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Non profit Santa's Giving Project keeps growing

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Just five short years ago, John Hanson was just a concerned grandparent worrying about how his grandkids would get a photo with Santa during the pandemic. Now, he's the face kids love and president of the non-profit Santa's Giving Project.

During a holiday season kickoff event at the Dallas Area Senior Center bazaar, Hason recalled his humble beginnings that led to bigger efforts within Polk County.

"My step daughter asked us if we knew where any Santas were going to be, because of COVID, there were none to be found," Hanson recalled.

So he quickly ordered a Santa suit from Amazon and took a photo to send to the grandkids.

"But my step daughter said 'No, you're grandpa. We're not going to confuse the kids,'" Hanson said.

So his wife, Joeda, convinced him to put the suit to good use out in front of Walmart in McMinnville. People actually pulled over, got pictures and he gave out candy canes to kids. Then, people started giving him money.

After four hours standing there, he went home with over \$250.

"I thought, 'Woo hoo! Let's go out to dinner! Then I realized, Santa is a giver, not a taker. We shouldn't be taking this money,'" Hanson said.

So he refocused his efforts, purchasing 100 gift bags for the homeless. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas he collected \$4,000, then took the bounty to Dollar Tree and filled four carts with toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, toilet paper, and sundries needed by a homeless person.

Walmart donated reusable bags and 200 pairs of socks. He collected 200 pairs of gloves. Dutch Bros of Yamhill county donated 100 \$5 gift cards. And he handed it all out at the mission.

In 2021, Santa took the year off to move to Polk County.

Then Hanson was back to work in 2022 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, the pet store and other venues sitting in as Santa. He also sought out giving trees, taking items off and buying gifts for the kids listing their Christmas wish lists on them. Through word of mouth, he also took on families in particular need. He was surprised by how successful his efforts were.

"I'm dumbfounded. The first year in Polk County we only took on four families, 12 kids. I was scared. It was the first time we promised them we were going to be able to get gifts and help them over Christmas," Hanson said.

Last year, not yet a non-profit, he collected almost \$8,000 in donations from Christmas bazaars. He gave away \$1,500 in free groceries and took on 22 kids this time, giving them all free new sets of clothes

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Perfect pictures with Santa



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Linda Henry loaded up a basket of Yorkies to get their photo with Santa Saturday at Old Mill and Garden's annual event. The supply store partners to bring attention to two local rescues, 4 All Muttkind and the Willow Branch Horse Haven and Refuge. For more photos from the event, see page A8.

Blacksmith keeps pioneering spirit alive in 4-H class

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

David Gibbons didn't really set out to be a blacksmith, let alone a teacher of the arcane art, when he first started collecting in the 80s and 90s the antique tools in pursuit of his love for history.

But a funny thing happened after he started blacksmithing in 1995, he needed a home for his hobby and an outlet to start sharing his growing knowledge.

In 2016, Gibbons found the home at Brunk Farmstead, off Highway 20 heading toward West Salem, where he christened Pioneer Forge. Most of the forges in the converted shed, in one of the farm's newer buildings, are his.

"The original facility had a donated old forge, that was really yard art, that someone donated to the museum," Gibbons recalled.

He took that forge home and restored it to running condition to show he was serious. They grew to the idea of him giving demonstrations and building hardware to replace the antique fittings around the farm.



PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

David Gibbons leads a small class on coal blacksmithing for Polk County 4-H, teaching youth how to create their own ladles in this two-day class.

Gibbons's first classes were for adults at the museum. He has since expanded to 4-H participants, finding a second natural partnership. The Pioneer Forge is now one of three locations Polk County 4-H program offers blacksmithing courses, but the only one to feature coal furnaces. The other two feature propane furnaces, including Vonhelmick Knife

Company in Falls City with Gordon Hanson and the Crandall Forge in Rickreall with Matt Crandall.

In his three years with 4-H, Gibbons's classes are geared toward 14-18 year olds, but he allows some as young as 12 with a parent present.

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DHS presents McQuaddle's journey to children's theater

By DAVID HAYES
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In the last 38 years of heading up Dallas High School's theater program, Blair Cromwell has amassed quite the selection for her wardrobe department. You just never know when a onesie will be handy to have again.

Such was the case when the students selected their own costumes for the schools' annual Children's Production. This go around, they needed dragons represented front and center for Eddie McPherson's McQuaddle: A Dragon's Tale, not to mention myriad other colorful gowns and motley clothes worn by quirky characters a youthful dragon would meet along his journey of self discovery.

Directed this year by Brianna Trickel, a student teacher from Western Oregon University, McQuaddle: A Dragon's Tale is making its debut on the Dallas stage. The production, geared toward an audience of elementary students from Whitworth, Lyle and Oakdale (with invitations being sent outside the school district this year) features many other firsts.

Senior Leander Halstead-Jeffreys, now in his fourth year in the Dallas theater program, has a bit of extra pressure of being in his first lead role as McQuaddle.

He said while the children's shows tend to be shorter and fairy-tale oriented, they like to slip in lessons for the kids.

"The lesson in McQuaddle is finding your purpose. Sometimes it comes naturally and you don't have to force it," Halstead-Jeffreys said.

As a tween (aged 10-12), McQuaddle the dragon is looking for his purpose. So, naturally, he goes on a quest. His first step is to call the evil queen who summons McQuaddle to help him find his purpose.

"It turns out she puts him to use in her dungeon to be the castle's furnace for the rest of his life," Halstead-Jeffreys said. "His friend Littlefoot and others he met during his adventure try to help him to escape and learn his true purpose - make the first school in the kingdom."

So, in the important role of McQuaddle's antagonist, the evil queen, naturally went to first time actor, Matthew Henderson. The senior usually works behind the scenes handling the technical side of the shows.

"When I first got the role, I thought, 'Ohhh, queen.' But I've seen shows like at Enchanted Forest where there's a guy playing queen, too. So I was like, wait, I can work with this. It will be funny. So I really started enjoying the role," Henderson said, brushing back the long, flowing strands of his black wig from his face. "I think these shows are a lot of fun for the kids.

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“What makes me different than the others is I use coal,” he confirmed. “It’s dirty, it’s hard to keep a fire going. It’s expensive. Coal has gone up \$20 to \$30 a bag since COVID.”

But he’d have it no other way, keeping alive the ways of his forebearers.

When he hosts an introductory class, Gibbons likes to have students create something they can take home. This week, students crafted ladles. In past classes, he’s had them smith everything from s-hooks, hearts, “leaf on stems” that are attached to the end of handles, and the most challenging of all, nails.

“Ladles are a good project to learn the molding, the handles and the riveting,” he said. “In a lot of classes, you gotta make a nail a minute. They’re not easy to make. They don’t usually come out looking right without a lot of practice. The hardest part is (with leaves) is duplicating. One you learn it once, to do it twice, but with a twist. Everything a blacksmith makes now has a twist.”

Rachel Brandon, Polk County 4-H Program

Coordinator, said a state grant helped pave the way to working with the three forges and making it economical for the families to sign up.

“It’s been extremely popular. We have lots of families that aren’t 4-H that ask about coming and joining. It’s what 4-H is about experience at an economical price,” she said.

While Gibbons is old school in teaching the mechanics of blacksmithing, thanks to the popularity of the cable TV show Forged in Fire, just about everyone these days wants to make knives. That negates his students from being a blacksmith to becoming a knifesmith.

“I’m just an antique blacksmith. I know how to start a fire, I know how to keep a coal fire going. I have all the tools. That is what I do. If the 4-H guys are interested, great. I tell them if they want to go home and start it themselves, go on Amazon and buy a cheap propane forge for \$100 and a cheap anvil,” Gibbons said.

One detriment from the show has been the run on the demand for blacksmithing tools. Where Gibbons could go to a yard sale and find a hammer for \$5, now they’re \$50. The tongs could be

found at an antique store for \$3 or \$5, they’re \$35 now.

Brandon said 4-H advertises Gibbons’ this series as historical blacksmithing, with older equipment, as all the tools they’re using are historical from the industrial arts.

Which suits Dallas High School junior Dashiell McNett just fine.

Has taken classes at both Brunk and Vonhelmick smithies.

“I love blacksmithing. So I try to get as much experience as I can,” said McNett, 16.

His interest had already been ignited in blacksmithing before he’d seen Forged in Fire show.

“I just like shaping steel. It’s real fun. Get a good workout,” he said. “Coal is fun, but I prefer propane. It’s a lot easier to work with. You don’t burn your steel.”

McNett said it’s been really interesting to learn about coal blacksmithing.

“It’s a part of our culture, part of our history. It’s really valuable going on with the new generation learning about our ancestors, how they used to make things,” he said.

So far he’s made an S-hook and a candle holder. But at the family farm in his own converted shed into a



PHOTOS BY DAVID HAYES

Dashiell McNett, 16, hammers the end of his ladle handle into a leaf pattern at the 4-H blacksmithing class at Pioneer Forge at the Brunk Farmstead.

smithy, it’s a growing hobby where he mostly forges knives in his own propane forge. So far, he’s even got a drill press and grinder besides the muscle power. For any other newbies who

have their interest piqued by the TV show?

“Take a class,” McNett said. “Setting up your own forge is expensive. So if someone is offering a class, take it. However much this

is going for, it’s worth it. Definitely.”

Learn more or sign up online at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/polk/events/heat-hammer-historical-blacksmithing>.

News in brief

Independence bank robber gets six-year sentence

Micah James Wilson, 22, has been sentenced to serve six years in prison for the armed robbery of the Umpqua Bank branch in Independence.

Wilson, who is currently serving a 11 ¼ years sentence for robbery and other related crimes, was sentenced Nov. 21 by Polk County Circuit Judge Timothy Park, after pleading guilty to the sole count of robbery in the second degree. The guilty plea arose from the 2023 incident in which he threatened

the bank’s employees and ultimately got away with \$2,636 in cash. Park ordered that Wilson’s sentence be served consecutively to his prison sentence and that he serves three years of Post-Prison Supervision upon his release.

The case was investigated by detectives and officers

of the Independence, Salem, and Lincoln City Police Departments. It was prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Garrett Lewellen.

Salem man arraigned in Wallace Marine Park homicide

A Salem man was arrested Nov. 20 and charged in an incident involving a fatal shooting in Wallace Marine Park.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Polk County

District Attorney’s Office, Oregon State Police, and Salem Police Department, Joseph Wirkkala, of Salem, was arraigned for his involvement in the Aug. 27 incident.

According to the Salem Police Department, officers responded to an early morning report of gunfire near the gravel pit area of Wallace Marine Park. Jacob Collazo, 60, of Salem was found with multiple gunshot wounds and later died at the hospital.

Wirkkala, 37, who was on transitional leave from prison and had an active warrant,

was identified as the suspect shortly after the incident. With the assistance of the Salem Police SWAT Team, he was located and taken into custody later that same day. The investigation revealed the shooting followed a domestic violence incident involving Wirkkala and another person living in Wallace Marine Park.

On Nov. 20, Wirkkala was arraigned for the crimes of murder, attempted murder, assault, attempted assault,

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I’ve seen them giggle and get involved with it.”

The biggest challenge so far as a first-time actor Henderson has discovered is being loud enough - projecting - without screaming and losing his voice.

“Sometimes all day I’ll aaaagh, talk really raspy. The other challenge is finding what my character wants. Because she’s not just evil. There’s more to her,” he said.

Cromwell introduced the children’s show at Dallas in 1988. For the first 15 years, she booked all the schools herself to come in and attend a show. Now, she has the help of Lyle Elementary School’s Officer Manger Darcy Naughton who calls and books all the schools and coordinates with Cromwell’s schedule.

“Since she’s been doing it, she’s been awesome,” Cromwell said.

On some days, they’ll do five shows.

In addition, they perform one last time at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, during the school’s bazaar.

“So, you can shop around and have your kids see a show,” Cromwell said, adding the play is a brisk 35 minutes.

Even with such a short production, a couple things are really challenging. The students only rehearse during the class period with limited rehearsal time, as opposed to the regular after school schedule. However, this allows them to lean into student work.

“Like the house set, that was imagined, designed and painted by students as opposed to us saying this is what we’re going to do,” Cromwell said. “They design the set, they design the sound. They pull the costumes for this.”

Each year they choose children’s plays, with very few repeats over the 38 years. It’s challenging being really flexible.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

The Dallas High School theater troupe rehearse a scene from McQuaddle: A Dragon’s Tale, as part of their annual Children’s Production.

“You don’t know how many students you’ll have, how many technicians, who’s going to be what,” Cromwell said.

McQuaddle has 28 students involved in the production,

both in front and behind the curtain.

“The community has invested in it and received it very well and we want to

keep it going as long as we can,” she added.

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unlawful use of a weapon, menacing, reckless endangering and felon in possession of a weapon.

According to the SPD, the case presented unique challenges as several witnesses were frequently unsheltered, which made locating them for interviews difficult throughout the investigation. The Salem Police Homeless Services Team played a critical role in locating witnesses for Salem Police Violent Crimes Unit Detectives during interview coordination and later connecting with those witnesses for grand jury testimony.

The Oregon State Police Crime Lab assisted the Salem

Police Crime Lab with crime scene processing. Additionally, the Salem Police Bomb Squad used specialized tools to locate critical evidence related to the shooting during the investigation.

Albany man sentenced in West Salem robbery case

An Albany man has been sentenced following his involvement in a recent robbery case in West Salem.

According to the Polk County District Attorney’s Office, Ruben Robert Navarro-Herrera, 31, has been sentenced to serve 85 months (7 years, 1 month) in prison for attempting to rob a West Salem man outside of his residence.

After fleeing the scene, Navarro-Herrera was quickly located and apprehended by Salem Police officers with the assistance of alert citizens. Upon investigation, it was determined Navarro-Herrera was in possession of a loaded, stolen firearm and commercial level quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl.

Polk County Circuit Judge Rafael Caso sentenced Navarro-Herrera, of Albany, after he pled guilty to attempted robbery in the first degree, possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, and felon in possession of a firearm. After Navarro-Herrera leaves prison, he will be required to serve a 35 month term of post-prison supervision.

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Fred E. Caffey

June 1, 1939 - Nov. 15, 2025

Fred E. Caffey passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital. He was born on June 1, 1939, in Lebanon, Missouri. His family moved to Oregon in 1943, eventually settling in Monmouth, where he attended Central High School and

met his future wife, Lois. They were married for 66 years. Fred had a long career in the oil products industry as a district manager for Kendall Oil, serving customers across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Alaska. He enjoyed attending NASCAR races as part of his work. In his early years, he spent weekends and vacations working with his

father-in-law on their timber land in Lincoln County, Oregon. Later, he loved playing golf while living in Salemtowne in Salem, Oregon. Fred is survived by his wife, Lois; daughters Gwendolyn Duffy and Delicia Milstead; three grandchildren; and sisters Laveda Ann Garcia and Geri Caffey. He was preceded in death by his sisters Mary Davenport and Janice Maulden.

Fred will be remembered as a warm, happy and contented man who brought kindness and joy to all who knew him.

Donna Jean Kennedy

Oct. 21, 1944 - Nov. 18, 2025

Donna was born in Enterprise, Oregon, and was a longtime resident of Monmouth, Oregon.

She is survived by her wife, Margie Paulson, after 38 years of a loving and wonderful life together. Donations in her memory can be made to the Ella Curran Foodbank or the local Foodbank of your choice. Romans 8:37-39

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and two new toys, personally delivered by Santa. This year, while on the path to repeating the grocery give away, he ran into someone who turned him into a non profit organization. “We filed for non-profit status on Aug. 29 and got approved Sept. 13. Less than two weeks. Our lawyer said that was a record. It usually takes two months,” Hanson said. “We are now 100 percent, the truest sense, a non-profit organization. Because Santa is a giver, not a taker. Every cent that comes in, goes back out into the community.” When he first started out, Hanson wore the fake beard and soon learned kids were more afraid of the fake hair and beard because it looks like a Halloween costume. “They can tell the difference,” he said. So he grew out the real beard.

“It looks better. Kids are not as afraid. They warm up to you better,” he added. Semi-retired after being a land surveyor for 25 years, Hanson is now joined by his wife, Joeda, who takes on the role of Mrs. Claus when her work schedule allows. Catch them both at the Christmas parade on Dec. 6 and Willamette Valley Fiber family night and Polk County Fairgrounds the day after Thanksgiving Christmas Bazaar. “It’s taken up to last year to convince her to join along. People started asking for Mrs. Claus. Tried to talk her into it. Okay!” he said chuckling. This holiday season, Hanson is refocusing Santa’s Giving Project toward efforts toward seniors and veterans to get help during Christmas time and beyond. Pointing toward the members shopping at the Dallas senior center, Hanson said “I want to be able to leave a donation to help members with their dues. It’s not much, \$10 a month. But for a senior on a fixed income, \$120 a year is a lot of money.”

Keeping kids in mind, he’s also partnered with Toys for Tots. If families that need help apply at Santa’s Giving Project website for help, clicking on the Toys for Tots link still keeps the donated money local for his target of seniors and veterans. Hanson is taking on half a dozen senior care facilities in Polk County, encompassing 250 total residents. “I want to give each resident a gift,” he said. Helping him are local corporate sponsors, including MINET, Willamette Valley Fiber, Grocery Outlet and Les Schwab, to name a few. In addition, BiMart has pledged to make a care package for him to hand out to seniors and veterans. Hanson is constantly expanding the reach of his growing non profit. He has plans for Christmas in July next year. Hindsight being 20/20, after being in the Christmas in July parade last year he realized he should have set up a booth for Krazy Days, dressed in a Hawaiian shirt as Santa on Vacation and collecting donations for the project.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Tiffany Carter, of Monmouth, takes a photo of her kids Ellie, 11, and Matthew, 7, with Santa, portrayed by John Hanson, the president of the local non profit Santa’s Giving Project.

He also plans to visit bigger corporations, like Adidas, New Balance and Nike for a back to school shoe and sock drive. And he wants to hit up location businesses for silent auction donations for next year. The bottom line for Santa’s Giving Project? “We give from the heart,” Hanson said. Learn more about Santa’s Giving Project and his touring schedule online at www.SantaGivingProject.com.

WOU hosts 58th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Dec. 5

By WOU UNIVERSITY MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS

Western Oregon University’s 58th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting is Dec. 5. This festive afternoon promises fun-filled activities leading up to the highly anticipated tree lighting ceremony. The event kicks off at 4 p.m., when the merry market opens in the Werner University Center. Sponsored by Student Engagement and the Monmouth Business Association, the market offers a variety of holiday goodies and gifts until 9 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., warm up with complimentary hot cocoa and cider outside, courtesy of Alumni Relations. The highlight of the evening, the parade, commences at 6 p.m., starting from the Monmouth Library. Following the parade are remarks from the mayors of Monmouth and Independence, as well as the president of Western Oregon University. The elementary school essay contest winner will also be announced, leading up to the lighting of the tree. This year’s festivities are made possible through the collaboration

of Student Engagement, the Student Activities Board, the Associated Students of WOU, the City of Monmouth, University Computing Solutions, WOU Facilities, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Monmouth Police Department, WOU Public Safety, Monmouth Public Library, and WOU New Student & Family Programs. After the tree lighting, guests are invited inside the Werner University Center for a variety of activities, starting at 7 p.m. Families can take photos with Santa in the Willamette Room and enjoy cookie decorating on the first floor. Additionally, the coloring contest submissions and winners will be displayed on the second floor, all made possible by Santa & Mrs. Claus, Student Engagement, and the Student Activities Board. For the full schedule, go to <https://wou.edu/student-engagement/programs/holiday-tree-lighting>. Throughout December and especially during Holiday Tree Lighting week, Monmouth will host a variety of festive activities. Visit the Monmouth Business Association’s website <https://mbamonmouth.com/making-spirits-bright> for more information.

Local organizations offer Thanksgiving meals

Need some help getting a Thanksgiving meal this season? Or just want to share the season’s spirit with others? Here’s a list of local organizations offering free Thanksgiving meals in Polk County: Dallas Trinity Lutheran Church 320 SE Fir Villa Road Nov. 26, 5:30-7 p.m. A sit down, Thanksgiving meal with a service to follow.

Monmouth/Independence Cornerstone Church 4395 Independence Highway Nov. 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. A sit down, drive through or delivery meal offered. Please call (503) 838-5119 for delivery or pick up options before 11 a.m. on Nov. 27 Rickreall Westside Pacific Restaurant

670 S Pacific Highway W. Nov. 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. or until food runs out Free thanksgiving dinner.

This list is subject to change. For the latest information on holiday meal sites in Polk County, please contact the Service Integration Coordination team at fco.service.integration@co.polk.or.us.

WOU leadership program cultivates career, leadership advancement

Anabel Manzo, Western Oregon University’s executive assistant to the provost, has been selected to participate in a rigorous and impactful leadership development program through the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Oregon and Southwest Washington. Since 2007, the leadership program’s goal has been to cultivate Latino career and leadership advancement to influence inclusive, sustainable community and economic development. This program offers Latinos currently in or aspiring to be leaders in private, public, and non-profit organizations the opportunity to significantly improve their leadership and management skills.

This improvement results in these individuals contributing to their organizations at a higher level, giving both the participants and their organizations the opportunity to grow and prosper in an inclusive community. Additionally, the program includes culturally specific training around building an inclusive and equitable economy and workforce consistent with existing regional initiatives to diversify the workforce. Manzo, who has been at Western since 2024, said being part of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber’s Latino Leadership Program empowers Latinos to grow as leaders and achieve their goals. “The skills I gain will help me strengthen my leadership at WOU and in the

Provost’s office while also giving back to my community,” Manzo said. She added that she’s always wanted to work in higher education, and when she interviewed at Western, she fell in love with the campus and the staff. “It was such a positive environment and a diverse university,” she said. Provost Jose Coll said he is proud of Manzo for being accepted into this leadership program. “Her talents and eagerness to advance her career are truly impressive,” Coll said. “I’m confident that her contributions will be invaluable to this program, and I believe she has a bright future ahead.”

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If you're feeling thankful this season, please consider supporting these organizations by donating your time and/or money, as you are able, and join us in thanking those who are helping make Dallas a better place for all of us.

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More examples of Trump misdeeds

Clifford Brown's letter to the editor in last week's I-O ("President Trump's actions continue to be questionable", Nov 19) listed many

questionable actions. There's more.

The United States boycotted the recent COP30 meeting in Brazil. The purpose of COP30 is to move the world from climate change negotiations to the implementation and acceleration of action to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement

The United States boycotted the recent G20 meeting in South Africa. The purpose of the G20 is to promote international financial stability, sustainable economic growth, and to foster global economic cooperation among the world's major advanced and emerging economies.

And this from the BBC: "US President Donald Trump has accused six Democratic lawmakers of 'seditious behavior, punishable by death', after they released a video urging US service members to refuse unlawful commands." That's the way Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler ran things.

We blame Mr. Trump for these and other deplorable actions. But wait a minute, this is America, "We the People" are in charge, and We elected Mr. Trump in a free and fair election. So, when placing blame, maybe we should look in the mirror.

Don Ellinson
Dallas

Pacific Power warns about billing scams

By PACIFIC POWER

Heading into the holiday season, Pacific Power is reminding customers to be vigilant about fraudulent communications from scammers posing as utility representatives. This activity tends to increase during this time of year.

Customers can protect themselves from these types of schemes by being aware of the following facts:

- Scammers will often tell you that your service is scheduled to be interrupted in the next 30 to 60 minutes.

- Fact: Pacific Power will not contact any customer demanding immediate payment to avoid disconnecting their service the same day. Be suspicious of anyone who contacts you demanding on-the-spot payment.

- Fraudsters may ask you to purchase a prepaid card and tell them the card information over the phone.

- Fact: Pacific Power does not ask customers to make payments by purchasing a prepaid card. You and other customers can always choose how you would like to make payments.

- If you receive one of these calls, ask the caller

to state your account number and compare it with the number listed on your bill. • Fact: Pacific Power customer service employees will always have your correct account number.

- Scammers have increasingly used text messages as a means of targeting victims.

- Fact: Pacific Power will not demand payment via text message. Pacific Power encourages customers to set up their online billing profile at Pay My Bill (on PacificPower.net) where they can pay bills and review statements.

Scammers may use a sophisticated and deceptive tactic that makes it appear to caller ID systems that the call is coming from Pacific Power when it is not. Hang up if you receive a suspicious or concerning call, and call our customer service line directly at 1-888-221-7070.

Pacific Power is asking customers to report information about any scam call received, including the phone number the person is calling from and any information that may help to track down the fraudsters.



Commentary

Special Moments: Log ponds, wigwams, jumping frogs

By GARY DEROWITSCH

Growing up in Old Town Independence was more than a great place to grow up, it was a golden time, a true blessing. I think about some of the things we as kids did for fun and three jump out at me.

It was not a daily event but we did spend a lot of time on the log pond filled with cedar logs to make roofing shakes and shingles. At the west end of Williams Street used to stand a cedar mill. They had, I believe two log ponds filled with large to medium sized cedar logs. I remember only a few men worked there and were for the most part inside the plant and the log ponds were a good distance away due to their large size.

Myself and a couple of friends would spend hours walking and running across the logs floating in the pond. Never once did anyone fall

in but it was obvious how dangerous it was. If by slipping or missing a log you did fall in, the problem was that the logs could close together above you. Not a problem if you kept your cool. Just rise to the surface or bottom of the log, move to its side where it is pressed on another log, push them apart and surface for air.

Fortunately we never fell in and if we had, we were all very good swimmers. There were times we thought we saw a worker so we ran, not walked, across the various logs. The object was never to jump on a thin log, so you always had to have keen sight and a lot of courage and skill, all of which didn't lack in either of us. You could never get away with that today due to safety which is in some ways sad. The fun and excitement of walking and running on logs in the pond never failed to deliver.

Today, unfortunately there is a storage unit there and I believe the two ponds have been filled in. The Independence Waste Water Plant is located behind the storage units.

We also would sneak up on and catch bull frogs. Easier said than done. Frogs were difficult to catch. Seems they had eyes in the back of their head. But with patience, and a lot of skill a capture was a sure thing. After catching the frogs we would take them home and have frog jumping contests. We lined them up side by side, tickled their lower back and presto away they went. Some jumped incredibly long distances. After doing this for a while we returned them to the wild.

At night we often walked down the dirt road where now the paved driveway to the waste water facility is located. Next to the shingle mill stood two wigwams. Wigwams

were thimble like structures standing about 15-feet tall with a screen top and round at the base. They used these structures to burn all the wood scraps from making shingles.

The fire in these structures burned 24 hours a day. At night you could watch the fire burning through the open doors. All six years in grade school these wigwams were being used. It is sad to see them gone, but the good news is the scraps are now used for new products.

The shingle mill, log ponds, wigwams are gone. Progress is good but there is now a void somewhere deep inside of me due to these landmarks being gone forever.

Gary Derowitsch retired from the Post Office in Monmouth after 33 years. He still lives in Monmouth.



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- ☐ Watching football - 9.1%

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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: THE MEAT WAS UNDER —

Arrest

Dog

Pay

Staffed

Carriage

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Perform

Suspicion

Cut

Financed

Sea

Utilized

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Graduate

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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: S equals F

V X Y C O Y S S Y D U M P E Y
K Y A O D Z J Z D H M C O O Y X J
P G M K Y I M G I ' M O X Y S Y Y J L Q D D
J Z Q A : J E Z V X Z Z I L Q H L Q K U Z X M .

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Super Crossword

GROUP OF HERBS

ACROSS

1 Tasks

5 Witty remark

11 Pinnacles

16 Inaccurate

19 Sailing

20 Abilaze

21 Pinnacles

22 Money for the senior yrs.

23 Start of a riddle

26 Guided

27 Redeemers

28 Tally

29 Forest growth

30 Comics cry

31 Omitted,

35 Used a scull

37 USN VIP

39 Riddle, part 2

44 Riddle, part 3

47 Mayday!

48 Take to the road

49 Neighbor of Georgia

50 Aroma detector

52 Stain-fighting toothpaste, c.g.

54 "Year One" director

55 Gun, in slang

56 Asian "way"

58 "Three's Company" co-star

59 Aversion

62 User's guide

64 Celtic language

65 Riddle, part 4

69 Je ne — quoi

73 Incendiary

74 Most frequently

79 Golf legend

81 Picnic pest

82 Lifelong pal, informally

84 Tiny hairlike structures

85 Not crying

87 Currency of Latvia

89 Gives the means

91 "— dabba doo!"

92 Luck like a cat

94 Riddle, part 5

96 End of the riddle

99 Part of ROY G. BIV

100 A stage past embryonic

101 Protested unpeacefully

102 Gp. chocking baggage

104 Acrosses

105 Joan — (French saint)

108 Elliott of the New England Patriots

112 Permit to Diane

113 Riddle's answer

118 Maui garland

119 Bother a lot

120 Sprinted

121 Prefix with byte or ton

122 Org. on a toothpaste box

123 Pre-Soviet rulers

124 Sneeze catcher

125 "You, over there ..."

DOWN

1 Skull parts

2 Worker welfare org.

3 Rodent-built channel blockers

4 "Vexations" composer

5 Churlish sort

6 Difficult task

7 Gridiron gp.

8 Prefix with term or week

9 Eye, to poets

10 Casual shirt

11 Tired temples

12 Pale tan

13 "Preach it!"

14 "Sleeper" co-star

15 Old last jet, for short

16 Worker purifying petroleum

17 Breath-holding reef explorers, e.g.

18 Lose color

24 Bowl-shaped box

25 Brand of PCs and tablets

29 Warship with three banks of rowers

31 Letters after els

32 Hotelier

33 Otherwee

34 Huskies, e.g.

36 Expand on

37 Swiss — (beet variety)

38 — Larna

39 Math game with matchsticks

40 "I'm loss"

41 Resign from

42 Hcarrh waste

43 Succinct

45 Just slightly

46 Rips into

51 Coup d'— (rebellion)

53 Dot of land in the ocean

55 Is given the chance to chime in

57 Darth Vader, as a boy

60 Hue

61 Roadwork goo

62 Eds. mark them up

63 '80s sitcom

66 Took the gold

67 Poker stake

68 Deteriorate

69 Man-goat of myth

70 Where aid is urgently required

71 While not physically attending

72 Ice cream alternatives

75 Pan tips

76 "Phantom Lady"

77 Prolonged attack

78 Zapped with a stunning weapon

80 Camel cousin

82 "DMZ" actor

83 "— is an Englishman" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" lyric)

86 Kind of 35mm camera

88 High coil

89 Furniture wood option

90 Bridal bio word

93 Avian mimics

95 Rock guitarist

97 Luau hellos

98 Ward for preemies

102 Decimal base

103 Be too thrifty

104 Spaghetti — bolognese

106 Goat cheese

107 Miles away

108 Jacob's twin, in the Bible

109 Region

110 Nest fillers

111 Exam for an ally-to-be

113 Vietnamese New Year

114 Deteriorate

115 Anna of fashion

116 Non-earthings, for short

117 "— langa, vila brevis"

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GO FIGURE!

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

	-		÷		= 5			
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	+		+		= 17			
+		+		×				
	+	4	+		= 18			
=		=		=				
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Moments in time

- On Dec. 8, 1985, The Byte Shop opened in Mission Valley, California, selling the first 50 Apple-I computers at a price of \$666.66. Nowadays, collectors shell out hundreds of thousands of dollars for them.
- On Dec. 9, 1979, scientists announced that smallpox had been eradicated. Carrying about a 30% risk of death for those infected, it remains the only infectious disease affecting humans to have officially been eliminated.
- On Dec. 10, 1869, Wyoming granted women the right to vote. Some male supporters were motivated by loneliness as much as or more than justice, since the territory had more than 6,000 adult males but only 1,000 females, and it was hoped the latter would be more likely to settle in the area if they could vote.
- On Dec. 11, 1934, following a 13-year struggle with alcohol addiction, stockbroker Bill Wilson took his last sip of booze. The following year, he founded Alcoholics Anonymous, which aimed to treat alcoholism as a disease and not a moral failing.
- On Dec. 12, 1899, George F. Grant, an African American dentist from Boston, received a U.S. patent for the world's first golf tee. He gave away a few copies of his creation, but was neither a professional marketer or inventor, and made no money on his product before his death.
- On Dec. 13, 1942, Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels detailed in his journal his contempt for the relatively humane treatment of Jews in Italian-occupied territories, stating that, "The Italians are extremely lax in their treatment of Jews. They protect Italian Jews both in Tunis and in occupied France and won't permit their being drafted for work or compelled to wear the Star of David."
- On Dec. 14, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln announced a grant of amnesty for his sister-in-law, Emilie Todd Helm, the widow of a Confederate general, under the Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction, which allowed former Confederates amnesty if they took an oath to the United States. While Helm received the pardon, though, she never took the required oath.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the dragon in "The Hobbit"?
- MOVIES: Which holiday is being celebrated at the end of "When Harry Met Sally"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple?
- HISTORY: In which year did the Internet become available to the public?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which wrestler is known by the nickname "The Rock"?
- LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?
- TELEVISION: In which state was the sitcom "Newhart" set?
- MATH: How many sides does a nonagon have?
- MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter wrote the soundtrack for the animated movie "Tarzan"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the essential spice in paella?

Answers

- Smaug.
- New Year's Eve.
- Cambodia.
- 1993.
- Dwayne Johnson.
- A unique language developed between twins.
- Vermont.
- Nine.
- Phil Collins.
- Saffron.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

EMILY GETS IN THE SPIRIT OF BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING

KOPERVAS

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Americanisms

"Men can starve from a lack of self realization as much as they can from a lack of bread."
— Richard Wright

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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Puzzle answers on page B2



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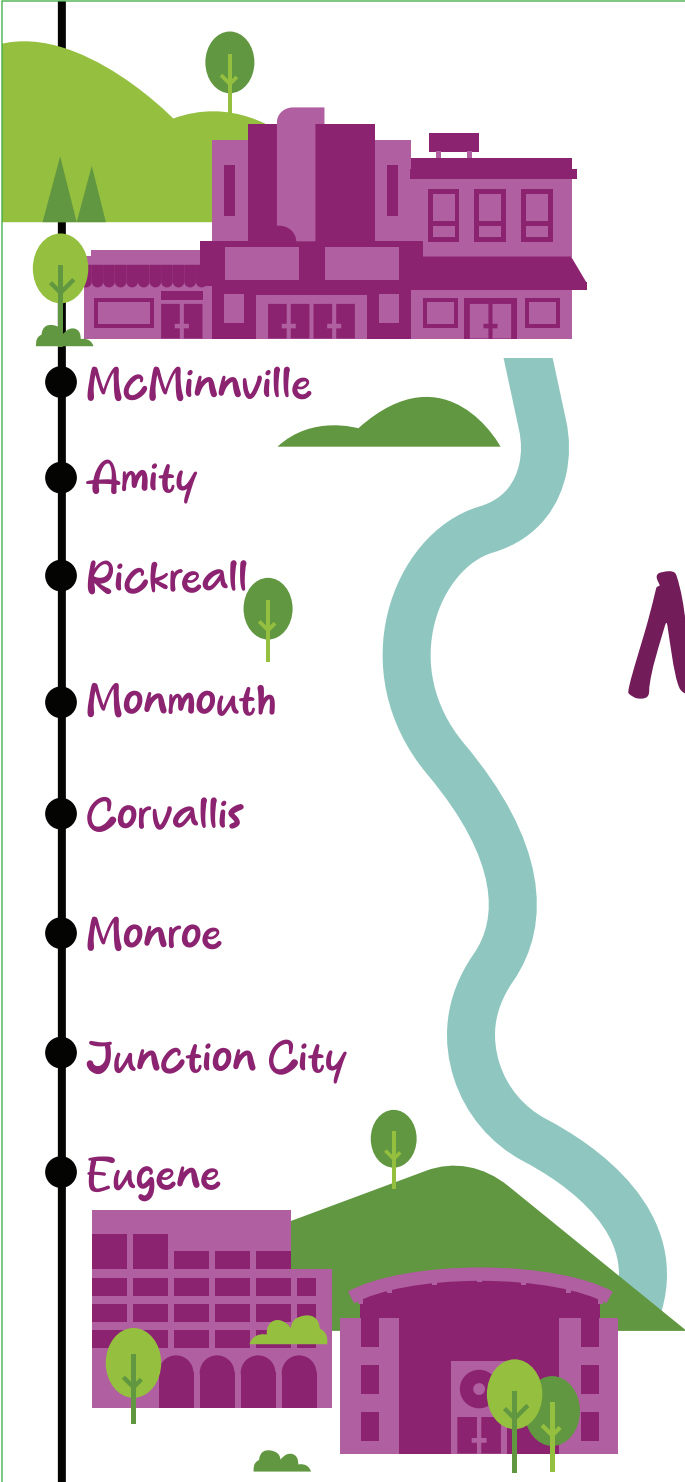
Santa Saturday



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Boss, Allyson Mitchell's golden retriever, poses regally with Santa.



Amy, a cattle dog mix from 4 All Muttkind, gets a kiss from Santa.



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New challenges await as Cirino commits to Colorado

By LANCE MASTERSON
For The Itemizer-Observer

No doubt Ty Cirino’s accomplishments will serve as motivation for elite runners who follow in his fast foot-steps at Central High School. The senior just ran his final cross country race as a Panther. His prep career ended with a personal best of 14:35.4 (2024) in the 5K, three district titles and a three-time first-team all-stater. Cirino’s impressive resume didn’t go unnoticed by others. Several big-time programs expressed interest in him. But he’ll run for the University of Colorado beginning next year. The Division 1 school is a member of the Big 12 Conference and often fields one of the nation’s better cross country teams. The Buffalos finished 10th at the 2025 National Championships. One of its conference mates, Brigham Young, was second to North Carolina State. One big change Cirino will face is that college cross country runners compete at longer distances, 8K and then 10K. High schoolers compete at 3K. It’s one reason why runners redshirt their freshman year. We sat down with Cirino for a one-on-one conversation. *Lance Masterson:* What are your accomplishments with

the Panthers cross country team?

Ty Cirino: I’ve been first-team all-district all four years, and won the district title my sophomore, junior and senior years. As far as all-state goes ... I finished fifth, fourth, and third my last three years. So that put me on three first-team all-state teams.

LM: Are you surprised at what you’ve accomplished?

TC: Since eighth grade, the year I started taking running seriously, I’ve known I could accomplish whatever I set my mind to. But what I’ve accomplished feels like what I deserve because of the time, effort and miles I’ve put into running. I’m glad I was able to achieve what I did.

LM: How does running at the college level differ then running at the high school level?

TC: College is similar, but very different. Everyone is 100 percent committed and most guys come in just as high of a level as you. So you have to be more realistic with yourself than in high school. Not that you can’t have big goals, but they need to be attainable and still push you.

LM: How much interaction with your team and coaches will you have as a redshirt freshman?

TC: Almost everything except wearing the jersey and racing ... Training and



FILE PHOTO BY LANCE MASTERSON
Ty Cirino of Central placed third at the Class 5A state finals for cross country. This marks the third time he's finished in the top five at state. This photo was taken during the district finals.

communication with the coaches is almost the exact same.

LM: Will your redshirt season extend through track?

TC: Coaches decide that. If I redshirt both seasons, I’ll have four full years of eligibility for cross country and track. If I run track my freshman season, I’d only

Oregon. Ultimately, I chose Colorado.

LM: Why Colorado?

TC: I was interested in Colorado from the beginning. Elevation makes it one of the best training climates for distance runners. Boulder is a beautiful place to live, and academically it’s great – especially its exercise science program, which is what I want to get into.

LM: And its reputation?

TC: With a team like Colorado, who’s made the NCAA Championships many times, being on the national championship field is a huge goal. But I think a lot will depend on how I progress once I’m there. Events and goals can change quickly, and I want to go in with a fresh mindset.

LM: What about the team dynamics?

TC: Coach Sean Carlson, who coached at Notre Dame and Tennessee, is world-class. He made it clear he wants to stay at Colorado, which was huge for me. Also, the team dynamic was great on my visit, and they’re bringing in guys I know I can train and compete with. It felt like a place where I could be successful.

LM: How much input into your decision did your family have?

TC: My mom and dad went on all the visits, and my whole family was really invested – especially my brother. But they kept emphasizing that it was my decision, as long as it was realistic and affordable. Since the offers were affordable, that didn’t end up being a huge problem.

LM: Your father, Eli Cirino, has been your head coach during your four years at Central. What will it be like not having him in that capacity anymore?

TC: It’s definitely going to be weird. I’ll feel the difference. But I didn’t always think of him as “my dad” when he was coaching, I thought of him as my coach. I’ll still want his advice, but it’ll mostly be through the phone now. ... A good coach can make that new relationship just as strong, with the same trust and support. Hopefully, I’ll have a coach I can trust just as much.

LM: Given your successes and that of your teams, do you think you helped create a culture younger runners will want to be a part of?

TC: I think so. It’s the consistency we built, not just me ... but the whole program. Staying committed for four years at a high level is hard, and people seeing that builds trust in the program. As an upperclassman, it’s been awesome seeing younger runners buy in.

Wolves break school record for 3s in 104-77 win over Evergreen State

By WOU ATHLETICS

Western Oregon broke a 3-point school record and scored the most points in a game in 24 years in a 104-77 victory over Evergreen State on Saturday night at Wolves Athletic Center. WOU (3-1) hit a school-record 16 3-pointers - breaking the record of 15 set in 2017 - and the 104 points is the first time the Wolves have scored 100-plus since 2010 and is the most points since defeating Alaska Anchorage 113-51 in 2001. The Wolves came out hot, scoring 66 points in the first half as they led 66-32 at the half and cruised for the win.

Kylani Rookstool paced the Wolves with 30 points as she went 6-for-11 from 3-point range, 10-for-15 overall from the field while grabbing seven rebounds and adding two steals and two assists. Enid Vaifanua had 24 points and finished 3-for-8 from 3-point range while adding seven rebounds. Mya India Thomas drained four 3-pointers and had 12 points, Ciona Wells had a team-high seven assists and three steals while Natalie Brown narrowly missed a double-double with eight points and eight boards. WOU was active on the glass, outrebounding Evergreen State 53-29

- including grabbing 28 offensive rebounds. The Wolves head to Southern California next week to play in the Point Loma Thanksgiving Classic - taking on host Point Loma on Friday and Cal State San Marcos on Saturday.

PHOTO BY SMY PHOTOGRAPHY

Western Oregon senior Natalie Brown (14) wins a jump ball against Evergreen State senior Jenna Glenzel in Saturday's 104-77 Wolves win over the Geoducks.



Run N’ Ruck attracts growing numbers to WOU event



PHOTOS BY LANCE MASTERSON
Nearly 100 participants were on hand for the fourth annual Run N’ Ruck, held Saturday at Western Oregon University along a 3.1-mile course. Logan Doerfler, director of the Veterans Resource Center at WOU, said the event provided a way for “our community to come together and celebrate military culture.” Not everyone rucked - packs that weighed between 10-20 pounds - as runners, joggers and walkers were also welcomed. Some also carried flags, including the military’s Purple Heart flag. Run N’ Ruck is part of a month-long effort by WOU to celebrate and honor veterans.

PAGES OF THE PAST

50 years ago

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1975

County Parker Roade case taken to Polk circuit court

A petition against the Polk County Board of Commissioners was filed in circuit court last week.

Circuit Judge Darrell Williams signed an order telling the board to cancel several septic tank permits or appear in court Dec. 8 to tell why it didn't.

The matter was filed in circuit court by 21 couples and two individuals against the board and its members, Henry Hildebrand, Walt Gjersvold and Alan Miller.

The board is accused of violating state law in allowing three septic permits on a 116-acre farm owned by four families three miles south of Independence. The state law cited concerns placing dwellings on farm zoned property.

More charges filed against D.A.

In an amended complaint served Wednesday, Nov. 19, on Polk County District Attorney John Snyder, the Oregon State Bar said there were four other cases Snyder was illegally handling while he was district attorney. They were the estate of Fred King Chapin, the guardianship of Bard Edward Strait, the estate of Alex Joel Duval and the guardianship estate of Bertha Palm.

Snyder was originally charged with acting as an administrator of the estate of Walter W. Weygant from July, 1967, to September of 1973.

A district attorney is prohibited by state law from continuing in private practice after his appointment to that position.

Wrestlers look to league battle

It looks like the current Dallas High School wrestling team will be battling for third place in the Coast Valley League with Silverton Union High School when the district meet rolls around in February. At least that's the season's prognosis, according to coach Larry Thompson.

Thompson, in his sixth year of coaching at the local high school, said that both the Sweet Home and Newberg teams are returning

many top winners from the 1975 district meet, and should be the top teams in the district.

40 Years Ago

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1985

Cold Spell relief on the way

Dallas and the Salem area appear to be in for some relief from the cold spell, but only after the chilly winds from the north broke low temperature records throughout the Northwest.

According to the National Weather Service reports, Salem suffered through four consecutive days of cold temperatures beginning last Friday.

Record high and low temperatures were equaled or broken Friday through Saturday, including a low of 11 degrees Sunday and a high of only 27 degrees Saturday.

Board considers new classrooms

The Dallas School Board appointed two new members to the budget committee and

took the first step towards addressing the projected need for more classrooms at its meeting Monday.

Walt Wirfs was appointed to a three-year term, while Royce Thorpe will serve the final two years on a term vacated when Jane Johnston took a position as a teacher aide earlier this year.

The school board and five district residents make up the budget committee.

Community Achievement

Polk County deputies graduate from DPSST academy

Deputy Gibney and Deputy Dixon graduated with their basic police certifications from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's academy Nov. 21.

The academy runs for 16 weeks and covers a wide variety of subjects to create a uniform foundation for Oregon law enforcement officers to grow from. Each agency adds their own training requirements, usually called the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP), that rounds out the initial training of a law enforcement officer's career.

Following the completion of the DPSST academy and in-house FTEP phases, their knowledge and skills are continually built upon through quarterly and annual training requirements, scenario-specific learning, educational seminars, and keeping up with changes to state laws and agency policies.

Gibney and Dixon will hop back on the schedule at the PCSO and finish their FTEP process before being granted solo status.

Polk County 4-H honors top participants

The 2025 Polk County 4-H Fall Awards and Recognition Night celebrated its 2024-25 program year. The evening highlighted outstanding 4-H'er achievements, including county medal record book awards, the Spark Awards and 4-H'er of the year. It celebrated dedicated community partners, recognized and honored 4-H volunteers, and provided time for the community to reflect on the 4-H year together.

This annual event, hosted at the Polk County Fairgrounds, is open to all members enrolled in the Polk County 4-H Program. Much of the evening is planned and led by the Polk County 4-H Ambassadors, a youth leadership team within the county.

A special recognition was also awarded to Barbara Griffin Webb, who received an award for 60 years of service as a Polk County 4-H Volunteer.

Guest presenters included Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon and Oregon 4-H Foundation Executive Director Nicole Schrock.

Award winners and honorees (in no particular order): County Medal Record Book Awards

Top Senior Book - Dean Burwash
Top Junior Book - Daphne Toma
Top Intermediate Book - Hallie Sorenson
Top First Year Record Book - Isaac Vidal
Achievement - Litia Cook
Citizenship - Kaiden Collman
Communication - Ava Munson
Leadership - Macey Dusenbury
Personal Development - Caid Hawthorn
Community Service - Rebecca Neese
Record Book - Kalina Brotherton
Fiber Arts - Lily-Ann Frank
Sewing: Clothing and Textiles - Hosanna Frank
Food Preservation - Kallen Collman
Cavy - Elizabeth Neese
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Sheep - Paisly Pegg
Rabbit - Teagan Sceirman
Small Animals - Kindan Brotherton
Cat - Kaitlynn-Ann Collman
Horse - Malei Anderson
Dog - Lucy Walker
Swine - Grace Walker
Fishing - Dashiell McNett
Barth
Animal Husbandry - Aiden Fugate

Outdoor Education - Easton Fugate
Photography - Alex Burwash
Market Animal - Charis Munson

2025 Friend of 4-H Honoree
Oregon Women for Agriculture, Polk County Chapter
Vonhelnick Knife Company

2025 Spark Award Recipients - Jackson Kent, Keylee Bagby, Aiden Fugate, Lilli Jones and Jessi DeJong
2025 Youth Choice: Outstanding Volunteer - Sue Reams
New 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award - Terra Smuin
Distinguished Service - Brandy and Darren Tharp
G.O.A.T - Greatest of All Time: Polk County 4-H Program Honoree - Tina Andersen
4-H'er of the Year - Dean Burwash and Maddie Sorenson

Graduating Senior Scholarship Recipients
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Maddie Sorenson
Cambria Gilson
Jodi Brown
Dean Burwash
Jackson Kent

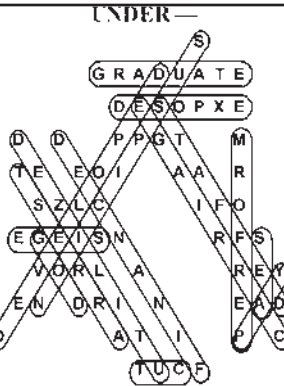
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Go Figure!

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Community Calendar NOV. 26 - Dec.3

Wednesday, Nov. 26
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
8:30 a.m. - Mayor of Independence Office Hours, stop by and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, City Hall, 555 South Main St.
9 a.m. - Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Resource Navigation, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Tai Chi with John/Stretch Exercise, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center
10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Story Time with Miss Jo, Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St.
11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center
11 a.m. - Lunch with Meals on Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Watch Repair & Knife Sharpening, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12:15 p.m. - Better Together, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Birthday Celebration, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Ten Minute Writing, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
4 p.m. - Connecting Loose Threads for Charity, Monmouth Senior Community Center

5:30 p.m. - Municipal Court Arraignments, City Hall, 555 South Main St., Independence
Thursday, Nov. 27
Happy Thanksgiving - All city offices, libraries and senior centers are closed for the holiday
Friday, Nov. 28
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Stretch exercise 1, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Hwy NW
10 a.m. - Art Workshop/ CardsTable Games/ 6 Handed Pinochle, Dallas Area Senior Center
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise 2/Drawing for Fun/Writer’s Workshop, Monmouth Senior Community Center
10 a.m. - Gardening Class, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Watch repair clinic, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Birthday Party, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Medicare Plans, Dallas Area Senior Center
1:30 p.m. - Jewelry making, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1:30 p.m. - 10-Minute Writing, Dallas Area Senior Center
2 p.m. - Free English Second Language classes at the Dallas Library, 950 Main St.

4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
6 p.m. - Live Comedy: Friday Night Funnies, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
5 p.m. Bingo Dinner, followed by Bingo games at 6 p.m., Dallas Area Senior 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.
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker Meeting, Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St.
Saturday, Nov. 29
10 a.m. - Brunk Farmstead Tours, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW
6 p.m. - Live Music: Cody Alan & The Crossroads, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence, \$10 cover charge
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Night Live, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth
Sunday, Nov. 30
8 a.m. - Yoga in the Park, Main Street Park, 120 Main St. E., Monmouth
2 p.m. - Live Music: Mitch Lies, Elysium Botanicals Wines and Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence
7 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Monmouth Big

Book Study, Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth
Monday, Dec. 1
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. - Alzheimer’s Support Group, Dallas Public Library
10 a.m. - Stretch Exercise/ Hand & Foot/Cribbage/ASL Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
11 a.m. - Lunch w/Meals On Wheels, Monmouth Senior Community Center
12 p.m. - Bridge, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Noon Step Study, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
1 p.m. - Walking Group, Dallas Area Senior Center
1 p.m. - Tai Chi with Cheryl/Technology Help with Ian, Monmouth Senior Community Center
4 p.m. - Youth Coding League, Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St.
4 pm - Karaoke, Dallas Area Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - New Horizons Orchestra, Monmouth Senior Community Center

Tuesday, Dec. 2
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9 a.m. - Wii Bowling, Monmouth Senior Community Center
9:30 a.m. - Walking Club, 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 5 and under, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.
10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S
10:30 a.m. - Circle of Friends, Dallas Area Senior Center
11:10 a.m. - Low Impact Exercise, Dallas Area Senior Center
12 p.m. - Pinochle, Monmouth Senior Community Center
1 p.m. - Bunko, Dallas Area Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Tuesday Grace, Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E Ellendale Ave., Dallas
6:30 p.m. - Community Dance Class, Monmouth Senior Community Center
7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas
Wednesday, Dec. 3
8 a.m. - Yoga, Monmouth Senior Community Center
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Community Briefs

Mythic Finds celebrates first anniversary Nov. 28
Hobby store Mythic Finds celebrates its first anniversary with a Black Friday Event from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 28 at 643 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas. There will be huge sales, a new schedule, more games, more fun, free food, multi-media room passes, discounted mythic member passes, Black Friday discounts, exclusive merch, free D&D one-shot adventures and much more.
Wetzel Estate hosts comedy tour Nov. 28
The Wetzel Estate Vineyard hosts the Winery Comedy Tour at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 at 17485 Highway 22, just outside Dallas. Currently in its twelfth year, this nationwide comedy tour has already made stops at 4,600 venues across the country. This event will feature some of the funniest comedians in the country. For tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/4oUD3Np>.

Rickreall Grange hosts .25 Cent Black Friday Sale Nov. 28
Jumble Junction presents a .25 Cent Black Friday Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Rickreall Grange 280 N. Pacific Highway in Rickreall. There will be table after table of items featuring Christmas decor, gifts, home decor, stocking stuffers, jewelry and more.
Dallas hosts Holiday Market Nov. 29-29
Shelby’s Shenanigans , Dallas Event Center and Shelby Rayburn present Dallas Holiday Market, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 28-29 at the Dallas Event Center, 939 Main St. Come kick off the holiday season and support

local businesses. The market consists of local crafters, artisans and other homemade goods. Free Santa pictures with Missionial Photography are courtesy Northside Ford. There will be raffle prizes and a can food drive to help support local families.
Chamber, DDA host Shop Small Business Saturday Nov. 29
The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and Dallas Downtown Association present Shop Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29 starting at 8 a.m. Celebrate with fun activities, specials, and local giveaways. This is a promotional event only to highlight local businesses and remind the community to support local.

DDA hosts Discover Dallas Dash Nov. 29
The Dallas Downtown Association presents Discover Dallas Dash at 10 a.m. Nov. 29. Teams of two are invited to race to complete tasks and solve challenges. Go as slow or fast as you like, as there are prizes available for those who are competitive and those who take their time. The first pair to cross the finish line wins a \$100 gift card, with special medals awarded to first, second and third place. Every pair who finishes goes into a draw for an additional \$50 gift card. To sign up, go to www.dallasdowntownassociation.org/discover-dallas-dash.

Illahe Vineyards hosts holiday market Nov. 29-30
Illahe Vineyards hosts a Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday Market, Nov. 29-30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3275 Ballard Rd, Dallas. Browse beautiful handmade goods, shop our holiday wine

bundles, and enjoy Illahe wines by the flight, glass, or bottle. Chique Meats & Eats will also have charcuterie available for purchase so you can snack while you shop. Participating vendors include Sunstone Studio, Encanto Creations, Wilde Cowgirl, Oregon Woodworking Studios, Chique Magnets, Kerrie Savage and Brow Genie.

Paint party raises funds for DHS bowling team Nov. 30
Serendipities by Dena hosts a FUNdraiser Paint Party from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 30 at North Dallas Bar & Grill, 170 E. Ellendale Ave. Help support the Dallas High School’s Bowling Team to attend local, state and national tournaments. All Ages Welcome. No experience is required. All supplies are included. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/4nGrBEi>.

Cornerstone Team Holiday Movie Night Dec. 1
Keller Williams, Cornerstone Team invites you to a free showing of the movie “Arthur Christmas” at 4:15 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Dallas Cinema, 166 SE Mill St. RSVP online to <https://bit.ly/44jq3Ev>.

Focal Point hosts Holiday Expo Dec. 3
Join in celebrating the Focal Point Photo Club’s Best of 2025 at 6 p.m., Dec. 3 at 161 W Ellendale Ave., in Dallas. This special year-end event brings together photographers of all levels for a night of inspiration, innovation, and community. Meet and learn directly from industry leaders, with representatives from Sigma, Sony,

Mac Group, and Tamron on hand to showcase the latest gear, share expert insights, and highlight cutting-edge technology shaping the future of photography.

Foursquare Church presents A Kind of Christmas Carol Dec. 4
The Dallas Foursquare Church hosts “A Kind of Christmas Carol”, a spin off of the original Christmas Carol presented by Walk the Path Community Theatre, at 7 p.m. Dec. 4-6 at 976 SW Hayter St.

Decorated Wall hosts Christmas shopping event Dec. 5
The Decorated Wall hosts a Holiday Pop-up Christmas Shopping Event from 3-6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at 186 SE Mill St., in Dallas. The Decorated Wall gift shop will be fully stocked with a wide selection of gift, holiday, and home decor items. Also discover unique gifts from local guest vendors Lolo & Co, Brianna’s Bakery, and Be Kind Arts and Crafts.

Santa comes to Citizens Bank Dec. 5
Santa will be at the Dallas Citizens Bank from noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 5 at 583 SE Jefferson St. Santa will be on hand with his holiday background for photos. Donations are encouraged, but not required. All funds go to support Santa’s Giving Project. Citizens Bank will provide a matching donation up to \$200. Santa will also be handing out books by the Reading Nest to the first 50 kiddos who stop by. For more information, go to www.santagivingproject.org.

Dallas hosts Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 6
Christmas Town, Oregon and the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce present the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 on the County Courthouse Plaza, 850 Main St.

Dallas School District holiday market returns Dec. 6
The 13th annual Dallas School District Holiday Market returns Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1250 SE Holman Ave. Come shop and support local artisans this holiday season. The DHS Theater Department will be performing a children’s show at 2 p.m.

New Morning Bakery hosts Pop Up Holiday Market Dec. 6
The 4th Annual Pop-up Holiday Market hosted by New Morning Bakery is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at 788 S Main St. in Dallas. Check out

local artisans offering hand-made goods, art, and gifts. There will be free cookie decorating, seasonal holiday goodies, gingerbread house kits, sweet breads, cookies and more.

Rotarians to Collect food for Christmas Cheer Dec. 1
Dallas Rotary Club will be collecting food for Dallas Christmas Cheer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 13, at Grocery Outlet, Safeway, Walmart and the Dallas Les Schwab Tire Center. Most needed non-perishable foods include canned tuna and chicken, soup, chili, canned fruits and vegetables, tomato sauce and peanut butter. Dallas Christmas Cheer is expecting to deliver holiday food boxes to more than 500 local families on Christmas Eve Day. Folks who want to help deliver food boxes to neighbors in need should come to the Polk County Fairgrounds at 6 a.m. on Dec. 24.

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce has named DC Electric its Member of the Week. DC Electric is at 9750 Rickreall Rd in Rickreall. DC Electric has been part of the business landscape in our communities since 2003. For 22 years they have been engaged in giving free estimates for all types of clients, from residential to commercial and industrial. Their mission is to provide work done quickly but always with an eye for quality. DC Electric says that all of their licensed electricians provide years of experience in order to meet all of your electrical needs, small to corporate. DC Electric invites you to visit them online at dcelectricinc.net and read all of the positive reviews that satisfied customers have submitted. How to contact them? Email them through their website, call them at 503 623-3912, send mail to PO Box 115, Rickreall, Oregon, 97371. You may also wish to visit them directly at their office on Rickreall Road. Hours are 7 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday, and by appointment on Fridays. DC Electric is a trusted local provider for over 2 decades. The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is pleased to name them Member of the Week.



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PCIO25-1412 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Planning Commission Public Hearings will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, December 11, 2025 on the following: Legislative Amendment #25-05 (City Council Public Hearing: 7:00 pm Monday, December 15, 2025) Amend Dallas Development Code Article 2 (Land Use Districts) to create a new "Mixed-Use" zoning district classification. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7 Rent Burdened Communities The commission will discuss the causes and consequences of severe rent burdens within the city; barriers to reducing rent burdens; and possible solutions. Public hearings will be held at on the following: This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call Chase Ballew, City Planner (503) 831-3570

PCIO25-1413 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE File No. 25-00699OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Breanna Christine Lundberg and Jason Michael Lundberg, as grantor, to Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Bay Equity LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated October 13, 2023, recorded October 24, 2023, in the records of Polk County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2023-007995, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: LOT 5, BLOCK 1, ISAAC LEVENS LACREOLE HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. ALSO: THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1, ISAAC LEVENS LACREOLE HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. SAVE AND EXCEPT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1, ISAAC LEVENS LACREOLE HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DALLAS, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 70 FEET; THENCE WEST 54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70 FEET; THENCE EAST 54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. APN: 140339 Commonly known as: 1088 SW Hayter St., Dallas, OR 97338 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 and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, 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: \$32,513.70

TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$366,778.10 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: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on November 1, 2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or 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 Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on February 25, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 D, 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. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or www.xome.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 Affinia Default Services, LLC. 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. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 25-00699OR Dated: 10/15/2025 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Rhys Ran Name: Rhys Ran Title: Foreclosure Processor Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR 97015 Email: inquiries@affiniadefault.com NPP0479858 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/26/2025, 12/03/2025, 12/10/2025, 12/17/2025

PCIO25-1420 UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING ANNEXATION AND REZONE OF PROPERTY The Independence City Council will hold a public hearing on December 9, 2025 (6:30 pm) to consider the annexation and rezone of approximately 12.4 acres off Corvallis Road, which will accommodate a future regional surface water treatment plant. If the annexation is approved, the property will be designated Public and zoned Public Service. The annexation would also include the portion of the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way adjacent to the property to create a more coherent City boundary in the area. For more information, please visit this website: <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/ongoing-development-projects/> Project Location: 12.4-acre portion of 6675 Corvallis Road (i.e. Taxlot 200 of Taxmap 8.4.33), along with the adjacent Southern Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way. Application Criteria: The decision on the application will be based on the approval criteria in the Independence Comprehensive Plan and Independence Development Code (IDC) Subchapters 10 (General Provisions), 11 (Administrative Provisions), 12 (Zone Changes and Plan Amendments) and 14 (Annexation). The approval criteria are available for review at the Independence Civic Center or online at: <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/codes-plans-maps/>. Public Hearing Details: December 9, 2025 (6:30 pm) at the Independence Civic Center (555 S. Main Street, Independence). The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900. The City is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Information Available: The file is available for inspection at no cost at the Independence Civic Center. A staff report for the application will be available at least seven days prior to the hearing. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the city for a minimal cost. Submittal of Testimony: Anyone wishing to present written testimony may submit testimony prior to and at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be provided at the hearing. Appeal Process: Individuals that would like to reserve their right to appeal the proposal should comment or submit a letter, along with any concerns related to the application, by the close of the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue, or failure to provide

sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the ability to raise the issue at a subsequent time on appeal before the Land Use Board of Appeals. Any appeal of the decision must be filed with the Land Use Board of Appeals within 21 days of the final decision date. Staff Contact: For further information, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner, at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main Street, Independence, 503-837-1168, or fevander@ci.independence.or.us.

PCIO25-1419 Notice of Regular Meeting Board of Directors Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:00 - 5:00 pm The Willamette Health Council is the community governance body for PacificSource Community Solutions, Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization (Marion-Polk CCO). The Health Council's Board of Directors serves as the Marion-Polk CCO's governing board. The board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Willamette Health Council office (1701 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97302), as well as online via Zoom video/conference call. For additional meeting information, visit <https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/notice-of-regular-meeting-board-of-directors/> A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities, or for interpreter services, should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to ohouck@willamettehealthcouncil.org.

PCIO25-1418 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD EDWIN GONSHOROWSKI, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB09791 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Regina Lynn Cullison as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald Edwin Gonshorowski, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published November 26, 2025. Regina Lynn Cullison, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1417 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: LONNIE JO DELONG, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB09794 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed David Patrick Etter as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lonnie Jo DeLong, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St, Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published November 26, 2025. David Patrick Etter, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law 605 SW Church St Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

PCIO25-1415 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem West located at 2401 Salem Dallas Hwy NW, Salem, OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are

in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 12/17/2025 at 10:00AM. Vicki Ensley unit #170; Kenya Pettigrew unit #197; Sandra Rodriguez unit #276. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1422 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of: Howard Elmer Schwanke, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB09556 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric Schwanke has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Howard Elmer Schwanke. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at: David L. Carlson, P.C. PO Box 13066 Salem, Oregon 97309 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, David L. Carlson, P.C. PO Box 13066 Salem, Oregon 97309. Dated and first published: November 26, 2025 David L. Carlson, P.C.P.O. Box 13066, Salem, OR 97309 (503) 365-0373/ (503) 365-0374 (fax) David@DavidCarlson-Attorney.com

PCIO25-1414 Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice IN Self Storage - Salem Wallace located at 300 Musgrave Ave., NW Salem OR 97304 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 12/17/2025 at 10:00AM. Adam Wilson unit #5022. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PCIO25-1372 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-74583 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by BENNY PULLER and CRYSTAL DOLLAR as Grantor to SANTIAM ESCROW, INC., an Oregon corporation, as trustee, in favor of DONALD ALLEN JONES, as Beneficiary, dated 10/3/2013, recorded 10/18/2013, as Instrument No. 2013-011112, in mortgage records of Polk County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the South line of Sheldon Avenue and the East line of the John Sheldon Donation Land Claim No. 41, in Township 8 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; and running thence South 4.75 chains; thence South 50° East 3.88 chains; thence North 25°46' East 3.63 chains; thence North 49°12' West 5.95 chains to the place of beginning. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 233 SHELTON AVE FALLS CITY, OREGON 97344 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 296227 / 08621-CA-02200 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 4/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which

come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 4/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$10,836.00 Late Charges: \$511.70 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$252.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$3,019.50 Total necessary to cure: \$14,619.20 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$68,573.27 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 1/30/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the main entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 9/18/2025, ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 45230 Pub Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/03, 12/10/2025

PCIO25-1403 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 139713-OR Loan No.: *****9733 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JUSTIN LINDORFER, as Grantor, to AMERITITLE, LLC, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED

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NOMINEE FOR CMG MORTGAGE, INC., DBA CMG FINANCIAL, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/6/2021, recorded 8/20/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-013376, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT 9, BLOCK 14, CHATNICKA HEIGHTS NO. 4, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. APN: 315210 / 07319-AB-05100 Commonly known as: 3446 CHAMPLAIN CT NW SALEM, OR 97304 The current beneficiary is: CMG Mortgage, Inc. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 4/1/2025-10/1/2025 Total: \$13,646.78 Late Charges: \$511.35 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,869.98 Total Required to Reinststate: \$17,028.11 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$421,819.40 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 \$406,533.30 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.99 % per annum, from 3/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 3/10/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender 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: 10/27/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1404 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE File No. 23-00322OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Cesar Lemus Torres, Pedro Lemus Lopez, and Josefina Torres, as grantor, to First American Title, as trustee, in favor of

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for American Pacific Mortgage Corporation, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated September 18, 2020, recorded September 22, 2020, in the records of Polk County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2020-013771, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: Parcel I: A portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Kingswood Acres, West Salem, Polk County, Oregon (Plat Volume 132, Page 33) more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence Westerly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the Easterly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet to a point on the Easterly line of said Lot 4; thence Southerly along the Easterly line of said Lot 4, 85 feet to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 15 feet of the Following described property: A portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Kingwood Acres, West Salem, Polk County, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Lots, 85 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the Easterly line of said Lots, 126 feet; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of Lots 3 and 4, 85 feet to the Place of Beginning. Parcel II: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 126 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the Southerly line of Lots 3 and 4, 85 feet to the Place of Beginning. APN: 312925 Commonly known as: 1343 6th St. 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 and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, 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: \$24,615.76 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$326,146.80 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: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on February 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 Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on February 25, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, 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. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or www.xome.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 Affinia Default Services, LLC. 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. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 23-00322OR Dated: 10/09/2025 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Rhys Ran Name: Rhys Ran Title: Foreclosure Processor Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR 97015 Email: inquiries@affiniasdefault.com NPP0478660 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/19/2025, 11/26/2025, 12/03/2025, 12/10/202

PCIO25-1407 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK In the Matter of the Estate of: DANA WOOD SHEPHERD, Deceased. Case No.: 24PB05558 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ethan Shepherd has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the personal representative at 477 Eaglet St. NW, Salem, OR 97304 or his attorney, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, Gunn & Gunn, P.C., 8052 or www.xome.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 Affinia Default Services, LLC. 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

PCIO25-1410 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK No. 25PB09917 Probate In the Matter of the Richard N. Gardiner Living Trust Agreement, Richard N. Gardiner, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert J. Gardiner is serving as Trustee of the Richard N. Gardiner Living Trust, dated November 1, 2001 (Trust), and as Trustee has filed a Petition to Determine the Claims of Creditors of the Trust and Trustor/Settlor Richard N. Gardiner, who is now deceased, in the Circuit Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, Circuit Court No. 25PB09917. The Trustor/Settlor of the Trust is Richard N. Gardiner. All claims are required to be presented to Robert J. Gardiner, Trustee, c/o Sarah K. Rinehart, 117 Commercial St. NE, #300 Salem, Oregon 97301. Claims against the Trust estate may be barred unless presented to the Trustee at the address herein specified within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the Trustee, from the records of the Court, or from the attorney for the trustee Dated and first published November 19, 2025. /s/ Robert J. Gardiner, Trustee Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law OSB# 821142 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300 Salem, Oregon 97301 Attorney for Trustee

PCIO25-1393 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 138545-OR Loan No.: *****3713 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JAMES E. JOHNSON AND LOIS F. JOHNSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/7/2017, recorded 8/24/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-010195, in the Official Records of Polk County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Polk County, Oregon: LOT NUMBERED

THIRTY-ONE (31), MARTIS MEADOW, IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. APN: 524199 / 07528-CB-05600 Commonly known as: 227 NW BONANZA AVE DALLAS, OR 97338-1286 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 2/1/2025 - 10/1/2025 Total: \$11,269.39 Late Charges: \$140.36 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,241.48 Total Required to Reinststate: \$12,651.23 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$158,785.92 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 \$151,692.50 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.99 % per annum, from 1/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 3/10/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender 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: 10/20/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

PCIO25-1391 TS No. OR07000219-24-1 APN 200767 TO No 3321727 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, DARNELL LARVELL JOHNSON SR as Grantor to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for OPEN MORTGAGE. LLC. Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of

December 23, 2021 and recorded on January 11, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-000403 and the beneficial interest was assigned to FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded September 10, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-006706 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 200767 LOT NUMBER - TWO (2), BLOCK NUMBER TWENTY-SIX (26) IN THORPS TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 430 LOG CABIN STREET, INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351 Both the Beneficiary, Finance of America Reverse 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 the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7 under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Deed of Trust. 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 \$103,750.12 together with interest thereon from July 3, 2024 until paid; 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 17, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the new lobby at the Jefferson Street entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St, 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. Dated: 10/02/2025 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0479648 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/05/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/19/2025, 11/26/2025

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. 13

At 2:28 a.m., Regann Gavin was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant after she struck a parked Jeep on Maple Street.

At 4:12 a.m., an officer contacted a female subject who was running in the road on Main Street. She was advised further disturbances or blocking of traffic will result in her going to jail.

At 7:59 a.m., late report of a theft at Walmart.

At 7:20 p.m., an officer advised a female subject on Jefferson Street to move along as she has been in the same place all day.

Friday, Nov. 14

At 4:49 a.m., a report of chicken loitering near a car on Church Street. The complainant was concerned that cats would get the chicken. An officer attempted to contact the complainant via phone and was unable. No police response was sent.

At 9:15 a.m., a report of a hit and run overnight on La Creole Drive.

At 10:36 a.m., officers provided a sendoff for the Dragons football team to their second round playoff game.

At 11:47 a.m., Markus Johnson was arrested on Hankel Street on an outstanding felony warrant and was also charged with unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

At 3:57 p.m., three juveniles were warned for trespassing on the railroad tracks on Birch Street, which are on the former mill property.

At 3:58 p.m., a report of damage to a back storage door on Fairview Avenue. It was unknown when the damage occurred.

At 8:34 p.m., a disturbance at Taco Bell involving multiple juveniles. The parties were separated. It was an apparent ongoing issue with juveniles stemming from the high school.

At 10:11 p.m., an officer came upon a subject who was laying down on the side of the road on Monmouth Cutoff who was unable to walk the rest of the way home. The subject was given a courtesy ride.

Saturday, Nov. 15

At 2:58 a.m., an officer stopped a driver on Orrs Corner Road who was going 25 mph in a 35-mph zone then 30 mph in a 55-mph marked zone. The driver was elderly and had trouble seeing at night on their way home from the hospital.

At 5:53 a.m., Victoria Shafer was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

At 3:13 p.m., Jordan Jessie was cited and released on Oak Street on outstanding failure to appear warrants from Marion County and Salem Municipal Court.

At 8:07 p.m., officers investigated a report of two male subjects “looking into vehicles” on Maplewood Drive. The subjects were out playing a hide and seek game with other friends. No other issues were noted.

Sunday, Nov. 16

At 2:58 a.m., a motorist on Uglow Avenue was stopped for speeding. The driver was very polite and respectful, but had bloodshot, watery eyes, and odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the car. Although admitting to drinking one beer, the driver offered to perform a field sobriety test and performed very well. The driver received a verbal warning for speeding.

At 11:32 a.m., a subject on Church Street surrendered a pistol and various ammunition.

At 2:02 p.m., Robert Norton was arrested on Monmouth Cutoff Road on outstanding failure to appear warrant and a probation violation warrant and was taken to Polk County Jail.

At 3:24 p.m., a motorist from Dallas on Ellendale Avenue was cited for failing to renew vehicle registration.

At 9:15 p.m., a motorist from Independence on Uglow Avenue was stopped for speeding and was cited for failure to carry proof of financial responsibility.

At 10:04 p.m., a motorist was stopped on Washington Street for speeding. The driver had watery/glassy eyes. After consenting to a field sobriety test, the driver performed well and was released.

At 11:08 p.m., a motorist on Kings Valley Highway was stopped for speeding and was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

Monday, Nov. 17

At 3:39 a.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 25-mph zone, failure to about a traffic control device and for careless driving.

At 8:25 a.m., a report of a juvenile attempting to run away from school. The juvenile was recovered by staff and advised law enforcement to cancel before response.

At 8:54 a.m., a female subject on Washington Street was cited and released for disorderly conduct.

At 3:23 p.m., a subject was formally trespassed from Safeway.

At 3:33 p.m., an officer was given verbal authorization from the Director of Real Estate for Ace Retail Holdings to trespass people from the old Rite-Aide property and to arrest trespassing people for violating the warning. Two subjects have been trespassed.

At 5:44 p.m., Rebekarose Wright was arrested on Ellendale Avenue, charged with trespass 2 and was taken to Polk County Jail.

At 6:15 p.m., a subject was trespassed from Safeway.

At 8:10 p.m., a motorist from Independence on Kings Valley Highway was cited for no operator’s license, driving uninsured and operating a vehicle without the required lighting equipment. The driver was also warned for failure to carry and present an operator’s license.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

At 5:41 a.m., a male subject was cited and released for

criminal trespass 2 after being found on Walmart property after being previously trespassed in April.

At 8:42 a.m., Jay Cerda was arrested on Ellendale Avenue on an outstanding warrant.

At 10:40 a.m., an officer found a \$100 bill on the sidewalk on the east side of City Hall on Nov. 17. No one claimed it so it was entered into police property.

At 12:07 p.m., Jorge Alfredo Ramirez Canales was arrested on Ellendale Avenue for forgery and possession of a forged instrument.

At 1:42 p.m., a wallet was found on Main Street and turned into records. The wallet was later returned to the owner.

At 2:38 p.m., a motorist from Falls City was cited on Miller Avenue for speeding 38 mph in a 20-mph school zone and for driving uninsured.

At 7:23 p.m., Arrested Wellman was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with assault 4 and was also charged with harassment from a previous incident.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

At 4:52 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop involving a 7-year-old juvenile who took mom’s keys while she was asleep. Severe admonishment occurred.

At 10:51 a.m., officers participated in lockdown drills at Dallas High School.

At 2:05 p.m., a subject was trespassed from Starbucks on Ellendale Avenue.

At 3:47 p.m., Ashley Hamilton, of Portland, was arrested on Church Street on an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

At 10:28 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint on Ellendale Avenue. They spoke with the resident who was singing loudly in the shower.

Independence Police Department

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Closure was brought to a sex offense investigation from 1997 when a detective discovered that Jose Rodriguez had returned to the Salem area. Under the guise of being a patron at the establishment Rodriguez works at in the 5000 block of Commercial Street in Salem, the detective contacted Rodriguez and confirmed his identity. Rodriguez was transported to the Polk County Jail, facing charges for rape II - under 14 years old, and attempted sodomy.

Thursday, Nov. 13

At 10:32 p.m., a report of a crash on Monmouth Street.

Friday, Nov. 14

Officers, responding to an unrelated call in the 1700 block of Monmouth Street, discovered that George Carter, Jr. had not completed his annual Oregon State Police Sex Offender registration requirement. He was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail.

Saturday, Nov. 15

At 12:45 a.m., a report of shots fired in the area of Monmouth. Officers determined they originated from Helmick Road where a part was going on. A male subject admitted they were firing into the ground at a remembrance

for someone who recently passed away.

At 1:15 p.m., officers assisted Monmouth Police with taking a male subject into custody.

At 5:35 p.m., a report of graffiti on a business on Hoffman Road. Officers learned the business had already cleaned it up and didn’t feel the need to alert police.

At 6:17 p.m., a late report of a theft at a residence on 9th Street.

Vincent Carter, Jr. was cited and released for failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged and for driving while suspended following an investigation into a crashed, abandoned vehicle in the 8000 block of Hoffman Road. Carter’s vehicle appeared to have struck the curb, causing chunks of cement to shear off, then travelled about 200 feet off the road and was found stuck in a ditch.

Sunday, Nov. 16

A witness called 911 reporting a vehicle hit a concrete post in the 100 block of S. Main Street and the driver was attempting to move his vehicle. While assisting the driver the witness noticed that cans of beer were strewn about the interior or the vehicle. Driver Osiel Luis Morales Perez was contacted by an officer and after a poor performance on his standard field sobriety tests, he was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was transported to the Independence Police Department where he blew a .21% blood alcohol content. The officer believed that the level of Morales Perez’ intoxication qualified him for extra charges of reckless driving and criminal mischief.

At 7:48 p.m., officers investigated a report of a domestic disturbance on White Oak Creek Road. A physical altercation had taken place but no mandatory arrest crimes. Officers talked to both parties and warned of how physical altercations can lead to criminal charges.

Monday, Nov. 17

An officer on traffic patrol noticed a vehicle travelling on South 13th Street that was associated with Fernando Osiris Urrutia Ramos, who he knew had a felony warrant. Urrutia Ramos was in the passenger seat, taken into custody and transported to the Polk County Jail.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

At 11:04 a.m., an officer referred a student on E Street for truancy.

Monmouth Police Department

Thursday, Nov. 13

Death on Arrival - Officers responded to a report of a person who was deceased following a CPR attempt. The person’s family members were present. The medical examiner and district attorney arrived on scene, and the body was later released to a funeral home.

Prowler - A resident reported a prowler was in their yard on a Sunday morning for about five minutes before leaving. The caller was unsure if anything was taken but had camera footage, which was to be shared with

the department for identification. The caller did not wish to pursue charges, only to make the department aware.

Theft - A store employee reported an additional theft that appeared to have occurred on an earlier date involving a previously arrested subject. The missing item was a low-value consumable product, and the theft was difficult to confirm on camera. The event was documented under a new case number as a separate incident.

Check Welfare - A parent called requesting a welfare check on their child who had yelled from a window upon being dropped off at the other parent’s home, claiming the other parent was “mean.” An officer spoke with the child and the other parent. The child stated they were fine and felt safe, appearing upset primarily because they had been recently disciplined. The officer updated the caller with the findings.

Emotionally Disturbed Person - A person called initially complaining of leg pain, then began discussing suicidal thoughts, stating they would provoke officers to shoot them if they arrived. An officer attempted to call back, but the call went to voicemail. Emergency medical services did not respond, and no officers were dispatched.

Assist Other Agency - A report was received of a male in dark clothing who knocked on a resident’s door and quickly walked away. Officers were unable to locate the subject.

Friday, Nov. 14

Ordinance Violation - A resident called for the second day in a row regarding a recreational vehicle parked across from their house. A three-day parking case was initiated. The resident stated they would continue to call daily to have the issue on record. An email was sent to an organization asking them to relay a message to the vehicle owner to move it, and the organization confirmed they would pass on the message. An official tow notice follow-up was scheduled for a later date.

Theft - A store reported a male stole consumable products after his credit card had declined earlier in the day. Staff identified the male as a regular customer. The male was described and associated with a silver sport utility vehicle. The event was documented.

Check Welfare - A person called requesting a welfare check on an 81-year-old acquaintance, stating they spoke daily but had been unable to reach them, and packages were accumulating on the porch. While speaking with the caller, a neighbor reached the acquaintance, and the officer was told to disregard the check. The caller then called back to request emergency medical services, who later transported the subject.

Suspicious Activity - A person who was renting out their home through a rental platform called to report prowlers who left in a pickup truck. Officers checked the property and spoke with the caller, determining the activity was likely the renters. The caller suspected a grill was loaded into the truck, but a second

grill was present, suggesting the renters may have been unloading instead. The caller was advised to call back with any new information to suggest trespassing.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Shots - While officers were handling a domestic disturbance at a university, several rapid gunshots were heard coming from the south. Downtown businesses were checked without success. A later call mentioned the shots possibly originated from a property on a different road, which was confirmed, and the information was relayed to the County Sheriff’s Office.

Suspicious Activity - A resident reported hearing knocking on a neighbor’s window. The area was checked with nothing observed, and it was determined the resident was likely hearing the gunshots reported in the county.

Domestic Disturbance - A report was received of a domestic disturbance involving a male pulling/dragging a female. The male, a juvenile, left before law enforcement arrived. The female was reluctant to provide details, concerned about a probation condition prohibiting contact with the male. She explained the male arrived uninvited and tried to take her purse. Her probation officer was contacted and did not issue a detainer, as the female appeared to be the victim.

Arrest - A subject was located and arrested at a street intersection for a prior disorderly conduct case and was lodged at the County Jail. The subject was also arrested for an outstanding warrant from another city.

Ordinance Violation - A resident called again, expressing frustration that a recreational vehicle across the street had not yet been towed. The officer explained the procedure for these types of complaints, noting a case was already open with a follow-up scheduled for a later date. The resident also complained about poor lighting near the park, which they believed contributed to the activity. The officer suggested bringing the lighting concern to the city council and forwarded the information to the original officer.

Assist Other Agency - A request was made from another police department to attempt to contact and arrest a subject on a felony warrant with cautions. Officers were unable to make contact with the subject. No further action was taken.

Noise - An anonymous complaint was made about loud bass that had been shaking windows in a residential area, reported as an ongoing issue. Officers stood by in the area for 10-15 minutes but heard no noise.

Driving - A driving complaint was forwarded from another police department regarding a light-colored sedan that was aggressively slowing down traffic and driving erratically. Officers checked several areas but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Sunday, Nov. 16

Emotionally Disturbed Person - A person made numerous suicidal statements

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to an officer and was taken into custody on a protective hold and transported to a medical facility. While there, the person made comments about committing suicide by police, then recanted, saying they could harm themselves on their own, and finally said officers would have to use force if they saw a specific individual on the street.

Crime - A person reported that their former partner was messaging them that he was near their residence. The former partner is on court-ordered supervision with conditions to avoid contact (except through a third party for child exchanges) and to stay a certain distance from the residence. Officers checked the area but did not locate the former partner. The caller was asked to send photos of the messages so a report could be sent to the probation officer.

Citizen Contact - A person who recently purchased a vehicle was advised by an officer to temporarily remove the license plates after a dealership issued a new trip permit but left the old plates on the vehicle. The officer suggested waiting to see if the Department of Motor Vehicles issued new plates.

Assist Other Agency - An officer assisted another police department with a possible single-vehicle crash involving a driver arrested for driving under the influence.

Ordinance Violation - A resident called regarding a

recreational vehicle parked in front of their house, demanding it be towed for exceeding the 72-hour parking limit. The officer explained the complaint process and that another unit would handle the request, and they could not authorize a wrecker, leading to the resident expressing dissatisfaction.

Check Welfare - Officers searched a wetlands area near a mobile park for a screaming female following a welfare check request but were unable to locate the person.

Assist Other Agency - Officers provided support to another unit on two back-to-back domestic disturbance calls, neither of which involved mandatory crimes.

Emotionally Disturbed Person - A person was found intoxicated, with self-inflicted cuts and a cord wrapped around their neck, expressing a desire to die in peace. Officers eventually convinced the person to go to the hospital with staff.

Emotionally Disturbed Person - A person reported that a friend had sent suicidal text messages before leaving in a vehicle. An officer stopped the friend and spoke with her; she was distraught over a family member's medical issues but denied being suicidal and did not want to go to a psychiatric facility. She planned to return to a park with her friends. Resources were offered, an organization was notified for support, and the subject was later transported by emergency medical services for medical issues.

Monday, Nov. 17

Alarm - Officers responded to a loud alarm and found an employee and delivery driver. The employee confirmed it was a false alarm caused by forgetting the code, and the reporting party was contacted.

Assist Other Agency - An officer assisted another city regarding a vehicle that was on fire by checking the registered owner's address for driver information. The resident stated she had sold the vehicle and provided the new owner's contact details.

Theft - A person reported that gas was stolen from their truck overnight, noting the gas cap was left hanging off. The caller was reviewing camera footage to get information on the truck and a potential suspect to share with law enforcement.

Traffic Assist - A store manager reported a motorhome broken down in front of the fuel island for several hours, with a reported verbal altercation between the associated parties. Officers made contact with the individuals who had just purchased the vehicle and were working to repair it. The vehicle was ultimately towed to another street to continue repairs, and no probable cause was found for any crimes.

Check Welfare - A caregiver requested a welfare check on an elderly person who missed an appointment and was unreachable. An officer made contact and confirmed the person was fine; she had canceled her appointment and was planning to transition to assisted living. The caller was updated.

Assist Other Agency - An officer assisted another police department by following and locating a vehicle associated with a person who was known to be driving with a suspended license. The subject was found in the passenger seat and taken into custody without incident.

Emergency Message - An officer delivered a death notification to a parent regarding their adult child who was found deceased in another city. Resources were offered but

declined, and a phone number for a specific unit was left with the family.

Ordinance Violation - A recreational vehicle was tagged with a three-day tow notice.

Ordinance Violation - An officer contacted a person about a recreational vehicle parked on the street. The person explained that a recent hospitalization prevented them from moving it, but they would get a family member to help that day. The officer noted they would follow up the next day.

Animal - Officers responded to a call about two loose dogs. They were unable to find microchips, and the caller agreed to keep the dogs until the owner was located. The owner's daughter claimed the dogs, and the officer followed up with the owner to verify license needs, as one dog was claimed to be a service animal and the other was leaving the state.

Animal - An officer located a dog running through the neighborhood that matched the description of a specific resident's pet and called the owner to notify him.

Harassment - A person called to file a harassment report against another individual, citing prior issues and stating she had text messages and evidence of explicit messages that she would forward later.

Found Property - A person turned in a set of keys with an attached wallet found on a sidewalk. The officer contacted a university's public safety, which confirmed the owner was a student who had been looking for the items, and the officer dropped the property off to be returned.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Citizen Contact - A resident reported traffic issues and speeding to an officer. The officer promised to pass the concerns on to another unit, request a speed trailer, and that officers would monitor the area.

Citizen Contact - A person from a financing company called to inquire if a specific vehicle had been towed. The officer checked records and informed the caller that the vehicle was not towed and was registered out of another city.

The caller was advised to check with other police departments.

Field Interview Report - A person flagged down an officer to discuss concerns about a specific travel trailer and rumors regarding city action on such vehicles. The officer explained the planned course of action for the trailer and confirmed the ordinance had not changed, also explaining the challenges with towing recreational vehicles.

Arrest - A subject already detained at the county jail was additionally charged with third-degree theft related to stealing a product from a dispensary.

Hangup - Officers responded to a hang-up call. It was determined a toddler watching television accidentally dialed the emergency number. The children were fine, and the parents were advised about emergency-only calls.

Driving - A report was made of an erratic driver failing to maintain a lane. An officer attempted to locate the vehicle but was unsuccessful and observed nothing of concern in the heavy traffic.

Domestic Disturbance - Officers responded to a disturbance between two family members. One subject was found with a bloody lip and nose, and facial swelling. The other subject had minor abrasions and was detained. After clearance, the second subject was detained and charged with fourth-degree assault - domestic violence.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Ordinance Violation/Tow - A towing company was called for an ordinance tow of a recreational vehicle. The owner arrived claiming she would move it, but was informed the tow was authorized. Supervisors arrived to assist. The owner removed personal items, which were stacked on the side of the street. The vehicle was towed, and the owner was warned that the items might be disposed of, leading to potential littering charges if not removed by the end of the day.

Disturbance - A report was made of two juvenile boys fighting. An officer contacted a parent and her three children.

The parent denied the fighting, and the children appeared fine. However, the complainant later sent a video showing the fight, where the juveniles were punching each other. The incident was cross-reported to the Department of Human Services.

Animal - An officer responded late to a report of two loose dogs. The complainant posted photos online, and the shepherd appeared to match a dog belonging to another family who lives outside the immediate area. The officer searched the neighborhood but was unable to locate the dogs.

Theft - A report was made of three people stealing bags of cans and leaving in a truck. The driver and one passenger were identified, contacted, and admitted to taking cans from several locations. Both were cited and released. The third subject later came to the police department, admitted to the theft, and was also cited and released.

Theft - An officer followed up with a person regarding two previous theft reports. The person reported another theft that occurred two months prior at a former residence, stating multiple items were taken, and suspecting one or two specific subjects.

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Wednesday, Nov. 12

At 3:29 a.m., a motorist on Pacific Highway was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone and for driving uninsured. The driver was also warned for failing to register the vehicle.

At 4:20 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash in a ditch on Pacific Highway. The driver was uninjured. Oregon State Police provided the driver with a crash form. There was no blockage. The car was towed later.

At 7:37 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 near Dallas Cutoff was cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55-mph zone and for no insurance. Since it was the third no insurance citation, the car was towed. The driver was provided a courtesy ride to her home in Dallas because she did not have a phone and could not contact anyone on a deputy's phone.

At 11:43 a.m., deputies investigated a report of harassment on 50th Avenue. The resident and a delivery driver had gotten into an argument over whether the delivered items were also paid to be installed. The resident prevented the driver from retrieving his pallet jack and leaving and was slightly injured during the confrontation. Deputies found no crimes committed but told the resident he cannot prevent people from getting their property back.

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