the ball that the Dragons hadn't seen

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Signing letters of intent last week to play college baseball are Central High School seniors (from left) Joe Mendazona (Texas Christian University), Santi Alarcon (Linn-Benton Community College), Jackson Barba (Linn-Benton) and JT Girod (University of Oregon).

Central teammates sign to play college baseball

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Four longtime teammates who helped Central win last year's Class 5A state baseball title signed letters of intent recently.

Joe Mendazona signed with Texas Christian University, JT Girod with Oregon and Santi Alarcon and Jackson Barba with Linn-Benton Community College. The seniors have played baseball together for years.

"It is a testament to their hard work and sacrifices, and those of their families," Central coach Ben Kramer said.

Kramer also credited their youth coaches and teammates across several sports with helping the four develop a love of competition and pushing them to improve. He said that same commitment will matter in college, where the players will face greater demands on the field and in the classroom.

"I think it is really cool to see a group that has grown up competing with each other have a moment like this and experience it together," Kramer said.

Mabry steps down as Pirates' head coach

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Mike Conor will take over as Perrydale's head football coach next season after sharing the job with Steve Mabry this fall.

Conor thanked Mabry for his partnership and his years with the program. Together, they guided the Pirates to a 9-2 record and their second straight league championship.

Perrydale's season ended with a 46-0 loss to Imbler in the state quarterfinals. Conor credited the Panthers' physical play and game plan for slowing the Pirates' offense.



FILE PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY

Perrydale head football coach Steve Mabry announced his retirement following the loss to Imbler in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs on Nov. 14.

"We didn't play our best football, but that doesn't define this group or take away from everything they accomplished this year," Conor said.

Moving forward, Conor said the Pirates will build on what they've accomplished these past two seasons.

"Winning the league championship for the second year in a row is something this team should be incredibly proud of," Conor said. "It takes commitment, hard work, discipline, and a willingness to put the team first to accomplish something like this."

In this week's Class 1A (8) semifinals, it's No. 1 Dufur versus No. 4 Imbler, and No. 2 Adrian against No. 3 Crosspoint Christian.

Panther Kids Wrestlers shine at first home tournament

The wrestling season is off to a great start as the Panther Kids Wrestling club hosted its first home tournament of the year, bringing together young athletes, families, volunteers, and community supporters for a successful day on the mats.

The tournament is the club's largest fundraiser of the year, making community involvement especially important. From the volunteers who put in countless hours to the local businesses, the many clubs that came, families, and supporters who contribute, this event simply wouldn't be possible without the community behind it.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCMULLEN

Aiden McMullen pins his opponent.

"Our wrestlers had a great day, showing tremendous effort, improvement, and determination," said head little kids coach Vidal Peña. "It's exciting to see how much these kids are growing, not only as wrestlers

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Hoffman climbs 21 spots as Dallas finishes eighth at state

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

Avery Hoffman climbed 21 spots from last year to finish 14th at the Class 5A state cross country meet. She led the Dallas girls to eighth place at the Lane Community College course in Eugene.

Dallas coach Bailey Smith said the team finished where he expected. He praised Hoffman, a junior, for "showing composure and grit especially in the final mile."

Sophomore Abigail Anderson placed 37th in her first season of cross country. Smith said the experience of racing at state should set her up for a strong season next fall.

Sophomore Brooklyn Chancellor also moved up, finishing 76th, 16 spots better than last year.

The Dragons return six of the seven runners who raced at state. Senior Amber Green is the only one of these runners who graduates.

"I think we are in a good spot," Smith said. "We will have an experienced group to build around next fall."

Dallas athletes earn All-Conference Grid Iron Honors

The following Dallas High School football players earned All-Conference Honors:

Offensive Player of the Year – Thomas Hess

Co-Assistant Coach of the Year – Triston Ringhouse

Offense

First Team

Hess, quarterback; Aidan Galusha, running back; Thomas Loughary, receiver; Jayce Mosley, tight end/H-back; Asher Olliff, guard; Bertram Latta, tackle.

Second Team

Max Pittman, running back; Luis Estrada, guard.

Honorable Mention

Liam Ulmer, receiver; Riley Walls, center.

Defense

First Team

Carson Langford, lineman; Nathan Cunningham, edge; Galusha, linebacker; Peter Nicol, linebacker.

Second Team

Latta, edge; Jace Coleman, safety; Lorenzo Romero-Hill, corner.

Honorable Mention

Pittman, linebacker; Mosley, linebacker; Austin Stewart, linebacker; Loughary, corner.

Specialists

First Team

Hess, punter.

Honorable Mention

Pittman, kick returner.

PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. NOV. 19, 1986

Fall City mayor-elect wants dialogue

On Jan. 5, 1987, at the city council's first meeting of the new year, John McGee will take the oath of office as the new mayor of Falls City. McGee, who served as Falls City mayor from 1978-80, won election to the post Nov. 4 in a close contest with the city's current mayor, Joe Chaon.

McGee said that his two primary goals as the city's new mayor will be to "re-establish confidence in the city government and to re-establish a dialogue with the people."

McGee cited the current controversy over the city's plans to install a new sewer system on the south side of the city as an example of the city's lack of response to the concerns of city residents.

Home health gets clean critique

Home health care in Polk County has a healthy prognosis from one expert, despite the impending closure of Polk County Home Health.

It was announced last week that Polk County's Home Health agency will phase out its operations by Dec. 31, 1986. The County Board of Commissioners based the decision on the existence of revenue shortfalls of $60,000 in 1985-86 and $18,000 so far in 1986-87, as well as increased competition from other home health care providers.

Home health provides nursing and rehabilitation services to individuals who are unable to visit a doctor's office or hospital.

Dallas Grid machine goes airborne to bomb Buffaloes

The Dallas Grid Machine, which has captured the Dragon's share of its points by closely hugging the ground throughout the season, took to the air Saturday to slaughter the Madras White Buffaloes in the quarterfinals of the state AA football playoffs. The Dragons bombed the Buffaloes, 52-13, with 30 of the 52 points coming on the wings of touchdown passes from Dallas quarterback Bob McBeth to split end Jam Classen and halfback Greg Byrne. Classen caught three touchdown passes. Byrne caught two.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1986: THE STARTONES – a local country western band – will host the 6th annual Christmas Cheer Benefit on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Blue Garden Restaurant. Band members include (from left) Chuck and Iris Edwards, managers, Robbie Martinez, and Greg Dodds. The toys have been donated for the auction by Joyce Coonrod of Dallas. (File I-O photo.)

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17, 1976

Legal aid is discussed

In a meeting between the Polk County Board of Commissioners, Dallas City Manager Howard Brandvold and the Director of Marion-Polk legal aid, Charlie Hilke on Friday, Nov. 12, discussion centered on the current level of legal service in Polk County.

Hilke was in agreement with Commissioner Alan Miller that the agency does not service the needs of the county's eligible clientele to the degree of funding that legal aid receives based on the need in Polk County.

Hilke will be providing the county and Dallas with copies of the agencies' budget, current service population and a plan for increasing the level of service in Polk County. Hilke also expressed interest in possible local support for service.

Swap ends two year controversy

After two years of what has been termed a "bitter controversy" a settlement to swap parcels of land was reached between the Polk County Board of Commissioners and the President of Spring Valley Land Company, Inc., Eunice Brandt at a public hearing held Tuesday, Nov. 9.

The problem at hand centered on the trading of public park land for private land now owned by Spring Valley Co. The swap would allow road access to three lots within the Pioneer Parks Subdivision, located approximately one mile west of Salem.

Two years ago, Bandt made the decision to construct a gravel road through land dedicated for public use. This would have allowed access to her three lots that had previously been inaccessible.

Dragon awards given

The fall sports season for the Dallas High School Dragons came to a close with the annual awards presentation to the competing athletes. Awards were given in football, volleyball and cross country.

Ron August, head coach of the Dragons' varsity football squad, presented the awards. … Kim Cagle, named to both the offensive and defensive Coast Valley League All-Star teams, took home the most hardware of the evening, as he received honors for Most Tackles, Best Offensive Player and Dragonette Player of the Year, an award given by the varsity rally squad.

Community Achievement



PHOTOS BY PCSO

Sheriff promotes sergeant, welcomes new deputies

On Nov. 2, Sheriff Mark Garton renewed the Oath of Office with Sgt. Iesha Ruiz Brooks as part of her promotion from detective to sergeant. Brooks has been with the PCSO since September 2018 and has held positions as corrections deputy, patrol deputy, detective and now sergeant. For now, Brooks will remain with the detectives unit to maintain her caseload and provide a smooth transition as one of the other sergeants gets ready for retirement.

In addition, Carp. Jeff Isham swore in new deputies Nov. 9 – Patrol Deputy Sage Wylie (right) and Corrections Deputy Brett Mackey.



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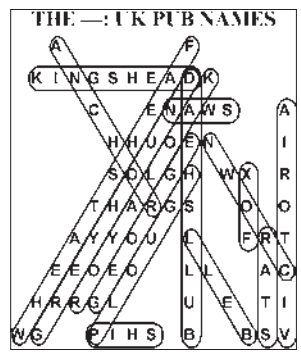
Big Apple hockey team whose members hail from northern Scotland: The New York Highlanders.

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Never worry about bad press: All that matters is if they spell your name right.
— Kate Hudson

Weekly SUDOKU
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Super Crossword

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DRAGONS

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on film.

"Silverton made big-time plays, their linemen did a great job, and we missed on a few opportunities," Jackson said.

Jackson said the Dragons fought until the final seconds.

He pointed to playoff send-offs, pep assemblies and rallies as signs of how much the team meant to Dallas.

Jackson said his returning players have spent one or more years watching the seniors put the team first. It will be their job to keep the program competitive next year.

For the seniors, Jackson knows the friendships they built will outlast the hurt of their final game.

"The memories we had and the brotherhood our kids built will last a lifetime," he said.

Advancing to the Class 5A semifinals are No. 1 Silverton vs. No. 5 Wilsonville, and No. 2 Thurston vs. No. 3 West Albany.



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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

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. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, 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

12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - WRAP Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center

4 p.m. - Boba Slime projects for ages 11-18, Monmouth Public Library

5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Civic Center, 555 Main St.

6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House

7 p.m. - Monmouth Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

8 a.m. - Hiking Club, Monmouth Senior Community Center

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, for ages 0-5, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

10:30 a.m. - Bounces and Rhymes: Spring Series, for ages 0-2, Monmouth Public Library

11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Dallas Economic Development Commission Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

12 p.m. - Pinochle/Watch repair & knife sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center

12:45 p.m. - South Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

3 p.m. - Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Board meeting

6 p.m. - Name That Tune Music Trivia with Sam, West Valley Taphouse, 957 Main St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Adult Craft Night: Christmas Craft, signups required, Dallas Public Library,
950 Main St.

6 p.m. - Independence Park Board Meeting, Civic Center, 555 Main St.

6 p.m. - Fair Board meeting, Polk County Fairgrounds Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall

6:30 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Tree Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Power & Light, 780 Ecols St. S.

6:30 p.m. - Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

7 p.m. - Drag Bingo Night, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Stretch exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Art Workshop/CardsTable Games/6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Writer's Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center

10 a.m. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Drawing for Fun, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Storytime, Independence Public Library

11 a.m. - Jewelry Making, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Chery/Munchies and Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - Munchies & Melodies, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Live music: Joseph Linahon, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Speak Easy: A Community Story, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Night Meeting, Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas

6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Music Jam, Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway S.

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Catherine Loyer & Strawberry Roan (rock, pop, blues), Elysium Botanicals Wines & Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

1 p.m. - Bingo at the Independence Elks Lodge, ages 21 and up, 289 S. Main St.

5 p.m. - Bob Ross Painting Class, $65, Two Wolves Taproom, 171 SW Court St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Live Music: Myrtle Brown & The Executive Groove, (jazz), Elysium Botanicals Wines & Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

9 a.m. - Paul Thompson Auction, preview 9 a.m., sale starts at 10 a.m., Building C, Polk County Fairgrounds

1 p.m. - Live Music: TJ Meier, (acoustic Sunday), Elysium Botanicals Wines & Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth

MONDAY, NOV. 23

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. - Hand & Foot/Cribbage, Monmouth Senior Community Center

11 a.m. - Grief Support Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center

12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

12:30 p.m. - Cornhole, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Bunko/Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center

4 p.m. - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center

4 p.m. - Dallas Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

4 p.m. - Dallas Public Administration Committee meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

5 p.m. - Independence Library Board meeting, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.

6 p.m. - Trivia Nights, Forest Pass Brewing, 735 SW Maple St., Dallas

6 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, NOV. 24

8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center

9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10 a.m. - Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:15 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center

10:30 a.m. - Children's Storytime, ages 5 and under, Dallas Public Library,
950 Main St.

11 a.m. - Scrabble - Dallas Area Senior Center

11 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Winnie, Independence Public Library

11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center

12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Darts, Dallas Area Senior Center

3:30 p.m. - Senior Advisory Board meeting, Monmouth Senior Community Center, 180 S. Warren St.

4 p.m. - Teen Craft: Tiny Art, sign-ups required, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

6 p .m. - Trivia Night, West Valley Taphouse, 957 S Main St., Dallas

6 p.m. - Community Dance Class: Line Dance, Monmouth Senior Community Center

6 p.m. - Monmouth Historic Commission meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class: Ballroom, Monmouth Senior Community Center

7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

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. - Strong People, Monmouth Senior Community Center

10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, 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 p.m. - Trip to Central High School for Thanksgiving Luncheon, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center

1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center

1 p.m. - Wii bowling, Dallas Area Senior Center

2 p.m. - WRAP Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center

2 p.m. - Slime Time, for ages 5-11, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

5:30 p.m. - Heritage Museum Advisory Board meeting, Civic Center, 555 Main St.

6 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Brew Coffee & Tap House

7:10 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Newcomers Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas

Community Briefs

FPCC HOSTS PHOTO EDITING SOFTWARE DISCUSSION NOV. 18

Focal Point Camera Club hosts a photo editing software discussion from 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the upstairs classroom at Focal Point Photography, located at 161 W Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. Learn about what people are using now, and where the future is headed. First timers and photographers of any skill level are welcome.

DDA HOSTS ART & WINE WALK NOV. 20

The Dallas Downtown Association presents the Dallas Art & Wine Walk from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 20. Sponsored by the Dallas Art Association the walk features local businesses, artisans and a stroll along the amazing downtown. Tickets are $20 per person and include a souvenir glass, a map and six tokens for tastings.

Tastings are 1-2 tokens depending on the venue. For an $10 extra, you can purchase six additional tokens. Tickets are available online at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/dallas-art-and-wine-walk.

FOREST PASS BREWERY HOSTS BENEFIT BINGO NIGHT NOV. 20

Forest Pass Brewery hosts Bingo Night from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 27 to benefit the non-profitSable house. The $15 buy in gets participants (ages 21 and up only) 10 cards for 10 rounds and one blackout round. Forest Pass is located at 735 SW Maple St., in Dallas.

INDEPENDENCE AIR PARK HOSTS MISTLETOE MARKET NOV. 20-21

Milk and Honey Everyday Vintage presents Independence Mistletoe Market from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 20-21 at the Independence Air Park, 783 Cessna St., in Independence. Shop a collection of holiday gifts, vintage, and decor from a variety of local vendors in a boutique style holiday market.

COMMUNITY CRAFT DAYS RETURNS NOV. 21

The Monmouth Community Senior Center hosts Community Craft Days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21 at 80 Warren St. S., in Monmouth. Join an opportunity to craft in the company of other creative folks. On the third Saturday of each month bring your hobby and meet new people. All ages and crafting styles are welcome.

SALEM PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA PRESENTS FAMILY CONCERTS NOV. 21-22

The Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, with musicians from Polk and Marion Counties, presents a pair of all-ages "Family Concerts" at 2 p.m. Nov. 21-22, at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave. NE. Conducted by SPO Artistic Director, Jonathan DeBruyn, these concerts showcase the orchestra's various instrumental sections in a mix of short classical pieces and familiar movie themes, including "Star Wars." SPO musicians will host an instrument "petting zoo" beginning at 1 p.m. in the lobby for youngsters to see and try out some orchestral instruments. Admission is $25 for ages 18-64, $20 for students ages 18-64 and seniors ages 65 and up, and is free for ages 17 and younger. Tickets may be purchased online at www.salemphil.org/buy-tickets or at the door on concert day. Contact information@salemphil.org with questions.

WETZEL ESTATE HOSTS HOLIDAY MARKET NOV. 21-22

Wetzel Estate hosts a holiday market from 12-5 p.m. Nov. 21-22 at 17485 Highway 22, just outside Dallas. Shop unique gifts from local vendors while sipping on your favorite wines and warm Glühwein.

TWO WOLVES HOSTS BOB ROSS PAINTING CLASS NOV. 21

Studio Alla Prima presents a Bob Ross painting class from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Two Wolves Taproom, located at 171 SW Court St., in Dallas. Tickets are $65 per person to paint your own beautiful valley waterfall scene. No experience needed. All supplies included. Sign up online at www.twowolvestaproom.com/events/bob-ross-painting-class-2.

SHELBY'S SHENANIGANS HOSTS HOLIDAY MARKET NOV. 27

Shelby's Shenanigans' second annual Holiday Market runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. Shop local artisans, contribute to their canned food drive and enter to win raffle prizes.

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St. Philip Catholic Church Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 5th from 9 am- 2 pm 825 SW Mill St. Dallas, OR Homemade baked goods, Handmade crafts, & gifts, Soup and pie luncheon, Raffle, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there and available for pictures Free Admission, Wheelchair accessible, Lots of parking

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Flexible floor plan in desirable Monmouth neighborhood. Updated kitchen with quartz counters, double ovens, gas range and pantry. 4bd/2.5 bath. Primary suite is spacious with a jetted tub, step in shower and walk-in closet. New roof in 2021. Fenced yard with paver patio. **$540,000.00** (#844522)



This 4 year old townhome has been gently lived in. 3bed/2.5 bath. The kitchen has granite counters, soft close cabinets, gas range and stainless steel refrigerator. Primary suite is 15x15 with a 10x8 walk in closet. Efficient gas furnace, a/c and gas water heater. 2 car garage with storage area. **$392,000.00** (#845790)



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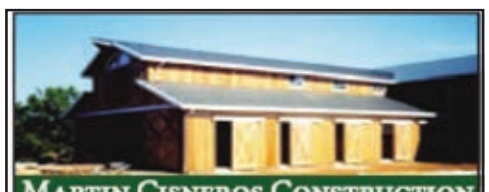
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PCIO26-438 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No: 9727318629 T.S. No.: 26-21451 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, PIERCE A. MOON as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELEC-TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/4/2021, recorded 8/5/2021, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2021-012567 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 238359 LOT 4, BLOCK 1, LOCKHARTSUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 3158 19TH PL NW, SALEM Oregon 97304 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 3/1/2026, 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, 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 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. There is a default by the 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 the provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of $2,190.38, from 3/1/2026, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of $359.70, together with title expenses, other fees, legal costs, trustee's fee and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default, any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and interest therein; and repayment penalties/premiums, if applicable. 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 $333,161.61 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.625 % per annum from 2/1/2026 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 3/23/2027 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at Front En-trance, Polk County Courthouse, 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 86.753 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: (800) 793-6107 website: www.auction.com For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 10/26/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-011924 11/18/26, 11/25/26, 12/02/26, 12/09/26

PCIO26-440 TS No. OR07000140-26-1 APN 06622-00-01100 TO No 260302444-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JOEL D BAGNALL AND APRIL M BAGNALL, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to LAWYERS TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for THE MONEY SOURCE INC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of September 26, 2016 and recorded on October 3, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016-010921 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC and recorded February 12, 2026 as Instrument Number 2026-001048 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 06622-00-01100 LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CLEARVIEW ORCHARDS, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 2, PAGE 20) EXCEPT THE EAST 10 FEET CONVEYED TO POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 7065 RED PRAIRIE RD, SHERIDAN, OR 97378 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, 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 Payments(s) from 02/01/2026 to 09/01/2026 at $20,096.46 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at $95.02 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 $202,506.85 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from January 1, 2026 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. Please Note: Sale date has been moved to a future date. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 9, 2027 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Inside the main entrance, 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) may 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: 10/8/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee By: Nicolas Matayron, OSB # 254576 Authorized by the Trustee to sign this document on the Trustee's behalf pursuant to ORS 86.713(9) Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0496215 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/18/2026, 11/25/2026, 12/02/2026, 12/09/2026

PCIO26-442 PUBLIC NOTICE In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County Probate Department in the Matter of the Estate of Darrell Ray Chambers, Deceased, Case No. 26PB07790 Notice to Interested Persons NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ernest K Chambers has been appointed as the Personal Representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers attached, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at the law office of Robert J. Custis, PO Box 2182, Salem, Oregon 97308, phone (503) 378-0624 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in the estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 18th day of November, 2026.

PCIO26-443 PUBLIC NOTICE In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County Probate Department in the Matter of the Estate of Rebecca Lynn Sommers, Deceased, Case No. 26PB05950 Notice to Interested Persons NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joshua Martin has been appointed as the Personal Representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers attached, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at the law office of Robert J. Custis, PO Box 2182, Salem, Oregon 97308, phone (503) 378-0624 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in the estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 18th day of November, 2026.

PCIO26-444 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR POLK COUNTY-PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of Lois L. Sparks, DECEASED, CASE NO. 26PB09609 - NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Within four months from the date of first publication, all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers, to the Personal Representative, Tracy Sparks, c/o Timothy J. Felling, Felling, Reid & Duxbury, LLC, Attorney for the Personal Representative, 221 3rd Avenue SW, Albany, OR 97321, (541) 926-1554, or they may be barred. Any persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the above-entitled Court, the Personal Representative, or from his attorney. Dated and first published 11/18/2026

PCIO6-445 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK No. 26PB09721 Probate In the Matter of the Estate of Janelle I. Koch, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Probate No. 26PB09721, Alene Ferrell has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF JANELLE I. KOCH, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present such claims to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Personal Representative, the attorney for the Personal Representative, or from the records of the court. Dated and first published November 18, 2026. /s/ Alene Ferrell, Personal Representative Personal Representative Alene Ferrell c/o Sarah K. Rinehart 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301 Attorney for Personal Representative Sarah K. Rinehart, OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301. 11/18/26

PCIO26-441 Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB09661 Deceased: Michael Allen Wiebke NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shari S. Miller has been appointed Personal Representative (the "PR") of the Estate of Michael Allen Wiebke, deceased, Polk County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB09661. 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: Nov. 18, 2026 /s/ Joseph O. Huddleston Attorney for the PR 11/18/26

PCIO26-434 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-25-1027075-RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, CAROLYN REEL as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN FINANCING CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/23/2019, recorded 12/2/2019, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/ file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2019-013987 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 07316-BB-12200 372206 LOT 10, BLOCK 20, WILARK PARK WEST NO. 6, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 8, PAGE 24) Commonly known as: 1870 WESTCHESTER COURT NW, SALEM, OR 97304 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: $21,738.07 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $208,677.56 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 10/1/2025, 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 pay-off. 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 2/25/2027 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, 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 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 CAROLYN REEL 1870 WESTCHESTER COURT NW SALEM, OR 97304 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-25-1027075-RM Dated: 10/8/2026 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 #0317859 11/11/2026 11/18/2026 11/25/2026 12/2/2026

PCIO26-436 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK WOODHAVEN ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, an Oregon nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff, v. THE ESTATE OF GREG MILHEM, and all unknown heirs and beneficiaries thereof; and BRENDA MILHEM, an individual, Defendants. Case No.: 26CV23677 SUMMONS TO: THE ESTATE OF GREG MILHEM, and all unknown heirs and beneficiaries thereof In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and defend the claims filed against you by Plaintiff Woodhaven Estates Homeowners' Association, in the Complaint filed in the above-entitled Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Summons. The date of first publication is November 4, 2026. If you fail to timely appear and defend, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Plaintiff seeks a money judgment for unpaid homeowner association assessments in connection with real property owned by Defendants. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case, or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" 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 plaintiffs' attorney or, if the plaintiffs do not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiffs. 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 (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 425-7636. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 4, 2026 BLACK HELTERLINE LLP Jaimie A. Fender, OSB No. 120832 805 SW Broadway, Suite 2600, Portland, Oregon 97205 Tel: (503) 224-5560 Fax: (503) 224-6148 Email: jaimie.fender@bhlaw.com Of Attorneys for Plaintiff 11/04/26, 11/11/26, 11/18/26, 11/25/26

PCIO26-437 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 12-11-26, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 915 N. MAIN ST. INDEPENDENCE, OR. 97351. The court case number is 25CV17027, where PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. is plaintiff, and DIVINE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

HOLDINGS LLC, an inactive Oregon limited liability company; DIVINE DISTILLERS INC., an Oregon corporation; INDEPENDENCE BEVERAGES LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; JASON A. GREENWOOD AND JENNELL C. IVES, individually and as trustees of the IVES-GREENWOOD JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, DONALD G. EDIGER AND PATRICIA K. EDIGER, doing business as D.E.B. ENTERPRISE, an inactive Oregon assumed business name; CBS OUTDOOR GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation, formerly known as VIACOM OUTDOOR, INC. is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: http://oregonsheriffssales.org/ 11/04/26, 11/11/26, 11/18/26, 11/25/26

PCIO26-431 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 154593-OR Loan No.: ******2131 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JEFFERY C. JOHNSON, A SINGLE PERSON, as Grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INS CO, as Trustee, in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A, as Beneficiary, dated 10/2/2012, recorded 10/10/2012, as Instrument No. 2012-010345, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK "B" FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, IN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. APN: 318927 Commonly known as: 452 FAIR OAKS ST FALLS CITY, OR 97344 The current beneficiary is: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 5/1/2026 - 10/1/2026 Total: $5,458.98 Late Charges: $0.00 Beneficiary Advances: $385.74 Total Required to Reinstate: $5,844.72 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $27,560.96 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of $25,715.74 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.625 % per annum, from 4/1/2026 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 2/23/2027, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, INSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/14/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 11/04/26, 11/11/26, 11/18/26, 11/25/26

PCIO26-432 TS No. OR08000040-26-2 APN 0204-161604 ll 161604 TO No DEF-688848 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, DANIEL P EPPING, UNMARRIED as Grantor to U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee, in favor of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary dated as of April 3, 2019 and recorded on May 15, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019-004881 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 0204-161604 ll 161604 SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OR OREGON PARCEL 1, OF PARTITION PLAT NO. 2006-0015, RECORDED MAY 19, 2006, INSTRUMENT NO. 0509062, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 1010 ELLENDALE AVE, DALLAS, OR 97338-1702 Both the Beneficiary, U.S. Bank National Association, 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 Monthly Payment(s): 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 12/03/2025 to 12/03/2025 at $1,179.92 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 01/03/2026 to 01/03/2026 at $1,040.47 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 02/03/2026 to 02/03/2026 at $1,189.69 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/03/2026 to 03/03/2026 at $1,081.53 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 04/03/2026 to 04/03/2026 at $1,009.42 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 05/03/2026 to 05/03/2026 at $1,153.64 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 06/03/2026 to 06/03/2026 at $1,081.53 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 07/03/2026 to 07/03/2026 at $1,045.48 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 08/03/2026 to 08/03/2026 at $1,153.63 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 09/03/2026 to 09/03/2026 at $1,117.59 Monthly Late Charge(s): 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 $174,286.90 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.80000% per annum from November 3, 2025 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 February 9, 2027 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Inside the main entrance, 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. 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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 NPP0495141 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 10/28/2026, 11/04/2026, 11/11/2026, 11/18/2026

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Dallas Police Department

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

At 1:25 a.m., an officer investigated a report of someone banging on the walls of a building on Fir Villa Road. The officer walked through the property and heard the knocking and determined it was the furnace knocking.

At 7:45 a.m., a report of the theft of items on Kings Valley Highway totalling more than $600.

At 10:04 a.m., a broken iphone was discovered in the road on Holman Avenue.

At 9:23 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a juvenile smoking a cigarette on Mill Street. The juvenile ended up throwing away his cigs. The officer had a chat with him about his choices and being honest with law enforcement.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

At 1:56 a.m., a report that someone moved the closed sidewalk barriers into the middle of the road, blocking traffic on Southwest Jasper Street.

At 7:22 a.m., an officer responded to a report of Porta John tipped over and in the lane of travel on Clay Street. It was moved and the officer ensured it was not blocking traffic.

At 9:26 a.m., officers recovered a car Rolly U-haul trailer reported stolen out of Maricopa County.

At 2:23 p.m., an officer responded to a report of cash stolen from a location on Brentwood Avenue. Prior to clearing from the call, the officer was informed the cash had been located.

At 7:26 p.m., officers investigated an anonymous report of possible juveniles drinking at a vacant lot on Ash Street but found nobody in the area.

At 7:50 p.m., officers responded to a report of juveniles drinking at Gala Park off Uglow Avenue. Upon arrival, several juveniles ran off. Two remained on scene and both were delivered to their parents. Officers identified another involved individual as a juvenile. All three were excluded from all parks for 30 days.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

At 2:24 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a male who hit his dog with his bike on Lyle Street. The officer contacted the male and dog, which did not have any obvious injuries. The officer cleared.

At 3:34 p.m., a report of a rear license plate stolen off a F150 pickup from a residence on Douglas Street.

At 3:58 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a vehicle swerving and driving on the fog line on Ellendale Avenue but was unable to locate anything.

At 5:55 p.m., Robert Norton was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant for theft out of Dallas Municipal Court and was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was also charged with identity theft, theft 3, unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, fraudulent use of a credit card and theft 2.

At 7:53 p.m., a resident on Dimick Street reported loud music. An officer advised the complainant to call back after 10 p.m. if music was still loud. In the meantime, he should inform his landlord.

At 10:02 p.m., a resident on Miller Avenue reported someone stole her Xbox.

At 11:29 p.m., officers located a vehicle partially in the roadway on Elledale Avenue. The driver appeared passed out with several beer cans inside the car. Sheriff's Deputies and Oregon State Police troopers arrived and tried talking the driver out of the car. They had to use low-level force to get driver, Javon McDaniel, out of the vehicle. He was arrested by OSP and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

At 9:10 a.m., a resident on Maple Street reported someone stole gas from their vehicle, parked in front of the residence.

At 9:35 a.m., a resident on Reed Lane reported possible vandalism to her car after noticing a flat tire. An officer determined she had run over a screw causing the flat tire.

At 12:24 p.m., a resident on Levens Street reported finding old, moldy clothing items that had been there a while on the property. An officer advised the complainant could dispose of the items as they were valued less than $100.

At 7:22 p.m., officers investigated a report of a male subject on Washington Street picking up a female subject who began yelling for help. They were unable to locate anyone.

MONDAY, NOV. 9

At 9:41 a.m., a male subject reported someone burglarized the residence he is repairing on Walnut Avenue and stole approximately $1,500 in tools from inside.

At 12:32 p.m., officers investigated a report of a vehicle driving poorly on Clow Corner Road. They found the vehicle unoccupied but had numerous "Please Be Patient - Student Driver" magnets on it.

At 1:15 p.m., a subject was trespassed from a property on Sheila Street.

At 6:38 p.m., a female subject was trespassed from a park off Ellendale Avenue.

At 7:07 p.m., a male subject called to inform he would be turning himself in tomorrow after a court date in Marion County.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

At 6:12 a.m., a motorist from Beaverton on Washington Street was cited for expired registration and also received a written warning for no operator's license and failing to renew registration.

At 9:51 a.m., an officer spoke to and educated a juvenile motorist on the law who was involved in a hit and run on Ellendale Avenue.

At 10:45 p.m., officers conducted an area check after a gate was found open on Mill Street. They also checked the eastern door on the main building which was also unlocked. Nothing else suspicious was found.

At 10:50 p.m., Peter Roa of Dallas was arrested on Jefferson Street and lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

At 2:20 a.m., Brandon Perkins (a homeless person from Dallas) was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct 2, harassment and theft 3.

At 10:02 a.m., a resident on Needham Street reported finding a screen removed on her daughter's window. An officer saw no damage, but lots of animal footprints below on the house wall. Nothing was reported stolen from the yard.

At 10:40 a.m., a resident on Ellendale Avenue reported putting her engagement ring in her pocket while at work on Saturday and proceeded to lose it.

At 4:23 p.m., a report of an unknown female and her German shepherd most likely camping in a tent down by the river off La Creole Drive. Her off-leash dog ran after the complainant's dog.

At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle vs traffic island accident. The motorist was cited for driving while suspended - violation. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 9:59 p.m., Monique Samora of Sheridan was cited and released on Washington Street for failure to carry and present.

At 11:09 p.m., Kristen Gaines was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and lodged at Polk County Jail where she was charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor.

At 11:27 p.m., officers responded to a report of a possible domestic disturbance on Ellendale Avenue. They spoke to an involved subject who advised it was a family drama and the female had already left.

Independence Police Department

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

Officers arriving at a physical domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Boat Landing Street found the victim had multiple injuries on his face. He reported that Jessica Medina laid on top of him punching and impeding his breathing. Alcohol was a factor. Medina was arrested and transported to jail where she was charged with felony strangulation and felony assault 4.

Officers investigated a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of E Street. Sarah Newton was arrested and charged with assault 4 and interference with making a report after hitting the victim as he tried to get to his phone to call 911. The victim sustained injuries to his face from being punched. Newton was taken to jail.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

A motorist was stopped on South Main Street and River Road for expired vehicle registration. The driver was cited and released for failing to carry and present an operator's license.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

An officer stopped to talk to a man outside the library in the 100 block of Monmouth Street and discovered that he had a warrant. Peter Pagala was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant out of Monmouth Municipal Court and was transported to jail.

At 1:40 p.m., responded to a report of occupants in a vehicle on Stinson Street huffing nitrous oxide. The vehicle's registered owner was found in the passenger seat with a large nitrous can in her mouth. The occupants showed the officers an empty can. The female passenger was cited for unlawful possession of inhalants. The officers talked with the parties about civil issues on property that generated this call.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

At 12:05 a.m., officers responded to a report of a single vehicle crash into a parked car on Monmouth-Independence Highway. The driver was unconscious, started having seizures and was transported to Salem Hospital. Two passengers in the vehicle suffered minor injuries. The driver was cited and released for driving under the influence of an intoxicant, two counts of reckless endangering another person, two counts of criminal mischief 2, and reckless driving.

At 9:47 a.m., a juvenile from E Street was entered as a runaway into the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS).

At 10:31 a.m., numerous reports of three dogs at large. The dogs ran from Monmouth, went into a Monmouth store,

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attacked a car, and then ran down the sidewalk / into traffic all the way to downtown Independence. The owner/keeper has numerous past animal calls with them getting out and was cited for three counts of dogs at large.

At 3:38 p.m., multiple reports of juveniles trespassing at "stonehenge," the incomplete, abandoned building on 8th Street. A caller said they were hanging from stuff and breaking things around the area. The caller chased them off so was not able to identify them. An officer found nothing visibly damaged.

At 5:12 p.m., a report of two juveniles causing issues at a business on Monmouth Street. The proprietor wanted them trespassed.

MONDAY, NOV. 9

At 1:03 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Main Street for traffic violations. The driver Artavais Wade exhibited indicators of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test. He was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for endangering another person. He was lodged at Polk County Jail where he blew a BAC of .19%.

At 1:15 p.m., a female subject was trespassed from a property in the 600 block of Sheila Street.

At 4 p.m., officers responded to a report of possible shoplifting on Monmouth Street. It ended up being a false alarm.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

Trespass: Staff reported an individual sleeping outside a community center. After police contact, the individual agreed not to camp there anymore.

Welfare Check: A relative requested a check on a family member who had not been in contact. The individual was subsequently located and was fine.

Fraud: Staff reported a fake online rental ad where a scammer requested a deposit via a peer-to-peer payment service and messaging app.

Runaway: Police investigated a report of a runaway juvenile. The youth was initially located intoxicated, ran off and was re-entered into the reporting system. The youth was later located by parents and taken home.

Suspicious Activity: Police checked a flashing light at a vacant home and determined it to be an electrical issue on the exterior. They notified property management.

Disturbance: A physical altercation occurred between two group home clients over a television remote. Both were warned regarding mutual combat.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

Assisting Outside Agency: Officers assisted another agency in locating three runaway juveniles who had vandalized a veteran memorial by throwing flags into the road. The flags were restored to the memorial.

Harassment: An anonymous caller reported harassment involving individuals at a college residence.

Warrant: An anonymous tip led to the location of an individual who had an active warrant staying on a college campus. During a safekeeping search of belongings, a firearm, ammunition, and a silencer were discovered, resulting in additional charges.

Harassment: A student reported ongoing anonymous cyberbullying on a campus social application.

Crash: A single-vehicle collision occurred when a driver was distracted by dropping a beverage and struck a parked vehicle.

Welfare Check: A group home client expressed suicidal ideation and made superficial self-harm cuts. Medical personnel treated the injuries and no further immediate concerns remained.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Driving Under the Influence: A motorist was stopped after performing donuts in the roadway. The driver exhibited indicators of impairment, performed poorly on sobriety tests, and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant and lodged at Polk County Jail.

Trespass: Residents reported an ex-partner with a history of domestic violence and substance abuse showed up demanding to see children despite custody arrangements. The individual was officially trespassed.

Assisting Outside Agency: Emergency personnel and officers responded to a toddler choking on a melatonin gummy. The obstruction cleared on its own and the child was okay.

Assisting Outside Agency (Medical): Passing citizens and emergency medical personnel assisted an unresponsive male lying in the roadway. He was transported for medical evaluation.

Sex Offense: Officers took a report regarding statements made by an individual about witnessing illicit material involving a minor while working at a care facility.

Assisting Outside Agency: Assisted with searching for a rollover crash scene via unmanned aerial system to check for possible ejected passengers; none were found.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

Suspicious Activity: An individual covered in blood went to a local business believing he had been assaulted. It was determined he had a nightmare while sleeping in a shed and ran into the wall, injuring his nose.

Crash: A single-vehicle crash into a parked vehicle occurred while the driver experienced a medical seizure. The driver and passengers were transported to the hospital, and the driver was cited for driving under the influence of an intoxicant and for reckless endangerment.

Animal Complaint: Multiple complaints were received regarding loose dogs running into a local store and acting aggressively. Police issued three citations to the owner.

Welfare (Psychiatric): After a caller repeated mental health concerns and fears regarding safety, a mental health crisis intervention team was contacted.

Arrest: A vehicle stop attempt resulted in the driver fleeing while a passenger was present. The passenger was arrested due to violating a no-contact release agreement prohibiting them from being at that location.

Death Investigation: An elderly female with significant underlying health conditions was found unresponsive and not breathing. Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful, and custody of the deceased was released to mortuary services.

Theft: License plates were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at an apartment complex and entered into the law enforcement data system as stolen.

MONDAY, NOV. 9

Driving Under the Influence: A motorist was stopped for traffic violations. The driver exhibited signs of impairment and performed poorly on sobriety tests. The driver was arrested and lodged after being charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. A child passenger was left in the care of a family member.

Ordinance Violation: Police cited the owner of an occupied recreational vehicle parked in the same location over multiple days. The owner was warned against abandonment.

Harassment: A caller reported receiving telephonic threats from an individual upset over a relationship. School resource officers and probation officers were notified.

Welfare (Psychiatric): A caller sought resources for an adult child struggling with alcohol use and mental health. Officers provided resources and crisis contact lines.

Traffic / Warrant Arrest: Officers stopped a motorist for traffic violations. This led to a discovery of underage passengers with sealed alcoholic beverages. In addition, one was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The subject also was charged with concealed weapon and marijuana infractions.

Disturbance: A report of a male screaming and threatening a residence. Police contacted the subject who was living in a van. He was warned for disorderly conduct.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

Driving Under the Influence: A motorist was stopped for vehicle code violations. The driver exhibited signs of impairment and after failing sobriety tests, was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail where they were charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Arrest / Fight: Police responded to a report that two individuals engaged in a physical altercation following a verbal argument. Neither wished to pursue charges, but one was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Welfare Check: Police performed a welfare check for an individual reported to have made concerning statements about deceased friends. The individual was located and confirmed to be fine.

Arrest: An individual with an active warrant from another jurisdiction was located and taken into custody.

Hit and Run: A witness reported a van backing into an unknown vehicle, after which the van driver exited and yelled at the other driver before driving away.

Domestic Disturbance: Officers investigated a verbal domestic dispute between partners. They stood by while arrangements were made for one party to stay elsewhere for the night.

Robbery / Welfare Check: A customer reported concern that a store employee was being robbed due to unusual demeanor. Employees confirmed they were fine. However, later another employee reported the worker was disoriented from severe anxiety and panic attacks. Medical personnel transported her.

Fraud: A report was made regarding a suspected elder financial scam involving conversion of funds to gold.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

Prowling: Officers investigated a report of four subjects looking into vehicles and home doors with flashlights. An extensive area check yielded negative results with no signs of tampering.

Assault: A report of a group of juveniles throwing eggs. One juvenile female was struck and sustained a welt.

Reckless Driving: Two motorists were cited for unsafe passing and driving head-on into traffic south of the city.

Vehicle Fire: Officers responded to a report of a truck on fire blocking traffic. Units arrived to find it extinguished near the station and awaiting tow services.

Assisting Outside Agency: Medical personnel requested officer cover for a verbally aggressive patient during transport.

Domestic Disturbance: A domestic incident reported by one party in another jurisdiction led officers to the residence where mutual verbal altercations occurred. One party was formally trespassed.

Theft: A resident reported the theft over the past month of a carpet and dirt bike tires from the front yard along with raw meat left on their property.

Domestic Disturbance: A verbal domestic dispute between a divorcing couple who remained living together. Both were filming each other and agreed to separate for the night.

Domestic Disturbance: Neighbors reported yelling and crying from an apartment. Officers discovered a dispute had occurred over a haircut, resulting in property damage inside the unit. The male subject involved agreed to leave and removed weapons from the premises.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

At 11:57 a.m., a motorist on Mitchell Street in Falls City was cited for speeding 11-20 mph over the 25-mph speed limit and was warned for not having insurance yet on the newly acquired vehicle.

At 11:59 a.m., a motorist was stopped and cited for expired tags.

At 1:23 p.m., Daniel Rayos was arrested on Church Street in Falls City on an outstanding statewide felony warrant. He was lodged at Polk County Jail.

At 4:42 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a black skimmer device located inside one of the pumps at VP Racing Fuels on Highway 22. The deputy took the device into evidence and reviewed security footage of two suspects that may have planted the device.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

At 2:28 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a motorist drinking alcohol at a stop outside Salem. The deputy located the vehicle and stopped it on suspicion of driving under the influence. The driver had a plastic 7/11 cup but it, and the driver, lacked any smell of alcohol. No crimes were committed.

At 6:43 a.m., a report of a motorist that ended up in a ditch on Harmony Road after swerving to avoid a car crossing into her lane.

At 8:51 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a female subject walking on the fog line on Highway 22. The female subject was walking into Dallas to go to Walmart. The deputy felt conditions were too foggy for her to continue her walk. He gave her a courtesy ride into town and dropped her off at Walmart to make sure she arrived safely.

At 10:54 a.m., a deputy rolled up on disabled vehicle at an intersection on Miller Street that was blocking traffic. The deputy helped the driver push the vehicle out of the intersection. The driver called for a tow.

At 11:28 a.m., a resident on Wigrich Road reported go-karts and dirt bikes racing up and down Wigrich, Haener and Hadley Roads. The resident reported catching them on trail cam on the farm property, even though no trespassing signs are up.

At 1:46 p.m., a report of a disabled vehicle blocking a westbound lane on Highway 22. The driver's dad arrived and towed the vehicle to a safer location at a wide shoulder on Highway 223 just south of Highway 22. They will work on removing the vehicle.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

At 4:50 a.m., deputies assisted Independence Police in locating three juvenile runaways on Northgate Drive and helped return them to their homes.

At 9:33 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of vehicles in the roadway off Ballston Road. The deputy found three cars that were clearly in the traveled portion of the road. The deputy cited one vehicle owner for unlawful stopping on a roadway and tagged one of the cars and let him know they had to be out before tomorrow.

At 9:48 a.m., a deputy contacted three hunters who walked past an area closed sign off Robb Mill Road. They were polite and thought the five contradicting signs were confusing, which the deputy agreed were. The deputy asked that they start to walk back out of the area.

At 10:05 a.m., an anonymous person dropped off a dog found near Uglow Park in Dallas. The dog, a white and tan female Scotty Terrier Mix puppy, was scanned for a chip and housed at the county kennel.

At 11:01 a.m., a deputy responded to a call for an 11-year-old unconscious male on Parkmeadow Avenue. The juvenile was waking up/breathing when the deputy arrived. Medics arrived on scene and transported the juvenile to a hospital.

At 2:21 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a skinny, neglected dog on H Street. The owner reported the dog had esophageal cancer and is being treated through Orchard Animal Hospital. She mentioned that euthenasia might be the next option. No evidence of a crime.

At 4:38 p.m., a report of a vehicle passing unsafely on Rickreall Road. A deputy waited outside the complainant's address but the vehicle never appeared.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

At 12:18 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm in the 400 block of Doaks Ferry Road. They located a smoke detector in a garbage can outside of the house. They contacted the owner of the house who advised everything was okay.

At 6:27 a.m., a deputy responded to a report of a crash on Stapleton Road but instead found a Jeep with one wheel in a ditch and stuck. The driver went to turn onto Stapleton from Corvallis but due to the dense fog, she overshot the turn. Upon realizing she overshot it, she tried to turn around using a small gravel pullout, but one of her wheels ended up in the ditch. No signs of impairment.

At 10:45 a.m., a resident on Steel Bridge Road reported his Ramsey Winch had been stolen sometime in the last year and six rolls of 50-foot Cyclone Fencing were stolen about three months ago. The resident suspected a known male subject but had no evidence.

At 12:56 p.m., a male subject reported he was hunting up Rickreall Creek and lost his .22cal Walther Brand 1911 style pistol. He was provided a case number for his reference. He is going to go look for it.

At 1:37 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a car fire somewhere between Baskett Slough and Highway 22 milepost 23, but also maybe on Rickreall Road or Greenwood Road. The complainant wasn't sure. A deputy located a backyard burn at Greenwood/Rickreall road that looked under control.

At 4:05 p.m., a motorist on Monmouth Cutoff Road was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 5:59 p.m., a 1- to 2-year old female brown lab with no tags and a tan collar found on Southeast Jefferson Street was lodged at the Polk County Kennels.

At 11:29 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle partially blocking Ellendale Avenue. The driver, Javon McDaniel, was passed out with several beer cans in the vehicle. When McDaniel awoke and would not exit the vehicle, deputies, with the aid of Oregon State Police, used low-level force to extricate the driver. He was arrested by OSP and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

At 12:05 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a single vehicle crash into a parked vehicle on Monmouth Independence Highway. The driver, Danielle Mihevc, was unconscious and began having seizures. Medics transported her to Salem Hospital. Two passengers in the vehicle had possible minor injuries. Using a warrant, an exigent blood draw was taken from Mihevc. She was subsequently cited and released for driving under the influence of an intoxicant, two counts of recklessly endangering a person, two counts of criminal mischief and reckless driving.

At 3:29 a.m., a report of a patient that left Salem Hospital under the influence of medical drugs and was heading back home to Grand Ronde. A tribal officer located the subject on Highway 18, but reported there was no probable cause for DUII. Medics were called to evaluate her.

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POLICE

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At 4:10 a.m., deputies responded to a traffic assist on Highway 99 at milepost 53. Two large dogs were in the middle of Highway 99. A deputy observed two dogs in the road and used his air horn to get them out. They continued to try and walk back into the road. The dogs appeared to be a Great Pyrenees / Collie mix and a Maremma Sheepdog. The dogs were last seen headed northbound near Left Coast Cellars.

At 7:27 a.m., a report of a tree hanging low over the southbound lane of Talmadge Road. A deputy pulled the tree out of the road. Due to the high winds last night the trees / bushes have blown over.

At 8:10 a.m., deputies and officers responded to a choking call on C Street that turned to CPR assist. Officers gathered facts of what happened while medics worked on the patient. They transported the patient to a local hospital after getting a pulse back.

At 8:52 a.m., a resident on Wells Landing Road reported someone had stolen her front license plate off of her vehicle the night before. There were no cameras or known suspects.

At 10:35 a.m., deputies investigated a report of 8-10 dead geese on a property off Pacific Highway. After getting permission to enter the property, they found approximately 200 dead geese in various stages of decomp all scattered around the pond. A wildlife deputy reported that local geese tend to die of bird flu in large groups. With that information there is nothing to suggest something nefarious is occurring.

At 1:35 p.m., deputies responding to a domestic disturbance on River Road, located a subject involved, Johnathon Royal, riding a bike away from the location. He was taken into custody on outstanding warrants from Linn County. While emptying his pockets with consent, a deputy found two methpipes and a baggy containing 3.8g of presumptive positive meth. After being lodged at Polk County Jail, Linn County decided they only wanted Royal cited and released for his warrants. However, Royal remained lodged on a charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

At 7 p.m., deputies responded to a two vehicle crash at the roundabout on Highway 99 and Clow Corner Road. A motorist reported crashing into the back of another one who had stopped suddenly in the roundabout. There were no injuries.

At 8 p.m., a resident on Grand Ronde Road reported he was inside of his shop in the 2800 block of Highway 18 when he heard a loud crash. A female acquaintance used her vehicle to knock down the fence on the property. The male subject didn't want to pursue charges or file a report but wanted the female subject trespassed from the property.

At 7:34 p.m., a deputy investigated a reported crash on Dejong Road. A motorist the night before had swerved to avoid the deer, went into the ditch and hit a culvert headwall which caused significant damage to the axle making the vehicle undrivable. A tow was called.

At 7:55 p.m., a deputy contacted a motorist parked on Eola Drive after seeing a big cloud of smoke in her car. The driver denied smoking anything but said she was playing with her lighter. She had a small black MJ dispensary container and a ziploc bag and under that a Glock handgun, which turned out to be a BB gun. The deputy told her she should keep that somewhere else in the car.

At 7:57 p.m., deputies responded to a report of two-vehicle, T-bone crash on Kings Valley Highway. A motorist in a pickup pulled in front of a dump truck and got broadsided and rolled into a ditch. There were two juveniles in the vehicle. One started going unconscious and had a traumatic head injury. Deputies pulled supplies to get the wound dressed, got a C-spine applied on the driver and sat the second juvenile down away from the scene. Medics transported all three to a hospital.

MONDAY, NOV. 9

At 12:43 p.m., deputies were dispatched on an alarm call to a residence on McBee Road. They found the front door ajar. After receiving an authorized cancellation, they closed the front door.

At 5:39 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a crash on Hopewell Road involving an Oregon State Police trooper. The trooper was doing traffic control when a truck towing a trailer backed down the hill and hit his vehicle. The driver stated his truck lost all breaks. A tow was called.

At 5:44 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a two vehicle collision blocking the highway near Suver Road. A vehicle attempted to cross the highway and was hit by a second vehicle driving southbound at about 50 mph. None of the involved were injured. Polk County Fire helped get the roadway cleared.

At 6:32 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a possible house fire off Kings Valley Highway but was unable to locate anything.

At 7:39 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a possible car vs deer accident on Liberty road but was unable to locate anything.

At 11:30 p.m., a motorist on Wallace Road in the middle of an Uber Eats delivery had forgotten to turn on the lights after he left Taco Bell. He was cited for driving uninsured.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

At 12:01 a.m., a deputy conducted a traffic stop on a motorist that had stopped in the middle of Front Street about 500-600 feet before the stoplight then continued on. The driver and passenger explained they were moving a duck out of the road from the location the night prior and stopped to make sure it was not around. There were no signs of intoxication.

At 11:08 a.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle for an expired temp tag. The driver was arrested and lodged on outstanding warrants and for driving while suspended - misdemeanor. The vehicle was towed for no insurance.

At 12:50 p.m., a resident on Rowell Creek Road reported being the victim of fraud. stated $73,000 dollars was removed from his business account which was through Bank of America. The money was sent to "The Common Wealth of Kentucky to Jessica Pearson." An investigation was initiated.

At 4:48 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a single vehicle crash on Liberty Road. A driver reported he braked hard when a deer ran in front of him, causing the vehicle to fishtail into a nearby resident's fence. Damage was estimated at over $2,500. By the end, the resident helped the driver get the vehicle out of the fence and they were laughing with each other.

At 10:55 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving while suspended - violation and received a written warning for speeding.

KIDS

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but also in confidence, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The club is proud of every athlete and the progress they are making"

Board President Jessica Vidal added that attendance was down compared to last year, but the tournament ran smoothly.

"We had about half the kids we had last year. We did not rush it at all this year. We had a really good time," Vidal said.

She also expressed concern that lower tournament participation could become a trend this season as there are more tournaments each weekend since the Oregon Wrestling Association lowered the distance required between clubs hosting tournaments. It's still the same amount of wrestling happening, just spread out at more tournaments.

"In Bend last week, that club had not even half of what they normally have at their tournament. Which is great for space and time, but not so great for clubs who really bank on those full tournaments and the funds that come with that," Vidal said.

Despite the smaller turnout, the club considers the event a success and is excited about the direction the team is heading.

A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who donated, volunteered, sponsored, worked behind the scenes, or came out to support all the wrestlers.

Top tournament wrestlers were:

First place: Vincent DiLorenzo, Tyson Turner, and Issac, Eli, and Abi Vidal

Second place: Easton Fugate, Salvador Velasquez, Oliver Lippsmeyer, Dominic Graham, Connor Mace, Nash Gartin, Jeremiah Manasco, Shelby Nichols, Aiden McMullen,

Third place: Quillan Tisdale, Oakleigh Delco, Jonathan Amezcua, Izzy Garner, Emma Velasquez, and Wyatt and Maverick Walton.

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