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Senior Aaron Villeneuve leads a group of other Central High School volunteers to pull weeds at a plot of land donated by St. Hilda's Episcopol Church for the school's community garden project.

CHS community garden takes seed at local church

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

The halls of the typical high school can get rambunctious as students jet between classes. But on Oct. 12, a few heads may have turned within Central High School at the extra excitement elicited by seniors Aaron Villeneuve and Autumn Clinton.

During a math class they share, the head gardeners of the Culinary and Advocacy Clubs received a long awaited confirmation email that St. Hilda's Episcopol Church had agreed to donate a plot of land to dedicate for their community garden project.

"We screamed in the high school halls, genuinely," Villeneuve recalled from the middle of the approximately 2,100 square feet of undeveloped land adjacent to the Monmouth church. "We were like, oh my gosh, the church actually gave us the spot."

"We've been trying to get here for two months before we got the approval," Clinton added. "Because, both of our clubs, we wanted a community garden."

"And I was thinking, well, if we don't get the spot here, I don't know where we're going to go next. And we managed it," Villeneuve concluded.

Between the two clubs at Central, there are about 100 students involved in doing their part to get the new plot of land up and running. But it took a lot of working with the community outside the school to get their plans approved.

"So we talked to our city council back in July about where we could find a plot for a community garden, and they got back to us saying that St. Hilda's had an open space that they had a group waiting on first, but that never happened," Villeneuve said. "So we talked with them, and it took about two months to get all the paperwork through and get the insurance policy taken care of, but now we have a plot."

Meeting on Sundays since, they've been moving in plants that have been donated from the community, both in planters and raised plots.

After raising awareness last year about the leaky roofs at the school, the Advocacy Club

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Vaccinations urged as measles cases at 30-year high

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The West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) recommends measles vaccination amid the ongoing measles outbreak across the United States, based on evidence from trusted professional medical and health organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

The United States achieved measles elimination status in 2000 with high vaccination rates. Today, the country is seeing a 30-year high in measles cases, along with outbreaks, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Oregon Health Authority officials said this year's measles situation is much different than it was even a few years ago. More measles cases have been reported in Oregon during 2026 than in any other year since surveillance began in 1991. Of the infections reported so far this year in Oregon, 93% are in people who have not received the MMR vaccine or whose vaccine status is unknown and officials have seen it spread to other family and community members who are not vaccinated.

"Detection of measles in wastewater samples from across Oregon indicates that measles is much more widespread than the number of reported cases indicates," said Dr. Dean Sidelinger, health officer and state epidemiologist at Oregon Health Authority. "I urge everyone in Oregon to check their immunization status."

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Owners hope new business blooms into successful flower shop

By DAVID HAYES
I-O Editor

Longtime friends Michelle Lumbreras and Amber Horne had both reached a point where their combined 10 children had left the nest, leaving the mothers searching for the "next thing" in their lives.

They found their calling by combining their talents – Lumbreras as a florist and Horne in marketing – to open Indy Bloom, Independence's first flower shop in years.

"There was a space open for a flower shop in Independence and it had been there a long time. So we felt like it was a good opportunity to use both of our skills in ways that help serve the community," said Horne, who handles the marketing and organizational side of the business.

Lumbreras may be a familiar presence in the community with her 40 years' experience as a florist.

"I started in Monmouth in high school at the Red Vase. Then I worked in various flower shops for years," Lumbreras said. "In 1994, my mother and I opened a flower shop in Monmouth called Balloons and Blossoms. And we operated that for 10 years. And then I've just been working freelance since then."

Horne raised her family in the Yamhill, Carleton community but they grew up together, going to the same church, which kept their families close, as well. It took a few years for their "next thing" to come to fruition.

"It took a few years before we kind of made it happen. We both wanted it to happen. We're both looking for what's next now that the kids are grown. And it kind of evolved from there," Horne said.

The two officially opened Indy Bloom on Sept 10 on the ground floor beneath the Osprey Point Apartments. Lumbreras said the location is perfect.

"The foot traffic we

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PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Michelle Lumbreras (left) and Amber Horne cut the ribbon Nov. 20 to officially welcome their floral shop Indy Bloom to downtown Independence. Holding the ribbon for them are Lumbreras' son Nick (left) and Horne's husband John.

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The future of Oregon's remaining covered bridges

By JEREMY C. RUARK
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The Ritner Creek bridge is a Polk County historical landmark, built in 1927 outside Monmouth.

The Oregon Heritage Commission has released the 2026 Oregon Covered bridges Needs Assessment Report.

The report assesses current conditions of remaining covered bridges, identifying their economic and cultural impact, and providing recommendations to support continued preservation of these unique heritage resources in Oregon.

At one time, Oregon had over 400 covered bridges. Today only 50 remain. Oregon has the most covered bridges in the country west of the Mississippi and has the sixth largest concentration of covered bridges in the United States.

There are two covered bridges in Polk County: Ritner Creek bridge, a historical landmark in Monmouth built in 1927, and the Fourtner Bridge constructed in 1932, at Grand Ronde, crossing the South Yamhill River.

The report also emphasizes the significance of Oregon's covered bridges.

"Bridge building has always been closely tied to the growth and economic development of communities as people have sought to broaden their access to the world around them," the report states. "Oregon's covered bridges continue to both strengthen community identity and support regional and community economic growth. In addition to their transportation roles, the bridges now have cultural and economic roles related to community identity, recreation, and tourism providing a unique and iconic experiential and visual role."

The report includes a challenging forecast for the remaining bridges.

"Incremental funding to support smaller ongoing stabilization, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects is central to the long-term retention of the covered bridges as funding to support major capital projects to clear deferred repairs will be increasingly rare," the report summary states. "Despite the significance of these resources, managers of covered bridges face challenges to find funding to address deferred and ongoing maintenance for these structures. The importance of Oregon's historic covered bridges to local and regional community identity and their contribution to the state's heritage tourism and recreation underscores the importance of ongoing investment, which yields return on visitation and tourist dollars spent in local communities."

Findings of the report include:

- Critical funding needs for stabilizing 6 bridges and rehabilitating 15 bridges is between $16 million and $51 million.
- Previous state and federal funding dedicated to covered bridges no longer exists and covered bridge projects are now competing with general infrastructure needs.
- Grants exist to help support projects but total grant funds for historic structures are limited, competitive, and often for smaller amounts compared to total project costs.
- Certain bypassed bridges that are removed from the county or state roadway system are at more risk because they are ineligible for transportation related funds.
- Covered bridges have value to local communities as place-defining features and contribute to shared community connections and traditions
- Oregon's covered bridges contribute to regional tourism and recreation economies.

"Oregon's covered bridges are a unique feature across Oregon's landscape that residents and visitors seek out for experiences, traditions, and connections," said Katie Henry, Oregon Heritage Commission Coordinator. "These covered bridges are unique to Oregon on the west side of the country, they contribute economically to tourism and recreation, they are important places to local communities, and there are barriers to preserving them for future generations."

In 1987 the state legislature established the Oregon Covered Bridge Program investing in preserving Oregon's historic covered bridges and conducted a study resulting in the 1989 Covered Bridges Report providing recommendations to the legislature. Between 2000-2012, the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provided dedicated federal funding for covered bridges.

These dedicated state and federal funding sources were critical in minimizing the loss of covered bridges through the early 2000's but these dedicated funds no longer exist.

The report offers a range of potential funding options, including partnerships with various local groups.

"Most of the covered bridges in Oregon are managed by local governments and may not be eligible for certain grant programs," the report states. "Forming a partnership with a local nonprofit that has a mission that includes preservation of heritage resources to apply for grants can help expand grant funding options. If allowed in the grant program guidelines, the nonprofit may be able to include an administrative fee in the grant request to cover time spent managing and reporting on the grant."

Recreation related groups may be an avenue for partnership opportunities for fundraising events, education, and advocacy if they include covered bridges in any regular organized activities. Museums and historical societies may also be willing to partner for public education campaigns or with ways to gather stories of community value and highlight the value of these unique resources

Report recommendations include:

- Develop a coalition to raise awareness at the state level of the bridges' cultural and economic value and advocate for both public and private funding needed to preserve them.
- Implement a statewide economic impact study to better understand the role and value of Oregon's covered bridges in tourism, recreation, and any other contributing commercial interests.
- Develop and implement value related messaging and outreach plans that support both coordinated efforts across the network of resource managers and local efforts to continually promote the cultural and economic value of the bridges.
- Ensure covered bridges have a preservation maintenance plan in place and prioritize roof and siding repairs and long-term budgeting for reroofing.

The 2026 Oregon Covered Bridges Needs Assessment report was prepared by consultants of Northwest Vernacular. Interviews were conducted with bridge owners, managers, tourism entities, nonprofit partners, local community members, and other interested parties. Before finalizing the report, a roundtable discussion was held inviting report contributors and interested parties to discuss the draft recommendations.

The report was funded by an Oregon Cultural Trust grant.

Oregon Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission's nine Governor appointed members represent a diversity of cultural, geographic, and institutional interests. The Commission's nine advisory members include representatives from the Oregon State Library, Oregon State Archives, State Historical Records Advisory Board, Higher Education Coordinating Committee, Travel Oregon, Oregon Historical Society, Department of Education, State Historic Preservation Office, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The Commission is the primary agency for coordination of heritage activities in the state. This includes carrying out the Oregon Heritage Plan, increasing efficiency and avoiding duplication among interest groups, developing plans for coordination among agencies and organizations, encouraging tourism related to heritage resources, and coordinating statewide anniversary commemorations.

More information about the Oregon Heritage Commission is available online at www.oregonheritage.org and from Commission coordinator Katie Henry at 503-877-8834 or katie.henry@oprd.oregon.gov.

Grand Ronde Tribe receives share of $10 million in housing, community services grants

All Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon have received their portion of $10 million in Tribal Housing Grant Funds that the Oregon Legislature allocated in the 2025 Legislative Session, Oregon Housing and Community Services announced.

The Tribal Housing Grant Fund is a first-in-the-nation program that consolidates a single state funding source to address the housing needs of Tribal Nations in Oregon and maintain By and For Initiative-Native American Tribes of Oregon (BAFINATO) investments. The funds can be used to expand housing resources available to Oregon Tribes, including for homelessness response and prevention, maintenance and/or creation of new affordable rental housing units, and homeownership development/down payment assistance programs.

"It's been remarkable how the state has listened to our needs and concerns and created this grant tailored to our needs, wants, and desires," said Dana Cox, grant writer at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. "It's been an overall amazing experience."

For about a year, OHCS engaged with representatives from each Tribe in the form of a Tribal Housing Workgroup to develop the funding allocation process and build consensus for how the fund would operate.

"Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes are part of our state's past, present, and future," said Andrea Bell, OHCS executive director. "OHCS is proud to team up with Tribal leaders to invest in housing solutions informed by dialogue across Indian Country. The promise of Oregon is one in which all people have the right to an affordable and dignified life."

All grantees can access funding for capacity building, whether it is focused on creating shelter policies and procedures, hiring additional staffing, predevelopment work for new housing projects, or soliciting technical assistance through consulting organizations for affordable rental housing and homeownership projects.

The funding also will support Tribal housing in the following ways:

Capital development: Infrastructure for 24 affordable rental homes, land acquisition for three development lots, maintenance and operations for 367 units, building 14 new homes, and rehabilitating one.

Housing stabilization: Emergency shelter for 15 households, financial assistance and support services for 137 households, 58 shelter beds, transitional housing for 20 families, and weatherization for 45 households.

Homeownership: Down payment assistance for 18 buyers and emergency repairs for 30 households.

The Cow Creek band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians is using their portion of the funds to maintain the operation of seven transitional housing units, continue an enhanced down payment assistance program, and contribute to the development of a quadplex for median-income Tribal members who are elderly or students.

"Our partners at OHCS, I can't speak highly of them enough," said Melinda Sprague, Cow Creek housing director. "Their commitment to serving Tribal people across the state of Oregon really helps us be able to plan for what our housing can look like in the future."

For more information on the THGF, visit the OHCS website www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/tribal-housing-grant-fund.aspx.

Unwind after your Thanksgiving dinner with Free Fishing Days Nov. 27-28

Continue the family togetherness — or break off on your own — for free fishing, clamming, and crabbing on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28.



No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags/validations are required on these days (meaning you do not need a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement, Ocean Endorsement or two-rod validation where two rods are allowed). Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free. So skip the shopping crowds, pack a turkey sandwich, grab the tackle box from the garage and get outdoors after Thanksgiving.

All other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size and gear restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations online at https://bit.ly/4zBMx57 to check the rules and remember to check www.MyODFW.com for any in season regulation updates, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing.

A few Willamette Valley ponds will be stocked with trout including popular Henry Hagg Lake. Check the trout stocking schedule online at https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule. It's also a great chance to get out for some early winter steelhead fishing. Check the Recreation Report (https://myodfw.com/recreation-report) for other suggestions.

CRABBING AND CLAMMING

There are several crabbing and clamming opportunities currently open in Oregon's bays. While razor clamming and boat-based ocean crabbing are closed, crabbing from docks and in bays is open and good at this time of year. Dungeness crab quality is at its highest in the winter months. Learn more about crabbing and clamming online at https://myodfw.com/crabbing-clamming. Also keep in mind that closures can happen quickly and may change before Free Fishing Weekend.

Remember to call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check their shellfish page before you go.

While you are out enjoying our natural resources, be sure to show us your catch. Submit your photos at www.MyODFW.com.

Special Memories: My search for D.B. Cooper

By GARY DEROWITSCH



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An FBI composite sketch of D.B. Cooper from 1971.

The D.B. Cooper hijacking of Northwest Orient Flight 305, a Boeing 727, is one of the most spectacular crimes ever perpetrated by an individual. He went by the name Dan Cooper, later misidentified by the media as D.B. Cooper. Today, more than 50 years later, his true identity remains unknown, making this the only unsolved air piracy case in commercial aviation history.

There are many suspects, but one truly stands out — that person I will address at the end of this article. After reading the book "D.B. Cooper: What Really Happened" by Max Gunther, I instantly became hooked on trying to solve this mystery. For over five years, I devoted many hours and travels to that end. What I discovered was, to say the least, amazing.

Shortly before 2:50 p.m. on Nov. 24, 1971, Dan Cooper purchased a ticket for Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305 at the Portland International Airport, with Seattle as his destination. As soon as the plane lifted off around 2:50 p.m., Cooper handed a folded note to flight attendant Florence Schaffner. She initially dismissed it, assuming the man was giving her his phone number, but Cooper leaned over and told her that she had better open it because he had a bomb.

He then showed her the contents of a black attaché case, which appeared to contain sticks of dynamite, a battery, and wires. She quickly took the note to the pilots. From that point on, Tina Mucklow, another flight attendant, acted as the go-between for Cooper and the cockpit. Cooper demanded $200,000 in $20 bills and four parachutes to be ready upon landing in Seattle. The plane circled Seattle for several minutes while his demands were being met. Once everything was prepared, the plane was allowed to land. While the aircraft was refueling, Cooper released all of the passengers, keeping only the flight crew and Mucklow on board.

After the plane was refueled, Cooper ordered the pilots to take off and head toward Mexico. Once in the air, he demanded that they level off at 10,000 feet, fly at 200 mph with the flaps at 15 degrees, and leave the cabin unpressurized. This was done to ensure the rear stairway could be opened easily without anyone being sucked out of the plane.

At approximately 8:13 p.m., he lowered the aft stairs, descended the steps, and jumped into the black abyss of a rainy, stormy night with winds blowing in excess of 80 mph. The pilots estimated that he jumped near Ariel, Washington, specifically near Lake Merwin. He was never heard from again.

FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, who was in charge of the operation, believed that D.B. Cooper died when he hit the ground because his parachute never opened. That theory made sense and was plausible until several years later, when in 1980 an eight-year-old boy named Brian Ingram found $5,880 in $20 bills on the bank of the Columbia River, north of Vancouver. The bills were verified to be part of the $200,000 that D.B. Cooper hijacked. This discovery strongly suggests that D.B. Cooper not only survived the jump but also escaped the area without being apprehended.

Further on in my investigation, I contacted Bob Rataczak, the co-pilot of Northwest Orient Flight 305, by phone. For the next hour, I asked him a lot of questions. I could hardly believe that I was talking to the co-pilot of Flight 305 — the infamous plane hijacked by D.B. Cooper. This was a rare opportunity, and I made the most of it. He shared as much information as he legally could, which cleared up many of my questions about what happened inside the plane that night.

I asked him if he would be interested in flying to Oregon at my expense so we could spend more time talking about everything that happened from the moment they lifted off in Portland until they landed in Nevada. He said he would love to, but due to a back injury, he wasn't able to make the trip.

One day, I messaged him asking if he could put me in touch with Ralph Himmelsbach, as I had some very interesting information I wanted to share with him. He said he would contact Ralph and get back to me. After not hearing from him for a few days, I emailed him to ask if he had made contact. His response was direct: "I can no longer communicate with you about anything relating to the D.B. Cooper case."

I was somewhat surprised, but it suggested to me that either Ralph had no interest in talking to anyone about the case, or someone had told Bob to keep his mouth shut. Either way, that conversation between Ralph and myself never happened.

After reading everything I could get my hands on, I came across a woman named Jo Webber who lived in Florida. Jo Webber was the wife of Duane Webber, one of the top suspects in the D.B. Cooper hijacking. Somewhere, I found her phone number and gave her a call. We talked late into the night, which became a regular event for the next year. I repeatedly asked her for permission to write her story in a book, but she never agreed. Even so, she provided me with a vast amount of information she had collected over the years that she believed proved her husband was D.B. Cooper.

Her story began with her husband, Duane, lying in a hospital bed dying of polycystic kidney disease. A few days before he died, he whispered to her that he was Dan Cooper. Jo had no idea who Dan Cooper was and assumed he was just hallucinating. A few hours before he passed away, he shouted, "Let it end with me, I'm D.B. Cooper."

Still, Jo had no idea who D.B. Cooper was. When she finally learned the truth from a friend, she devoted the rest of her life to researching the case and trying to convince Ralph Himmelsbach that her late husband was the hijacker. Much of what she shared with me on the phone I never wrote down, but it was incredibly detailed. Through her research, she learned that the man she married was not the man she thought he was.

In 1975 — a few years after the hijacking and long before Jo had any idea who D.B. Cooper was — Duane took her on a trip from Florida to the Pacific Northwest, traveling through Washington and Oregon. Jo recalled that Duane took her to The Dalles, Oregon, where they stayed in a motel. While there, Duane left for hours at a time, returning covered in dirt. Although he never explained what he was doing, it was later obvious that he had been trying to locate the money he buried shortly after the hijacking. He also rented a private box in The Dalles but never told her why.

Later, he drove her to a location near Battle Ground, Washington. He stopped the car, pointed toward the brush.

"This is where I ran out of the woods," he told her.

At the time, she still had no idea who D.B. Cooper was. The next day, he drove to a location along the Columbia River, put the car in park, and told her to wait. He walked toward the river carrying a paper bag and returned about half an hour later. Jo never asked him what he was doing. Jo and I later agreed that this bag likely contained the $5,880 that was eventually found by eight-year-old Brian Ingram. Why he buried it there remains a mystery — perhaps, after locating the $200,000 caching site, he decided to dispose of a few bills that were too soiled to spend.

During the trip, driving to various seemingly random locations between The Dalles and Battle Ground made no sense to Jo. Why were these places so important to him? At one point he drove her to Battle Ground, pointed to a spot in the brush and said that is where I walked out of the woods.

Years later, however, while close to death in the hospital, Duane confessed to her that he was D.B. Cooper. Still, she didn't know who that was until a friend explained the history to her shortly after. At that moment, the entire trip finally made perfect sense – he had taken her there to retrieve the money, revisit the drop zone, and retrace the exact spot where he escaped from the woods.

Sometimes, listening to her tell me all this information became rather redundant, but I listened and wrote down as much as I could. I pleaded with her to give me permission to write a book about her story, but she never said yes. She did return to the Pacific Northwest to revisit the places Duane had taken her, but she never agreed to meet me — even though I told her she could stay at my place and that we could drive to all the places she wanted to revisit together. For whatever reason, she chose to do it alone.

A year or so later, just before she died of cancer, she called me. Very excited, she shared that she had found a note Duane had written about a park near Battle Ground, Washington, where he had hidden important information proving he was D.B. Cooper. She agreed to share the details only if I promised to follow her instructions to the letter.

After I agreed, she described a city park in Battle Ground and its precise location. She told me that in the middle of the park stood a tall tree with a large rock right next to it. I was instructed not to look under the rock until a movie director from Los Angeles, who was working on a documentary about her story, flew to Washington to meet me. When he arrived and met me at the park, I moved the rock while he captured the moment with his movie camera. Unfortunately, there was nothing underneath the rock. I felt terrible that he had traveled all the way from Los Angeles only to find an empty space. Though disappointed, he assured me that it was just part of the game. As far as I know, he never completed the documentary

After that, Jo and I lost communication, and I read a few years later that she had passed away. Jo tried for several years to convince Ralph Himmelsbach that Duane was D.B. Cooper, but for whatever reason, he never felt there was enough evidence to prove her case.

I drove many times to the area in Washington where D.B. Cooper was supposed to have landed. It occurred to me that maybe they had the drop zone wrong, which would account for why they never found him or any evidence.

I decided to use all the data: the time the plane left Seattle (7:40 p.m.), its speed (200 mph), and the time D.B. Cooper jumped out of the plane (8:13 p.m.). I also factored the wind speed into the equation, which was blowing from the northwest at approximately 60 mph. My calculations had him landing about 10 miles northwest of the official drop zone, which may account for never finding any evidence.

My findings supported a Portland news anchor's story that someone in a small community — where I determined he landed — had witnessed a man dressed in a suit and carrying an attaché case on Thanksgiving day. I posted my findings in a Washington newspaper covering the case, but nothing came of it. At this point, I was done. Five years of research, and no closer to identifying who D.B. Cooper was.

I find it very interesting that this was the only hijacking case never solved. Everyone knew approximately where he jumped, and the FBI and the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office helped in the search, not to mention the Army National Guard. All these organizations, with unlimited resources, couldn't find one man who parachuted out of a plane (not to mention there being two F-106 fighter jets following the plane that night). Why? Because they didn't want him found. (Remember, it was — and still is — the only hijacking not solved.)

During the 1970s, there were a lot of hijackings taking place with planes ending up in Cuba and elsewhere. The powers that be wanted tighter security in airports, but the airlines were dead set against it, feeling it would hurt business. The answer? If someone could hijack a plane successfully and never get caught, then maybe the government officials who wanted tighter security would have a strong argument. The fact is, it worked. After the D.B. Cooper case, airlines agreed to allow tighter security at airports.

So, who was D.B. Cooper? We will never really know because, conveniently, a lot of the evidence — the tie, the tie clip, the cigarette butts, and more — is all missing. Today, with the use of DNA the case could certainly be solved, that is, if the evidence had not magically disappeared.

Someone jumped out of the plane, but who? Where did he escape to, and where is the rest of the money, other than the $5,880 found on the bank of the Columbia River? Whoever orchestrated this hijacking had an escape plan; there was likely someone on the ground waiting to rush D.B. Cooper from the scene. It would have been easy for him to attach a tracking device to himself, allowing a ground crew to know exactly where he was as he slowly drifted to earth.

I do not believe the FBI was involved, and I think they had every intention of solving this hijacking. However, after several months and then years passed without a resolution, you have to wonder if they knew something was up. Do you think Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent in charge, would want to be remembered as the only officer whose

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Little Caesars opens newest restaurant in Dallas

Little Caesars has opened its newest restaurant in Dallas, located at 244 South Main St. The new location will serve guests seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

"We're thrilled to bring a Little Caesars location to the Dallas community," said Cody Chambers, local Little Caesars franchisee. "Our goal is to make it easier than ever for guests to enjoy reliable quality, speed, and value close to home."

The new restaurant in Dallas will serve Little Caesars signature products, including Hot-N-Ready® pizza, Crazy Bread® and Caesar Wings®, as well as the fan-favorite Crazy Puffs, perfect for a quick lunch, family dinner, or a late-night snack.

The grand opening celebration for this new Little Caesars will be held in the coming weeks. This free, public event will include giveaways, free entertainment, and a variety of exciting activities for guests of all ages. Additional details about the celebration will be announced soon.

For more information about Little Caesars in Oregon, go to https://littlecaesars.com/en-us.

FCI SHERIDAN HOSTS DIRECT HIRE EVENT DEC. 16-17

The Federal Correctional Institution Sheridan in Sheridan will host a Direct Hire Event from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17, located at 27072 SW Ballston Rd., Sheridan.

FCI Sheridan is seeking to hire Correctional Officers and various positions within the Health Services field.

The opportunity to apply is open continuously for some positions. The salary range for Correctional Officers is $48,381 to $84,563, which does not include shift differential, overtime, and holidays. A recruitment incentive up to $49,056 is currently being offered for Correctional Officers.

A career at FCI Sheridan offers job security, 401k with 5% matching, and law enforcement retirement in 20-25 years, along with many other benefits. To register for the event, go to www.usajobs.gov/Event5794. To apply for a Correctional Officer and other vacancies, go to www.usajobs.gov. To learn of the many opportunities we have available, visit our public website at www.bop.gov. For specific job questions and hiring information, call or email the Human Resource Department at (202) 901-8536 or email SHE-HumanResources S@bop.gov.

GARDEN

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chose as its next big project to combine efforts with the Garden Club to create a community garden in Monmouth.

So far, the plot is split into two sections, one more of a workspace with the planters being moved in. The other, an untouched lawn area nearer the sidewalk stretch along Main Street. The members were pulling up weeds by hand and whatever tools they had on hand to start getting it in shape for planting.

"We were just talking about needing one, starting with a fully edible garden for producing food, and out here we are hoping to plant some native plants," Clinton said.

Their plans include rows of berries, and along the other side the "three sisters" of a garden – squash, corn and beans.

"And then I'm also hoping to get some other big producers for here. So it's going to be like zucchini. I'm thinking about doing pumpkins, depending on how space looks. We're going to have some herbs in here as well," said Clinton, who is in charge of logistics while Villeneuve handles the role of coordinator.

They left it to fellow student Dominic Graham to oversee, if not do most of the actual work over the last two weeks.

"I weeded a ton out here, a lot in there, but I haven't really done much gardening yet. That's for the future," said the junior, who is in line to take over the project when Clinton graduates.

Villeneuve said the clubs created a seed fund to pay for the project through fundraisers over the last year, raising more than $1,600, with $500 set aside for immediate needs.

"And then we're hoping later, once we get this organized, I'm planning on doing some birdhouses sponsored by people in the community, which will have their name on it and whatever design they want, and that way we can provide both a house for them," Clinton said.

She added once the garden is up and running, younger students can join in on the learning process as part of STEM requirements, learning about area flora and fauna. And if all goes well, the program will attract contributions from the older students at Western.

Ideally, at full production, the fruits of their labors will be donated to Ella Curran Food Bank and the Western Pantry at the university.

"I'm not sure how many pounds of food we're going to get off of it just yet. But I'm just going to try to get as much as I can," Clinton said.

Villeneuve added he's working with more technically inclined students at the school to get a website up and running – www.prosperitygarden.org – so the community can track its progress and help make contributions to its ongoing success.

I'm hoping to turn this space into something that will help bring the community together, have different programs coming in, maybe like a morning tea during the summer," Clinton said.

"And we're planning some potlucks to bring folks together too," Villeneuve added.

MEASLES

From Page A1

The OHA routinely recommends that children receive their first MMR shot at 12 months old but can receive it as early as 6 months in light of continued spread. Talk to your child's health care provider about MMR vaccination. Adults who don't know if they have had two shots should consider getting an MMR shot.

"The risk in Oregon is greater now than in years past," Sidelinger added.

On Nov. 17, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) determined that the United States no longer holds measles elimination status. This determination reflects what regional and national public health data have been warning of: measles is spreading, particularly in communities where vaccination rates have decreased.

WCHA's recommendation for measles vaccination has not changed. People who are not fully vaccinated against measles, or who are unsure of their vaccination status, should contact a health care provider about receiving the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The risk of measles has changed, and now is the time to get vaccinated. For people who are up to date on their measles vaccines, the risk remains extremely low.

WCHA officials believe that immunization guidance from trusted national health organizations should continue to serve as the foundation for routinely recommended immunizations and guide conversations between health care providers and families. According to the World Health Organization, measles vaccines have saved an estimated 94 million lives globally over the past 50 years. WCHA also believes that access to these vaccines, including coverage through government programs, is essential to protecting communities from a preventable disease.

WCHA believes that elimination status can be regained, but it will require high vaccination coverage, strong disease surveillance, and timely outbreak response. WCHA continues to urge the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support states in their efforts to strengthen measles testing capacity in order to meet the needs of outbreak response.

For more information on measles cases in Oregon, go to www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/diseasesconditions/diseasesaz/pages/measles.aspx.

OBITUARIES



Jay Lee Roberts

March 28, 1945 – Oct. 15, 2026

Jay Lee Roberts (nee Ezell), 81, of Dallas OR, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 15, 2026, at Dallas Retirement Village.

She was born March 28, 1945, to Gloria Sharpe and J. Ezell. She grew up in Long Beach, CA with her grandparents May and Verne Sharpe. She graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1963.

She married Jerold F. Roberts on May 14, 1966, in Los Angeles, California, and divorced in 1977, never remarrying.

She worked various jobs during her life but worked as a Senior Workers Compensation Adjustor for the State of California before retiring in 2004.

Jay Lee loved going to church, spending time with her family, and having adventures with her Red Hat ladies. She was kind, generous, and witty. She was quick with a joke and always looked on the bright side. She loved crafts, puzzles, watching Turner Classic Movies and donuts.

Jay Lee is survived by her five children and their spouses: Rosanna Roberts and Eric Hjermstad of Gavilan Hills, CA; Jason Roberts of Huntington Beach, CA; Elizabeth and Ken Dunagan of Dallas, OR; Amanda and Randy Branlund of Dallas, OR; Shelby and Dave Thomas of Stoke-on-Trent, England. Her two sisters, Cheryl Watters and Stacy [last name]. Her cousin Patty [last name]. Her six grandsons, one granddaughter, two granddaughter-in-laws, two great-grandsons, and dozens of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. at Dallas Foursquare Church, 976 SW Hayter St., Dallas, OR 97338. Memorial flowers and cards may be sent there.

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HELEN PATRICIA DUNN

April 27, 1937 – Nov. 6, 2026

Helen Patricia (Pat) Dunn, 89, passed away on November 6. Pat was born in Dallas, Oregon on April 27, 1937, to Curt and Helen Balzer. She had three siblings (Darlene, Larry and Dave), who all preceded her in death.

Pat grew up in Dallas, where she met the love of her life, Ed, when she was fourteen and he was sixteen. They were married three years later and were inseparable until Ed's death in 2022. They spent their earlier married years moving between Oregon and California. They eventually settled in Oregon; first in the Salem area and then later in Jefferson. They had three children—Kris (Mike), Denise (Kent) and Scott (Teresa). They were blessed with eight grandchildren (PJ, who preceded her in death, Melissa, Mitchell, Kelli, Adam, Sara, Alexandra and McKenna) and fourteen great grandchildren.

Pat was a gentle soul, and beautiful inside and out. Her smile could light up a room! She loved spending time with her family more than anything. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking and playing table games. Her uncontrollable and very loud 'woo hoo'! when she had a good card hand, found that elusive puzzle piece or chose the perfect domino, is the sound of excitement and joy we will always associate with her.

Whether through blood, marriage, or friendship, we will forever feel blessed that Pat was a part of our lives. With her passing, there will always be a hole in our family and our hearts. When we think of her, it will be with love, with respect, and with honor.

We will celebrate Pat's beautiful life on Friday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas.

At a later date, we will honor her wishes by scattering her ashes in the field outside the home she loved in Jefferson, where they will be reunited with her beloved late husband.

Arrangements by Bollman's Tribute Center, Dallas, Oregon.



Janice (Jan) Marie Eggert

June 28, 1948 – Oct.19, 2026

Jan Eggert, a longtime resident of Independence, Oregon, passed away peacefully October 19, at Ascot Park Senior Living in Eugene, Oregon. Born in Appleton, Wisconsin, she also lived in Menasha, Wisconsin before moving to Oregon in 1984. Her husband of 50 years, Larry Eggert preceded her in death as did her mother and father, Rosalia and Francis (Razz) Vondracek and her brother, Dennis Vondracek. She is survived by her daughter, Natalie Eggert, her brother and his wife, Bruce and Lynn Vondracek, her sister, Ruth, seven nieces and nephews and their families.

Jan worked in property management and was also a talented craftsperson known for her stained-glass work. After receiving her Master Gardener certification, she volunteered at many Master Gardener events. She was a devoted volunteer at the Independence, Oregon Mt. Fir and Inspiration Garden. Jan was a friendly, funny, and generous person and loved by her family and friends. She will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Inspiration Garden where we intend to have services in spring 2027 https://polkmga.org/donations/

Services are in care of Major Family Funeral Home in Springfield. Visit www.majorfamilyfuneralhome.Com to share a memory of Jan.

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REDUCE
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Investigating the Bible: The Value of Consequences

By DAVID CARLSON
PASTOR

Meg Faville wrote in The Reader's Digest about her family's experience in Okinawa when the Fourth of July was celebrated. The military base always hosted a spectacular fireworks display. They were in the crowd, waiting for the event, when they saw three very tipsy airmen heading for the commanding officer. One of them walked up to the general, without a salute, and slapped the man's arm.

Then he said, "Say, what time do the fireworks start?"

The general looked at him sternly for a long moment, and then replied, "Any minute, son. Any minute."

Some actions have immediate consequences, some are delayed. An apostle in the early church gave church leaders clear instructions on accountability.

The apostle Paul is recognized as a man of God who promoted loving behavior. He wrote 1 Corinthians 13 (see May 1 article). He also supported holding others accountable. He traveled to Thessalonica twice. In his second letter to the young church, he gave the leaders three guidelines for a responsible, healthy church.

BE THE EXAMPLE

"For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, that you might follow our example." (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9, New American Standard Version used throughout).

Paul was a scholar who also knew physical work. He made and repaired tents, in-demand work for traveling merchants who spent nights in deserts far from cities.

DON'T ENABLE. ALLOW CONSEQUENCES.

The early churches often shared meals. Some in the Thessalonian church took advantage of the free food and quit working. They used their extra time to complain.

"For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread." (2 Thessalonians 3:12).

One of my best jobs was as a program manager, then superintendent in an Oregon prison. State law allowed inmates who completed our six-month program to reduce their sentence by more than three years. It was called a boot camp, combining physical fitness, hard work cleaning highways and Oregon trails, and classes for earning their GED, overcoming addictions, and how to make prosocial choices.

At the start, 60 anxious, but eager inmates arrived. Inmates were held accountable to work, attend classes, and make a sincere effort. We gave second chances if a mistake was not serious. At the end of six months 30-35 "graduated" in a ceremony with tearful family members present.

Paul recognized that consequences are essential.

"For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not work, neither let him eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

Sandra Day O'Connor's father believed in the adage.

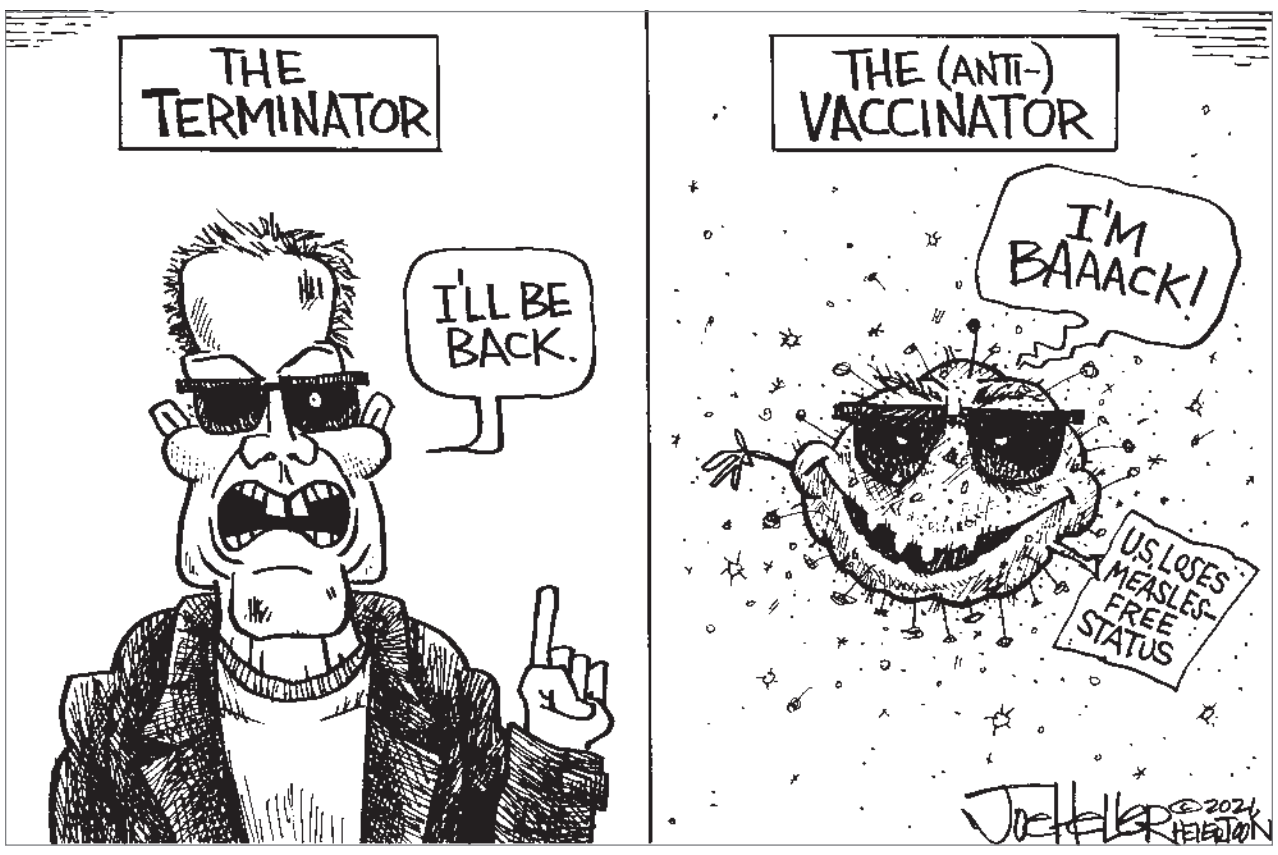
"Experience is the name we give our mistakes," he wrote.

She remembered when a newly appointed government conservationist ordered her father to move cattle to a new range in the middle of a hot Arizona summer. Her father objected, saying young calves wouldn't survive. The new bureaucrat arrogantly insisted, so her father had the government official join them when they left early with the large herd.

By 10 a.m.it was 100F and rising. Some of the little calves collapsed. By noon, the whole herd stopped. They rested for hours, letting the cattle find what little shade that was available. Finally, they forced the herd to move. Some cowboys carried calves on their saddles. Some calves died. The bureaucrat learned the costly lesson. He never again forced a cattle move if a rancher objected.

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





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TRUMP DIVIDES WORLD WITH OTHER DICTATORS

I am truly amazed that our fearless American dictator could find time in his busy golf schedule to travel across the world to meet with his fellow dictators and, in the course of a one hour meeting, solve most of the world's problems.

Why did we not figure out sooner that this could happen just by reading a memo to his friends who are also killing innocent people at home and abroad? All it took was a four day trip, half of which was time in the air, to divide up most of the world; Europe for Putin, Asia for Xi, and the Western Hemisphere for The Donald.

How nice it must be to have a simple mind so easily duped.

Dale Derouin,
Dallas

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China - 38.9%
Iran - 27.8%
Rogue AI - 11.1%
Rogue Nation - 5.6%
Total coincidence - 16.7%

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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: WHIPPED —

Bacon bits	Glazes	Meringue	Sauces
Dressing	Gravy	Nuts	Sprinkles
Frosting	Guacamole	Pepperoni	Syrup
Ganache	Icing	Salsa	

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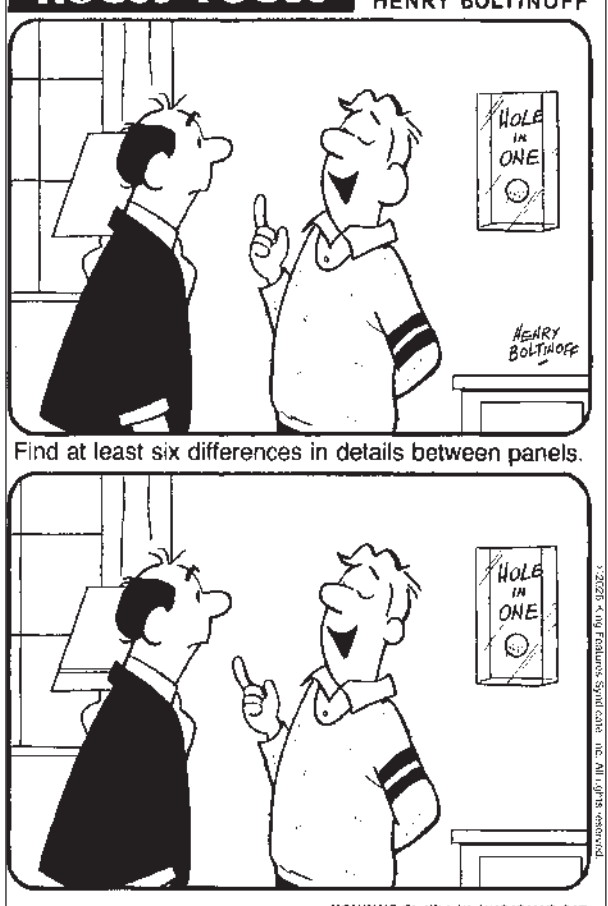
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Stripe on sleeve is moved. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Lampshade is different. 5. Window panes are different. 6. Hair is smaller.

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Americanisms



"Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moon rise."
— *Gladys Taber*

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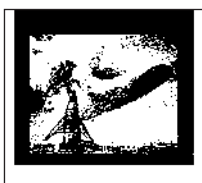
Moments in time



• On **Dec. 7, 1909**, Belgian-born chemist Leo Baekeland was granted a patent for "a method of making insoluble products of phenol and formaldehyde"— the first synthetic plastic, which was dubbed Bakelite in his honor. It went on to be advertised as "the material of 1,000 uses."

• On **Dec. 8, 1542**, the future Mary, Queen of Scots was born in Linlithgow Palace in Scotland to the country's dying king, James V. His only surviving child, she took the throne when he passed away only six days later.

• On **Dec. 9, 1869**, Uriah Smith Stephens founded a secret order of tailors in Philadelphia called the Noble and Holy Order of the Knights of Labor, which became America's first major national labor organization.

• On **Dec. 10, 1922**, the Canton Bulldogs beat the Toledo Maroons by 19-0 and were declared the first champion of the newly renamed National Football League. The league champion is determined by best regular-season record.

• On **Dec. 11, 1961**, the ferry carrier USNS Core arrived in Saigon with the first American helicopter unit, assigned to airlift South Vietnamese Army troops into combat and including 33 Vertol H-21C Shawnee helicopters and 400 air and ground crewmen to operate and maintain them.

• On **Dec. 12, 1997**, 14-year-old Michael Carneal was indicted as an adult on three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder after shooting his classmates at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky. On Dec. 1, the boy had taken out a pistol and fired 11 shots into a group of students in the school's lobby. He would later claim he'd been inspired by the movie "The Basketball Diaries," starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Following a plea of guilty but mentally ill, Carneal was sentenced to life in prison with a possibility of parole in 25 years.

• On **Dec. 13, 1992**, Manon Rheaume became the first woman to play in a regular-season professional hockey game, entering at the start of the second period with the score tied at 1 in the International Hockey League contest. In almost six minutes, she stopped four shots and allowed one goal before being replaced by the Atlanta Knights' starter.

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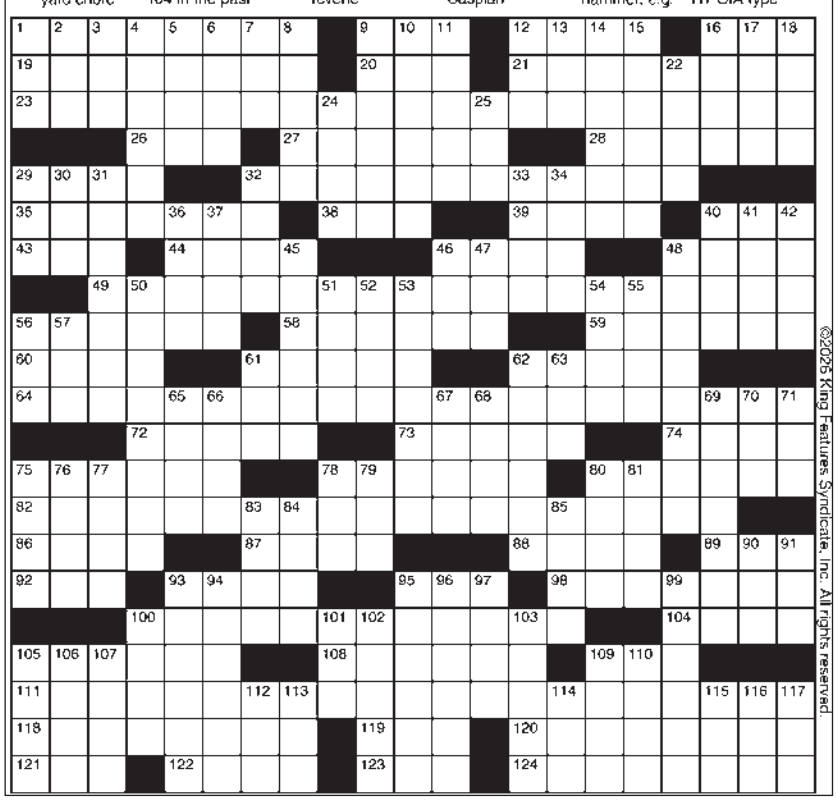
Super Crossword

BEINGS AMONG THE BLOOMS

ACROSS
1 "The Breakfast Club" bunch
9 Successors of LPs
12 Chores, e.g.
16 Thurman of "Burnt"
19 Not too hard to construct
20 Oval portion
21 Sea east of Italy
23 Start of a riddle
26 Singer Yoko
27 Neighbor of an Ethiopian
28 Instrument with over 30 strings
29 Madeline of "High Anxiety"
32 Riddle, part 2
35 Hard to find
38 Even one
39 Feels poorly
40 Show — (films, plays, TV, etc.)
43 "Assuredly!"
44 Emulate a supermodel
46 Bull's-eye hitter
48 Do a fall yard chore
49 Riddle, part 3
56 Deceive
58 Most liberated
59 Puts in the crosshairs
60 Yuletide
61 Huge meal
62 Louvre Pyramid architect
64 Riddle, part 4
72 Raise, as a flag
73 Earthen cooking pots
74 Soul singer India
75 Cincinnati citizen, say
78 Less certain
80 Be nippy with, as a pup
82 Riddle, part 5
86 Omit
87 Page for think pieces
88 Post-shower powder
89 Bride's vow
92 Ares, to Zeus
93 "I" problems
95 Gun, slangily
98 Largest city in Scotland
100 End of the riddle
104 In the past
105 British noble, in brief
108 "Mrs." with an infamous cow
109 "She's the one"
111 Riddle's answer
118 Result of a shaving slip
119 Tucson-to-Tulsa dir.
120 Delights in the flattery, maybe
121 Styled like
122 Late-night host Meyers
123 Garnet, e.g.
124 Zooms past

DOWN
1 Sporty German auto
2 "Yay team!"
3 Alias lead-in
4 Wyoming range
5 Place in hock
6 "Peek- —!"
7 "McQ" actor Gulager
8 "That '70s Show" character Michael
9 Guy driving a taxi
10 Given to reverie
11 La — (Italian opera house)
12 Tip container
13 Lofty verse
14 Pelé's nation
15 Peaceful protests
16 Provo's state
17 Performer acting silently
18 Big PC brand
22 Poker cost
24 Nick Jr.'s "explorer"
25 Band booking
29 Door opener
30 Hoppy drink
31 Shook a leg
32 Admit to it, with "up"
33 Seniors' org.
34 Tubular pasta
36 Tablet since 2010
37 Use a ballot
40 Saloons
41 Giant in retail furniture
42 Liveliness
45 Consequence
46 Two, in Chile
47 Toward a boat's stern
48 Think deeply
50 It's spun by hip gyration
51 River to the Caspian
52 — majesty (treason)
53 Allows to go with no punishment
54 Accessory for Superman
55 Stadium level
56 Genetic helix
57 Near-eternity
61 Hi- — (some stereos)
62 Trapped by habit
63 Show hosts, in brief
65 Tiger sound
66 Funny Fey
67 Roman 152
68 Cassini of fashion
69 Quitter's statement
70 Vardalos of the screen
71 Catch on to
75 Bettors' calculations
76 Savior
77 Clicked-on symbol
78 "— done it!"
79 Gave grub to
80 Banknote
81 Peruvian ancient
83 Jack or hammer, e.g.
84 — lacto
85 — to riches
90 ICU worker
91 Be indebted
93 Sets foot in
94 Pressure felt by a jet pilot
95 "Bonanza" star Lorne
96 Degraded
97 Actress Garr
99 Morally degraded
100 Colon's meaning in an analogy
101 Vie for the affection of
102 Bull on a bottle of glue
103 Fractions of newtons
105 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)
106 Not fictional
107 Chichén — (Mexican ruins)
109 Abhor
110 Irish Gaelic language
112 Stomach
113 Utmost
114 Hiatus
115 ALF et al.
116 Pencil remnant, e.g.
117 CIA type



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **R** equals **M**

D HR IBLAS XL TDCDAW YHOTNZMMV DA RV OTLZMCSB PBHI, YZX BSQSAXMV D'R OXHBXDAW XL QLRS LZX LN RV OTHPM.

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Puzzle answers on page B2

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

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

JTMBXJK XN XWETNNXPOL, MBL CTFY XMNLOZ NDVN "X'W ETNNXPOL"! — DAYFLV BLEPAFJ

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who does Dorothy's house land on and kill in "The Wizard of Oz"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country does Easter Island belong to?
3. MUSIC: In which city did The Beatles form?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Hippos are native to which continent?
5. ANATOMY: What is peristalsis?
6. MOVIES: What kind of animal is Donkey's wife in the animated movie "Shrek"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the names of the two marble lion statues outside the main New York Public Library?
8. MEASUREMENTS: In physics, what is a jiffy?
9. TELEVISION: What is Bill Nye's nickname, based on his shows?
10. HISTORY: Where did the Anasazi native tribe live in modern America?

Answers

1. The Wicked Witch of the East.
2. Chile.
3. Liverpool, England.
4. Africa.
5. Muscular contractions that push food through the digestive system.
6. A dragon.
7. Patience and Fortitude.
8. The time it takes light to travel 1 centimeter in a vacuum.
9. The Science Guy.
10. Southwest United States.

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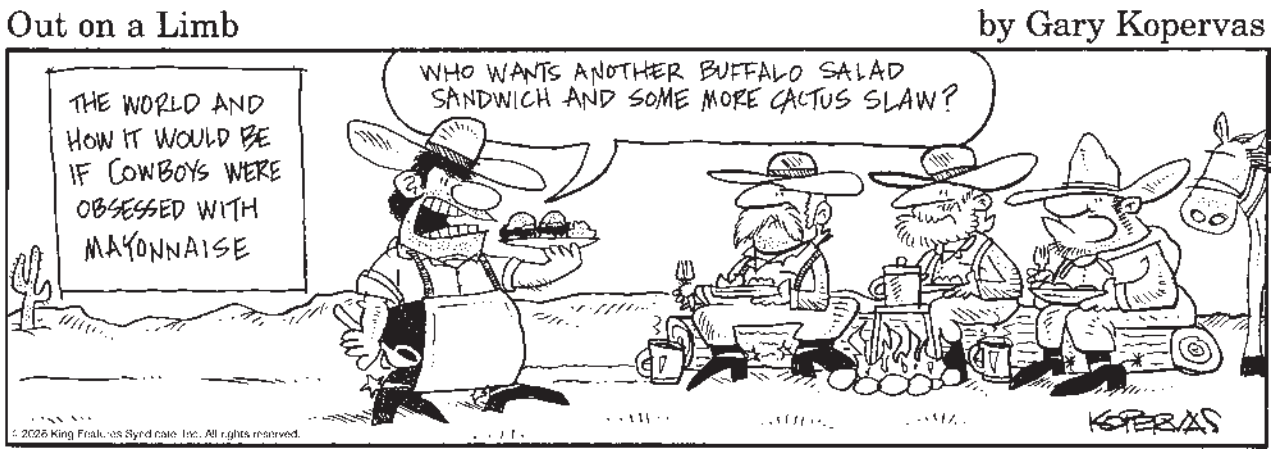
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Valley homeless alliance expands partnership with housing authority

The Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (MWVHA) has completed the competitive process to secure interim program director services, along with a grant fiscal management agreement with the Salem Housing Authority (SHA). MWVHA said these steps mark an important move forward as the Alliance works to strengthen its operations, improve organizational coordination, and better serve communities throughout Marion and Polk Counties.

The process resulted in two part-time contracts, allowing the Alliance to bring together experienced administrators with complementary expertise to address its immediate priorities.



Christina Ballard



Marianne Bradshaw

Christina Ballard will provide interim program director services, focusing on organizational operations, day-to-day coordination, and program leadership. Marianne Bradshaw will focus on grant compliance and program and data reporting to the Board and community partners. This division of responsibilities allows each to focus on their areas of expertise while supporting the Alliance's operational and funding obligations.

At its Nov. 12 meeting, the MWVHA Board appointed Christina Ballard as Board Administrator. Board Chair Jeremy Gordon temporarily filled that role during the transition and led the search. The Salem Housing Authority will provide additional support for grant fiscal management, complementing the Alliance's oversight and reporting functions and helping ensure funding obligations are met.

"Christina and Marianne bring complementary expertise to their respective roles in supporting the Alliance's work," Gordon said. "I'm grateful for their willingness to serve and especially thankful to the Salem Housing Authority for expanding its role as a founding member of the Alliance."

Together, these changes represent a positive step forward for MWVHA. By bringing knowledgeable and dedicated community members into clearly defined roles and strengthening its organizational support, the Alliance is building a stronger foundation for its work and its ongoing commitment to the community.





Worship Directory

DALLAS

Bahá'í Faith — Building a Better World: "Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship." — Bahá'u'lláh. All are warmly invited to an interfaith gathering on the last Sunday of each month at 2:00. You are encouraged to share any quotations, prayers, poems, and songs related to the theme for the month. For details call 971-804-5943 or 503-269-3333. (Please leave a message for call back.) More about the Bahá'í Faith: www.bahai.org or www.bahaisofsalem.org

Dallas Church — PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 9am & 10:30am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families and children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. www.dallaschurch.org

Dallas Church of Christ — 691 NE Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, 503-623-8791. Sundays: 9:30am Bible Classes for all, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm Group Bible Talk, Wednesdays: 6:30pm Bible Study. Come to any, come to them all! Individual Bible studies gladly made by appointment. Web:dallaschurchofchrist.com.

Dallas Evangelical Church -- A place of Hope and Healing:783 SW Church Street, Dallas Oregon, across from the Post Office. Join us on Sundays! We worship in a contemporary, casual format. Sunday Services: Bible Study 9AM; Worship Service 10AM; Celebrate Recovery (a Christ Based 12 Step Program) Dinner at 5PM, Large Group 6PM; Small Groups 7pm. The Community Clothing Closet hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9AM to Noon; Thurs nights 7pm-9pm. Celebrate Recovery Step-Studies are often starting or ending during the year, and those meeting times are set by the Step Study Group. Message Phone 503-623-3778. Find us at www.dallasec.org, on Facebook: DallasEC or join MyDallasEC Friends. You can email Pastor Dave: pastor.dave@dallasec.org

Dallas Foursquare Church — Located at 976 SW Hayter St., on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Senior Pastor: Darrin Hausler. Worship Gatherings: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Youth Home Groups: Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. Please call for locations. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at dallasfour.com.

Evangelical Bible Church — 1175 S.E. Howe St., Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Troy Bassham, Youth Pastor Andrew Wheeler, Sunday services 9:00am & 10:30am. Awana 6:30pm Wednesday. Weekly Prayer meeting 6:30pm Wednesday. Women's Bible Study Thursday 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Men's Bible Study Thursday 6:30pm. Compass Middle School Youth Group Thursday 6:30pm. Forged High School Youth Group Tuesday 6:30pm. Live Streamed services via facebook and youtube @EBCDallas.

Grace Community Church — 598 E. Ellendale Ave. Dallas, 503-623-4961. Lead Pastor- Dave Bertolini, Sunday Worship Gatherings 9:00am, with Nursery-5th Grade programs, Youth Life Groups, and scheduled Sunday School Classes running concurrently & 10:45am, with Nursery-5th Grade programs, and scheduled Sunday School Classes, running concurrently.
Live Stream our 10:45am service at www.graceindallas.online.church

Visit our Website at www.graceindallas.org for office hours, sermon downloads, event information, and more!

House of His Presence — House of His Presence, located at 177 SW Oak St. in Dallas, welcomes all who are seeking to know God intimately and live life abundantly. We believe God transforms us into the image of Jesus Christ as we encounter His Holiness, Righteousness and Truth through His manifested presence, worship and the Word of God. Sunday morning service at 10:30 am, visit the website for ongoing ministries during the week. For more information call 503-420-4612 Website www.houseofhispresence.net

Living Word Faith Fellowship — 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Ray Huff. Sunday Prayer 9:30am, Worship 10:00am, Children's Church (during service, nursery provided). Wednesday Prayer 6:30pm, Worship 7:00pm. Men's fellowship second Saturday, Pastor Ray Huff is in charge of men's fellowship. Call for info 503-623-9062.

Salt Creek Baptist Church — 15075 Salt Creek Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Interim Pastor John Dotson, Family Pastor Josiah Buhler. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday morning Worship Gathering 10:50am. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Middle and High School youth at 6:30pm. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 589 SW Birch St PO Box 450 Dallas, Or 97338 503-623-5872 Pastor Ted Perry, Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11 am Study and Prayer Wednesday 7pm Office hours: Wed, Thurs & Friday 9-12 . Community Services for food and clothing Wednesday 10am to 1pm.

St. Philip Catholic Church — Fr. Michael P. Johnston, Pastor
Pastor Email: mpjinpdx@yahoo.com | 825 S.W. Mill Street, Dallas, OR 97338

Phone: (503) 623.2440 - www.stphilorg.org.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday- Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. (No Mass on Friday)

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after Sunday services

St. Thomas Episcopal Church — Welcome! Our church is located at **1486 SW Levens St., Dallas.** Our Web site is: stthomasdallasor.org. or look us up or live on Sundays on Facebook. **Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of our congregation on Sundays. We have Holy Eucharist Service at 1000AM given to us by Rev. Tony Petrotta or Rev. Betty McWharter. Morning Prayer is the last Sunday of the Month. Please join us for good conversation and coffee after our service. Any questions or needs please call us at 503-623-8522.**

Peace and the love of Christ be with you this coming week.

Trinity Lutheran Church — 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas. All are welcome! Pastor Jody Becker and Pastor Johathan Thompson, Adult Sunday Bible Study 8:45, Sunday Worship Service 10 am coffee hour with treats after service. Wednesday Worship Service noon. Nursery available for parents to use. Play area for small children in sanctuary during worship service. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 am Sundays. Weekly

Bible Studies. Contact us at 503-623-2233 or at questionsdallastlc@gmail.com.

Online at dallatlc.org. Check it out! Office open Mon.-Thur. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Fri. 9:00 am to Noon.Because God first loved us, we celebrate the gifts of Christ through worship, service, and community.

United Methodist Church — a church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors, 565 SE LaCreole Dr, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Pastor Rev. Ruth Marsh. In-person Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Go to the website at: dallasoregonumc.org for additional information.

Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) — 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Youth: Jeff Anderson; Children: Crystal Barker; Worship/Media: Jesse Ceballos. Sunday Service is at 10:00 am and online streaming at 10:00 am (www.valleylife.love.) On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, there is Men's Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Ignite Youth, Rangers Boys Club, Mpact Girls Club, Rainbows, and nursery care. For more information, contact us at www.vallelylife.love, info@valleylifecenter.com or 503-623-4116.

FALLS CITY

Seventh-Day Adventist Church — 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Services on Saturday: Sabbath School 10:00am; Worship Service 11:10am. Community Service Center Food Bank: Second Wednesday, 11am-3pm, Fourth Sunday, 11am-3pm.

INDEPENDENCE

Christ The King Church — Service on Sundays 10 am, 580 S 9 St., (Corner of S 9 St. and F street) Independence OR 97351 . 503-551-9516 or visit us at www.ctkindependence.com.

Cornerstone Church of God — 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children's Church 9:30am Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30pm. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30pm

First Baptist Church — A warm friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St, Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11 am, Wednesdays: AWANA 5:30 pm dinner, 6:00 pm clubs; Youth Group 7:30 pm. Join us for small groups for Men, Women, and Couples throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencefirstbaptist.com

MONMOUTH

Monmouth Christian Church — 969 Church St W, Monmouth 97361. Office hours M-T 9a-4p. Phone: 503-838-1145. Join us for services on Sundays, 9am & 11am. Live ONLINE Service 11am. Please visit our website for more info or on how to join our online service. WWW.MYMCC.CCSt. Hilda's Episcopal Church — 245 Main St. West, Monmouth. Contact Information: sthildaschurch1@gmail.com. Sunday Worship (Eucharist) 10:00 AM followed by fellowship. Our church services are reverent and relaxed. Our purpose is God's worship. 7:00 PM Wednesday, Evening Prayer online, contact us thru the email address above for access codes. Walk our labyrinth – behind the parking lot, it's still in development, but it works. Follow us on our Facebook page; St Hilda's Episcopal Church, Monmouth Or.

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RICKREALL

Oak Grove Community Church (non denominational) - 2701 Oak Grove Rd Rickreall. PO Box 191 Rickreall, OR 97371. Mark Clarke, Pastor. Country Church with traditional music (hymns) and Bible based preaching/teaching. Sundays at 11:00 am. Unstaffed nursery available.



FLOWERS

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get. Having neighbors that literally live upstairs. We get a lot of people from town that love to walk the town. And so the exposure is really good being here at the park. We expect to see a lot more exposure in the summer when they start having events and things," she said.

They source their flowers all over the world. Through a wholesaler, Indy Bloom can stock up on flowers from Ecuador, Colombia and even Holland. And to attract new customers, Horne said they offer floral services that are more than just everyday florists, especially their bloom bar.

"Our bloom bar has been the most popular attraction where people can build their own bouquet by the stem. And people are loving that," Horne said. "But we also do weddings and sympathy arrangements. We do floral subscriptions where people can subscribe to a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly subscription that they want either for their office or even for their own home."

Their shop also has space for vendors who offer additional items, especially through the holidays, for gifts and home decor.

"We have soaps. We have bath salts. We have cookies. We have sourdough," Horne ticked off.

But the discussion came back around to the bloom bar, which they also rent out.

"So we've already taken it to two events. And it's available for people to rent for their own event. And they can rent it and supply their own flowers. Or they can rent it and we could have it full of flowers," Horne said.



PHOTO BY DAVID HAYES

Michelle Lumbreras prepares a bouquet at Indy Bloom's popular 'Bloom Bar.'

INDY BLOOM

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In the days since they've opened, Indy Bloom has also hosted events, from homecoming groups to baby showers. They also offer workshops, including two scheduled in December to build your own Christmas wreath.

Now, two months in, they're over their initial jitters of opening a new business.

"When we opened the door in September, it was scary and stressful. Scary and stressful," Lumbreras said. "But like I said out there (during the ribbon cutting), we feel really supported. So that has been, that has helped the anxiety quite a bit. Knowing that the community is behind us and willing to help our business along."

While the physical store is on C Street, Horne is expanding their online presence on Instagram – IndyBloom.Flowers – and Facebook – IndyBloom.

"And we're doing a lot on social media. We really want to bring a lot of local businesses together. And supporting each other and being visually in front of each other's audiences online. So we want everyone to succeed," Horne said. "I have a background in social media. My husband and I built our own page and we're making good money doing it. And I see the value in using social media as a marketing tool. A free marketing tool. And I think I can bring that to help other businesses in the area as well."

DB

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hijacking investigation was never solved?

When Bob Rataczak, the pilot, emailed me saying he could no longer communicate with me, it raised suspicions. Perhaps, Ralph being retired, he simply did not want any more drama or reminders of the unsolved case. Alternatively, he could have been let in on a secret that the entire incident was staged by higher authorities, CASE CLOSED!

Communicating with Jo that year, questioning all her evidence she shared with me, I have to admit that in the end she may have been right. Duane knew the area like the back of his hand, having lived there as a younger man. He most likely kept his secret from her initially because he feared she might go to the authorities. I truly believe that no one other than the government knew Duane Webber was D.B. Cooper. The consequences of sharing his story publicly would have undoubtedly cost him his life. The money? I'm convinced he laundered it at several casinos.

Maybe it's better that no one ever solved the case. That way, D.B. Cooper became a folk hero, and every Thanksgiving Eve, people from around the world have a good reason to descend on the small town of Ariel, Washington, to try and solve the case over some good beer.

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



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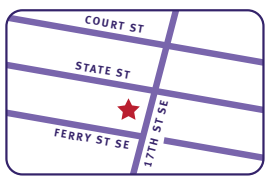

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Turn up the flavor this holiday season

(StatePoint) Holiday meals are a big deal. So why should the grill sit these occasions out? This year, take classic dishes and favorite recipes outdoors, adding a fresh twist and a boost of bold, smoky flavor.

Here to help you add a rich, smoky flavor to all your seasonal spreads is Bear Mountain BBQ, which makes premium, all-natural hardwood products that can help everyone create unforgettable feasts and cherished memories on any grill.

"The holidays are about more than the big meal. They're neighbors dropping by, unexpected dinner guests, and leftovers worth looking forward to. And the grill belongs in all of it, because great flavor has a way of bringing people together," said Levi Strayer of Bear Mountain BBQ.



Along with The Grill Dads, Bear Mountain BBQ is sharing two holiday recipes, both of which call for the brand's Holiday Turkey Blend Pellets – a sweet, smoky, balanced blend of maple, hickory and cherry. First up is Smoked Holiday Turkey, a restaurant-style bird delivering juicy slices, tender dark meat, and a holiday-worthy finish.

Servings: 10-12
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Dry Brine: 24-48 hours
Cook Time: Approximately 2-3 hours, depending on the size of each cut
Ingredients

- Bear Mountain Holiday Turkey BBQ Pellets
- 1 whole turkey (12-14 pounds)
- The Grill Dads' Anytime Seasoning, approximately 5.5-7 grams per pound of turkey
- Fresh sage leaves

Instructions

1. Break down the turkey into two leg quarters, the breast, and the wings. Fold the wings into triangles, tucking the tips underneath.

2. Season all sides of the turkey pieces with Anytime Seasoning. Gently slide fresh sage leaves under the skin.

3. Arrange on a wire rack set over a sheet pan and refrigerate uncovered for 24-48 hours to dry-brine and help the skin dry out.

4. Preheat your smoker to 325 degrees using the pellets.

5. Place the turkey pieces on the smoker, leaving space between them for even cooking. Monitor each piece with a meat thermometer and remove the breast when it reaches the appropriate, safe internal temperature. For food safety, turkey breast should reach 165 degrees F; check the thickest part without touching bone.

6. Continue cooking the leg quarters until they reach approximately 175-185 degrees F for tender, well-rendered dark meat. Check the wings for doneness as well, as smaller pieces may finish sooner.

7. Rest the turkey pieces before carving. Arrange on a platter with fresh sage and serve alongside your favorite sides.

Pro tip: Pull the turkey off the grill (or out of the oven) when it reaches 155 degrees F. The carryover cooking will bring it to a safe internal temp without drying the meat out.

Up next is Maple Bourbon Smoked Ham, in which sweet maple syrup, rich bourbon and a hint of warm spice come together to make the perfect holiday centerpiece at festive family feasts.

Servings: 12-16
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 2-3 hours
Ingredients

- Ham
- Bear Mountain Holiday Turkey BBQ Pellets
- 1 fully cooked bone-in half ham (7-9 pounds)

Maple Bourbon Glaze

- 1 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/2 cup bourbon
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Pinch of cinnamon
- Pinch of cayenne pepper

Instructions

1. In a saucepan, combine the maple syrup, bourbon, brown sugar and Dijon mustard. Simmer for 10-15 minutes, until reduced by about one-third. Remove from the heat and whisk in the butter, cinnamon and cayenne.

2. Score the ham's fat cap in a diamond pattern, being careful not to cut deeply into the meat.

3. Preheat your smoker to 225 degrees F using the pellets.

4. Place the ham on

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Four tips to build a happy, healthy holiday spread

(StatePoint) The holiday season is filled with special gatherings, beloved traditions and all kinds of delicious food. Whether you're hosting an intimate get-together or a house full of family and friends, a few thoughtful touches can help you create a festive spread that feels not only special, but also nourishing for your guests.

Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist Dawn Jackson Blatner shares four simple tips for serving easy, crowd-pleasing appetizers that are celebratory, nutritious and holiday table-ready.

1. Eat the colors of the season. Incorporate colorful seasonal ingredients like pomegranates, citrus, sweet potatoes, cranberries and fresh herbs to naturally create a gorgeous, festive holiday palette and add nutrition.

Even simple touches, such as adding pomegranate seeds to salads or garnishing appetizers with rosemary or sage, can bring festive pops of color without requiring an entirely new recipe.

2. Bring balance to the holiday table. Celebrations and get-togethers are meant for enjoying comfort food—some of which may be less healthy for you. That doesn't mean you should leave these festive dishes off the menu; instead, create balance around them. Add protein-rich foods, fruits, vegetables and whole grains, along with the seasonal favorites your family looks forward to every year.

Offering nourishing options alongside festive favorites gives guests the freedom to build a plate with the food they love, while keeping their bodies properly fueled and satisfied.

3. Give ingredients a second act. Choosing versatile ingredients that can be easily repurposed into meals and snacks helps reduce food waste and simplifies post-holiday meals.

For example, leftover roasted vegetables can be folded into an omelet, fresh herbs can brighten sandwiches and salads, and proteins can be an easy addition to grain bowls or wraps. Thinking beyond holiday meals can help you get more out of what you already have on hand.

4. Put a fresh spin on a holiday favorite. By adding in unexpected ingredients, such as bold herbs, you can elevate the cherished recipes guests know and love.

An easy way to put that advice into practice



is with Eggland's Best Hardy Holiday Deviled Eggs — a protein-packed twist on a beloved appetizer that brings holiday flavors together in one crowd-pleasing bite.

Eggland's Best Hard-Cooked Peeled Eggs provide 6 grams of protein per egg and come peeled and ready to eat, making them a convenient option for easy holiday entertaining. Plus, they contain more than double the vitamin B12 and 25% less saturated fat compared to ordinary eggs, making them a nutritious addition to your holiday spread.

Ingredients:

- 12 Eggland's Best Hard-Cooked Peeled Eggs
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 4 slices turkey bacon
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1-2 tablespoons spicy

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Holiday hosting with less stress and more flavor

(StatePoint) With the holidays on the horizon, you're likely spending more time in the kitchen, and more time preparing the foods you know your friends and family look forward to each year.

Whether it's a favorite potato side dish or a beloved dessert, traditions matter. In a recent McCormick survey, 24% say coordinating cooking and serving times is a leading holiday-planning stressor, while 32% say easier hosting is among the areas they are most willing to splurge on during the holidays.

All this hosting and specialty food prep can come with worries. Survey respondents say that running out of time, recipe failures, and overbaking are some of the most likely holiday baking mishaps they encounter.

Here to help you balance the comfort of holiday traditions with stress-free preparation is the 2026 McCormick Holiday Guide. Created in collaboration with celebrity private chef and content creator Brooke Baevsky, known as Chef Bae, the guide features original recipes, fresh takes on familiar holiday favorites, practical cooking and hosting tips, and new and returning McCormick limited-edition seasonal offerings. The goal? To give home cooks and hosts like you the confidence to turn every holiday meal into something to be proud of.

"Sometimes the holidays can feel like a marathon in the kitchen instead of relaxed time with loved ones," said Brooke "Chef Bae" Baevsky. "That's why I'm so excited to partner with McCormick this holiday season. My make-ahead recipe shows people how to create a special, flavor-forward dessert with less day-of preparation."

Straight from the McCormick Holiday Guide, this make-ahead recipe puts a delicious twist on a seasonal classic, with almost no day-of work. These Salted Caramel Cheesecake-Stuffed Gingerbread Cookies are perfect for the holidays. Make simple swaps with dairy-free and gluten-free ingredients so everyone can enjoy!

Quantity: 22-24 large cookies

Chef Bae Holiday Hosting Tip: Freeze the stuffed dough balls in a tightly sealed container a few months ahead of time, then bake just before serving for a warm, freshly made dessert.

Ingredients:

Cheesecake filling:

- 1 1/4 cups cream cheese, softened
- 10 tablespoons powdered coconut sugar or confectioners' sugar
- 1 package McCormick Salted Caramel Cheesecake Seasoning Mix *See Tip Below
- 1 1/4 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- Pinch of fine kosher salt, if needed

Gingerbread cookies:

- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose baking flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/4 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 1 tablespoon plus 3/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 2 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon plus 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Ground Nutmeg
- 1 1/4 cups butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups coconut sugar
- 10 tablespoons molasses
- 2 large eggs plus 1 egg yolk
- 2 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract

*Optional Tip: Reserve 1 tablespoon McCormick Salted Caramel Cheesecake Seasoning Mix, for sprinkling warm cookies!

Instructions:

In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese, powdered sugar, McCormick Salted Caramel Cheesecake Seasoning Mix, vanilla, and optional pinch of salt until smooth.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg.

In a separate extra-large bowl, beat the butter and

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PAGES OF THE PAST

40 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26, 1986

Schools space, funds for 'K' influx

A major expenditure of funds would be necessary to accommodate the future kindergarten requirements, according to a facility utilization study presented by the Dallas School District's architectural consultant board.

The study was commissioned for two reasons.

"We don't know that, in the very near future, we're going to need additional space," said District Superintendent Gary Burton. "We have been showing slow, but steady growth and the district will have to implement kindergarten by 1989."

The purpose of the outside study was to look at current space available and consider means of acquiring additional space.

Rio Theatre opens as Fox

The lights will go on again at the Rio Theatre.

The Dallas movie house closed on Nov. 9, but is scheduled to re-open soon under a new name – the Fox.

Ron Burch and Leonard Stitt, both of Woodburn, have assumed the lease on the Rio, 166 S.E. Mill St., and on the Motor-Vu Drive In. The drive-in closed for the season, but the Rio was closed for financial reasons by Luxury Theatres of Portland.

Stitt and Burch expect to re-open the theatre on Friday, Dec. 5.

The new owners have purchased the business from Luxury Theatres and will lease the "Fox" from Main Street Investments, a Dallas enterprise that owns the building.

DHS gridders bid for crown

The Dallas High School football team will play for its first state championship game ever.

Dallas, 11-1 on the season, earned a berth in the final game with a resounding 39-7 victory over Pleasant Hill in Saturday's AA semifinal playoff game, in Pleasant Hill.

The Dragons now move on to play their Capital Conference rivals, the Sweet Home Huskies, 11-1, for the state AA football championship this Saturday at Parker Stadium in Corvallis. Sweet Home, which is also making its first appearance ever in a state championship football game, made the finals by defeating second-ranked, and previously undefeated, North Valley 32-13 in Saturday's other semifinal game.

FLASHBACK



This week's Flashback is from Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1986: THANKSGIVING TOGETHERNESS – Graced Kindergarten students enjoyed playing pilgrim and Indians Friday at a Thanksgiving celebration. Students include (from left) Cory Fast, Sarah Latta, Sam Miller, Jacob Day and Alicia Bodine. (File I-O photo.)

50 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, 1976

Miller proposes more direct voice

Polk County Commissioner Alan Miller is considering a plan that could allow residents in the county a more direct voice in determining how county money is spent for parks, roads and police protection where they live. And he's hoping residents will let him know how they feel.

Basically, the commissioner is interested in taking a giant step backwards in returning power for making their own decisions to people in the county. His original concept was to split the county into road districts with each district deciding how they would like their portion of county money to be spent. But, the idea has grown to the point where implementation could affect all planning in the county, protection and budgeting processes.

Prior to 1933, the county was divided into road districts as a method for distributing the funds that went for construction and improvement throughout the county.

Dallas water system update suggested

An engineering report on the Dallas water system by an Albany engineering firm, CH2M Hill, highlighted the Nov. 15 meeting of the Dallas City Council.

The report was an update of a 1966 report and included projected improvements for the system up to 20 to 30 years in the future.

It was noted that the water supply from the Rickreall Creek will be suitable well past the year 2000 while the treatment plant, with few improvements, could be good until the year 2050. With the present capacity of the plant it will be good until the year 1987.

Minor repairs and expansion were recommended to the council for future plans. High on the list of priorities was a new water line from the water source into town. This was recommended also for the year 1987.

Cagle, Henry head Dragon statistics

Final results from the 1976 Coast Valley League football season put the Dallas Dragons up close to the top in every category and reveal some impressive individual statistics from members of the gridiron squad.

Dallas finished the season with a 5-4 overall record and a 4-2 league win-loss mark. In posting this record, the Dragons rolled to 2,790 yards in total offense for their nine games, an average of 310 yards a game. After eight games the Dragons were third in the Coast Division in total offense behind Forest Grove and McMinnville.

In league games, Dallas ranked second, gain with Forest Grove in the top spot.

Community Briefs

SHELBY'S SHENANIGANS HOSTS HOLIDAY MARKET NOV. 27

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

CORNERSTONE TEAM HOSTS FREE SHOWING OF 'RISE OF THE GUARDIANS' NOV. 30

The Cornerstone Team invites the community to a free showing of the movie "Rise of the Guardians" at 4 p.m. Nov. 30 at Dallas Cinema, 166 SE Mill St. "Rise of the Guardians" is a 2012 animated fantasy film from DreamWorks Animation about childhood legends —Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and the Sandman — who team up with Jack Frost to stop the boogeyman Pitch Black. There will be Domino's pizza, hot cocoa and discounted concessions. To ensure there is enough food, RSVP to https://forms.gle/fxoCURGcr9kYc1bm6.

FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA RETURNS DEC. 2

The Hi-School Pharmacy hosts the 42nd Annual Santa Pictures from 4-7 p.m. Dec. 2 at 1357 Monmouth St., in Independence. Receive a free 5-by-7-inch" portrait of your child with Santa - Photo packages, greeting cards, and digital files available for purchase at the event.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER DEC. 3

Lora M. Monroe and Cooper Hollow Ward Members host a Women's Christmas Celebration Dinner from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 3 at 1401 SW 13th St., in Dallas. Come and celebrate the reason for the season with your fellow sisters in Christ. Dinner provided and open to all women in our community. RSVP to https://bit.ly/49cOWZf.

MBA HOSTS HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING EVENTS DEC. 4

The Monmouth Business Association's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting party is from 4-8:P30 p.m. Dec. 4 on the Western Oregon University Campus at 550 Monmouth Ave. N., in Monmouth. Additional events include Monmouth's Merry Market from 4-8 p.m., free cocoa & cider from 5:30-7 p.m., WOU's Holiday Light Parade & Tree Lighting at 6 p.m., cookie decorating and photos with Santa at 7 p.m.

DDA HOSTS CHRISTMAS TOWN PARADE DEC. 5

The Dallas Downtown Association transforms the city into Christmas Town with a parade Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. It starts at Washington Street, travels north on Jefferson Street, loops around the Y, then heads south on Main Street ending on Washington Street. To sign up to be a part of the procession, go to www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/christmas-town-parade.

FALLS CITY HOSTS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY DEC. 5

The 2026 Falls City Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is Dec. 5 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. The event takes place at 257 North Main St. The event kicks off with a Live Nativity and music at 5:30 p.m. followed by caroling and refreshments at 6 p.m. Finally, Santa arrives for the tree lighting at 7 p.m. In addition, toy and gift donations are being accepted to be distributed by the Falls City Fire Department to families in need. Make sure donations are new and unwrapped.

BOONDOCKS HOSTS NUTCRACKER BINGO DEC. 5

The Boondocks hosts Nutcracker Bingo at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at 318 Main St., in Falls City. The cost of $10 includes a three on (3 bingo cards) with 10 games (10 sheets). The winner of each game gets to choose their favorite Nutcracker. Dress up as a nutcracker, or your finest fun holiday attire and get a free coverall card to play the bonus game.

DALLAS NIGHTS HOSTS CHRISTMAS MARKET DEC. 5

After a successful summer concert series, Dallas Nights returns with Christmas Market at 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Majestic Event Center, at 976 Main St., in Dallas. The event also features a Dallas Community School Young Entrepreneurs Market.

DDA HOSTS CHRISTMAS BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER DEC. 8

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a Christmas Bingo fundraiser at 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at Two Wolves Taproom, at 171 SW Court St., in Dallas. For an extra blackout card bonus bring food for Christmas Cheer. Cans of chili are specifically needed and greatly appreciated. Buy-in is $15 for ages 21 and over to win prizes.

DALLAS LIBRARY HOSTS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL DEC. 11

Join the Dallas Public Library staff at 4 p.m. Dec. 11 for an afternoon of holiday fun. The festive event offers activities for the whole family, including games, holiday crafts, refreshments, prizes, and festive music.

DDA HOSTS FREE SHOWING OF 'THE POLAR EXPRESS' DEC. 9

The Dallas Downtown Association hosts a free showing of the classic Christmas movie "The Polar Express" at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Dallas Cinema, located at 773 SE Jefferson St. No tickets are required. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

MONMOUTH SENIOR CENTER HOSTS HOLIDAY BAZAAR DEC. 11-12

The Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center annual Holiday Bazaar is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 11 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12. Located at 180 Warren St. S., the bazaar will feature handmade crafts from local crafters, In addition, homemade cookies and baked goods will be sold to benefit the center. And be sure to bring the kids for a visit from Santa between 1-4 p.m. Dec. 12.

FALLS CITY HOSTS A SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS MARKET DEC. 12

Dawn Martin and Falls City Oregon events presents A Small Town Christmas Market, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Falls City Fire Hall and Community Center, at 320 N. Main St. There's still openings for crafters, artists, and bakers. Pick up an application at City Hall by Dec. 1.

Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuip

answer

I am prone to hiding bashfully in my shoulder wrap, but recently I'm starting to come out of my shawl.

CryptoQuote

answer

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"! — Audrey Hepburn

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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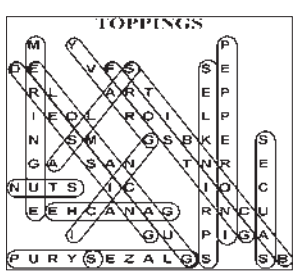

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

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

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

10 a.m. - 4-Handed Pinochle/Card/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

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

10:30 a.m. - Little Bitty Storytime, Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

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

11 a.m. - Mah-Jongg, Dallas Area Senior Center

11 p.m. - Trip to Central High School for Thanksgiving Luncheon, meet at Monmouth Senior Community Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

Happy Thanksgiving!

All city and county offices and libraries are closed

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

Monmouth Senior Community Center is Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

9 a.m. - Polk County Craft Festival, Polk County Fairgrounds & Events Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway West, Rickreall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. - Live Music: Glitter & Gasoline (funk, rock and Americana), Elysium Botanicals Wines & Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

9 a.m. - Polk County Craft Festival, Polk County Fairgrounds & Events Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway West, Rickreall

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

6 p.m. - Live Music: Rewind Band (rock, pop, R&B), Elysium Botanicals Wines & Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

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

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

MONDAY, NOV. 30

7 a.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity at 7, Life Center Foursquare Church, 437 D St., Independence

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

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

10 a.m. - Rotating Pinochle/5-Crowns Game/ Cards/Table Games, Dallas Area Senior Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 p.m. - Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting, City Hall, 187 SE Court St.

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

6 p.m. - Live Music: New Horizons Orchestra Concert, Monmouth Senior Community Center

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

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Old Guthrie Park, Guthrie Park Community Center

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

950 Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. - Monmouth City Council meeting, City Hall, 151 Main St. W.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

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

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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. 12

At 1:39 a.m., officers located a female subject inside the park of La Creole Drive and warned her for park hours among other things. She stated she was going to get a bus out of town in the morning.

At 1:44 a.m., officers investigated a report of a possible intoxicated driver with an open container on Ellendale Avenue but were unable to locate the suspect.

At 9:31 a.m., a report that an unknown female subject stole $64 worth of items from a location on Kings Valley Highway.

At 10:01 a.m., a resident on Ash Street reported she has been hearing footsteps in her one story apartment attic.

At 11:12 a.m., a subject found a black zip wallet with a gold emblem and turned in to police.

At 11:34 a.m., an unknown male subject stole $609 worth of trading cards from a location on Kings Valley Highway.

At 5:38 p.m., a juvenile subject was referred for theft 3 after a failed attempt at stealing vapes on Ellendale Avenue.

At 7:06 p.m., officers investigated a report of females screaming for help on Walnut Avenue but were unable to locate anyone in distress.

At 10:21 p.m., officers arrested and charged Mia Murray for disorderly conduct 2 on Miller Avenue. In addition, two juvenile subjects were referred for disorderly conduct 2.

At 10:56 p.m., two male subjects were cited and released after they were called in fighting at a location on Ellendale Avenue.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

At 8:35 a.m., a report of a Brindle Mastiff seen walking in the area of Cherry Street.

At 12:08 p.m., a motorist on Miller Avenue was cited for failure to carry/ present a license, driving while suspended - violation and for no insurance.

At 6:03 p.m., a subject was formally trespassed from a property on Southwest Walnut Avenue, including the parking lots.

At 8:41 p.m., a female subject was cited and released for failure to return a suspended license.

At 9:11 p.m., an officer removed dead coyotes out of the road on Orrs Corner Road.

At 9:57 p.m., Aaron Vicario was arrested and charged with trespass 2 on Levens Street.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

At 11:24 a.m., an officer investigated a report of aggressive dogs running around the area of Fairview Avenue but was unable to locate the canine.

At 2:22 p.m., officers arrested Brennon Lovied on an outstanding Dallas Muni warrant and cited and released him on two Salem Muni Warrants.

At 4:59 p.m., officers responded to a report of someone seeing open beer cans in a vehicle on Main Street, but the vehicle was gone upon arrival.

At 5:05 p.m., a family member called to request a welfare check on her father on Barberry Avenue. Contact was made at the listed residence and he was found to be in good health.

At 6:02 p.m., officers investigated a report of dogs barking possibly for several hours on Maple Street. They attempted to contact a resident at the location with no success. The animals appeared to be in good health.

At 7:29 p.m., officers responded to a minor two-vehicle crash on Orchard Drive. One driver who he said he tried to stop and slid was warned for failure to obey a traffic control device.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

At 6:23 a.m., a motorist was stopped for speeding on Washington Street. The driver was cited for failure to carry and present and for no operator's license and was warned for speeding.

At 6:10 p.m., officers investigated a road rage report between two drivers. They contacted one party who advised the other driver used his hand to hit his driver's side. Ultimately there was no damage and the complainant was unwilling to pursue any charges.

At 8:26 p.m., a subject said he was almost hit by an unknown vehicle in a crosswalk on Ellendale Avenue. He was fine and wanted law enforcement to be aware.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

At 8:40 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at an intersection on Hayter Street. One motorist was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

At 10:02 a.m., a resident on Needham Street called to report he had been scammed out of $500.

At 1:03 p.m., a motorist on Mill Street was cited for driving while suspended - violation.

At 6:11 p.m., a vehicle broke down at the intersection of Ellendale and Main. An officer assisted in pushing the vehicle into 76 parking lot.

At 6:12 p.m., an officer checked an alarm at a building on Walnut Avenue but all doors were secured and no one was seen at the listed.

At 7:37 p.m., a motorist on Washington Street was cited for driving uninsured and was warned for failure to obey a traffic control device and for no front license plate.

At 10:26 p.m., a report of a juvenile who did not come home on Walnut Avenue at the correct time and a runaway investigation was completed. The juvenile was found with another runaway shortly after the call came in.

At 10:36 p.m., a juvenile was reported out past his curfew but was found by sheriff's deputies with another reported runaway juvenile at Main and Walnut streets. Both kids were returned to their parents.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

At 3:53 a.m., an officer observed an open car door on Fairlawn Court and advised the residents.

At 3:56 a.m., a resident on Church Street reported someone claiming to be from the FBI is trying to scam him. An officer advised him to block the number and to not interact with them.

At 1:05 p.m., a resident on Mill Street called to report his license plate stolen but was not available to sign the report. He advised he will call back tomorrow.

At 2:10 p.m., a motorist from Dayton was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55-mph zone.

At 5:32 p.m., a report of shots fired southeast of the hospital on Washington Street, probably out of town, according to the complainant and a deputy who heard them. There were no other calls on it.

At 5:41 p.m., Corinna Aguirre was arrested on Ellendale Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant after a traffic crash.

At 11:26 p.m., an officer driving on Wyatt Street saw some in a nightgown sitting in the open door of a vehicle. The subject lived at the location and was digging for something in the glove box.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

At 6:45 a.m., a 2021 Chevy was repossessed on Stump Street.

At 10:55 a.m., officers assisted with a lockdown drill at the high school.

At 11:04 a.m., a male subject showed up to his ex's house on Davis Court. His ex did not want him on property and he wouldn't leave. Officers cContacted him parked on the street in his vehicle and formally trespassed him from the property.

At 11:45 a.m., a late report of theft from Walmart.

At 2:02 p.m., a motorist from Sheridan was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 20-mph school zone on Miller Street.

At 4:01 p.m., a business on Main Street reported the theft of a Kenwood amp (valued at $200) which was a part of a $250 set.

At 5:21 p.m., a report of theft 2 involving three subjects on Kings Valley Highway.

At 8:21 p.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device and received a written warning for no current proof of insurance.

At 9:35 p.m., a motorist on Orrs Corner Road was cited for failure to register a vehicle and driving uninsured.

At 10:08 p.m., a motorist from Dallas was cited for driving uninsured and received a written warning for failure to register vehicle and failure to obey a traffic control device.

Independence Police Department

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

At 6:27 a.m., officers responded to a single vehicle accident at the corner of Oak Hill and Corvallis Roads. A motorist had ended up in the ditch due to very foggy conditions after taking out a county road sign. A tow was called. Damage was more than $2,500.

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PCIO26-449 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: WILLIAM RUCK HELBUSH, Deceased. Case No.: 26PB09639 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, has appointed Jane Grace Richter as Personal Representative of the Estate of William Ruck Helbush, 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 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 25, 2026. Jane Grace Richter, 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 11/25/26

PCIO26-450 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 12/16/2026 at 10:00AM. Jaime Johnson unit #101; Jesse Harrington unit #187; Heidi Koepke unit #191. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 11/2526, 12/02/26

PCIO26-451 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 12/16/2026 at 10:00AM. Devon Rios unit #195. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 11/25/26, 12/02/26

PCIO26-452 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS POLK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT Probate Department Case No. 26PB10070 In the Matter of the Estate of DEANNA K. HAVEL, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MALLORY K. ALLEN has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of DEANNA K. HAVEL, Deceased, by the Circuit Court of Oregon, Polk County, Case No. 26PB10070. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the personal representative at 610 Glatt Circle, Woodbum, Oregon 97071, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claim may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from court records, the personal representative, or KIRK A. SCHMIDTMAN, attorney for the personal representative, Engle & Schmidtman, 610 Glatt Circle, Woodburn, OR 97071. Date of publication: November 25, 2026. Mallory K. Allen Personal Representative KIRK A. SCHMIDTMAN, OSB #763232 Attorney for the Personal Representative Engle & Schmidtman (503) 981-0155 Email: kschmidtman@woodburnlaw.net 11/25/26

PCIO26-459 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING pursuant to Section 147(f) of the internal revenue code Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), a public hearing will be held by City of Dallas, Oregon (the "City"), at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, on December 7, 2026, at Dallas City Hall, 187 Southeast Court Street, Dallas, Oregon, 97338 regarding the reissuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona (the "Authority"), of one or more series of its: (i) Tax-Exempt Revenue Refunding Bonds (American Fiber Optics, LLC) Series 2018A ("Series 2018A Bonds") and/or (ii) Taxable Turbo Capital Appreciation Revenue Refunding Bonds (American Fiber Optics, LLC) Series 2018B (the "Series 2018B Bonds" and, together with the Series 2018A Bonds, the "Bonds"), pursuant to a plan of finance in an original aggregate principal amount at issuance of not to exceed $30,000,000 at the request of, and for the benefit of, American Fiber Optics, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, whose sole member is Community Finance Corporation, an Arizona nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as borrower of the proceeds of the Bonds (together with its assignees and designees, the "Borrower"). The Authority previously issued its: (i) $20,480,000 Tax Exempt Revenue Bonds (American Fiber Optics, LLC) Series 2018A (the "Original Series 2018A Bonds"), and (ii) $1,990,000 Taxable Revenue Bonds (American Fiber Optics, LLC) Series 2018B (the "Original Series 2018B Bonds," and together with the Original Series 2018A Bonds, the "Original 2018 Bonds") and loaned the proceeds thereof to the Borrower to acquire, construct and equip a fiber optic network and related facilities located in the City (the "Network") the aspects and location of which are described in more detail below. The Borrower has requested that the Authority reissue the Bonds in exchange for the Original 2018 Bonds, which shall be cancelled. The Authority will loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Network by effectuating such cancellation and exchange by: (i) paying due and unpaid principal and interest on the Original 2018 Bonds, (ii) paying accrued but unpaid Authority fees related to the Original 2018 Bonds; (iii) funding of a reserve fund for the Bonds; and (iv) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds (collectively, the "Project"). The Network is owned by the Borrower and operated by monmouth-independence network, an existing governmental fiber optic network operator and entity formed under an intergovernmental agreement between the cities of Monmouth and Independence, Oregon ("MINET"). The Network covers and is available to the residents and businesses making up the entire area consisting of but limited to the jurisdiction of the City, which encompasses an area of approximately 4.91 square miles. The Network consists of 65 miles of distribution fiber, with 36 miles of fiber buried and 29 miles of fiber placed on existing utility poles owned by PacifiCorp. The starting point of the Network is the headend office located at 988 South East Jefferson Street, in the City. The electronics at that headend can provide a multigigabit fiber connection to every customer on the Network. Every premise within the City can connect to the distribution fiber by use of a fiber drop wire along with electronics at each customer site. The Network makes an external connection to MINET at its headend office located at 405 Hogan Road North, in Monmouth, Oregon, to import the dual play voice and internet services that are provided through a contractual arrangement with MINET. The financing or refinancing of the Project with the proceeds of the Bonds pursuant to the plan of finance proposed by the Borrower is intended to lessen the governmental burdens on the City and MINET by providing financing for the Project on favorable terms. No portion of the tax-exempt proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refinance assets of the Network outside of the jurisdiction of the City. The principal or accreted value of, premium (if any), and interest on the Bonds will not constitute an indebtedness or liability of the Authority, the County of La Paz, Arizona, the State of Arizona, or any political subdivision of the State of Arizona, or a charge against its general credit or any taxing powers, but shall be payable solely from the sources provided for in the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority has no taxing power. The principal or accreted value of, premium (if any), and interest on the Bonds will not constitute an indebtedness, general obligation, or liability of the City, the State of Oregon, or any political subdivision of the State of Oregon, or a charge against their general credit or any taxing powers, but shall be payable solely from the sources provided for in the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds. The public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Code. At the time and place set for the public hearing, interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed issue of Bonds, the plan of finance, and the location and nature of the Project. Written comments may also be submitted to Brian Latta, City Manager, Dallas City Hall 187 Southeast Court Street, Dallas, Oregon, until the time and date of the hearing. For reasonable accommodations, please call Kim Herring, City Recorder/Executive Assistant, at (503) 831-3502, as early as possible to coordinate needed arrangements. This Notice is dated November 25, 2026. THE CITY OF DALLAS, OREGON 11/25/26

PCIO26-458 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearing will be held at 6:00 pm Thursday, December 10, 2026, on the following: Legislative Amendment #26-01 Amend the following parts of the Dallas Development Code: Allowed Land Uses in the Central Business District - DDC Chapter 2.3. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7 This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call Chase Ballew, City Planner (503) 831-3570 11/25/26

PCIO26-455 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: CAROL JEAN FLYNN TILGNER, Deceased. Case No. 26PB09979 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned individual has been appointed personal representative of the above listed estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, to the personal representative in care of Penna & James, LLC, 1206 Main Street East, Monmouth, OR 97361; claims not so presented may be barred. The rights of the heirs and devisees may be affected by this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from the Court records, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first publishes this 25th day of November, 2026 Michael Charles Flynn Personal Representative 11/25/26

PCIO26-454 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of MARYGOLD EILEEN CHASE, AKA MARYGOLD EILEEN LOZANO, Deceased. Case No. 26PB09034 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 14, 2026, Kristopher Dylan Chase was appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, to the personal representative at 6205 St. James Place, Denton, TX 76210, or to the personal representative's attorney, Rebecca Jackson, 590 Pearl St, Suite 236, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (503) 400-0532, 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 lawyer for the personal representative, Rebecca Jackson. DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: November 25, 2026. /s/ Kristopher Dylan Chase Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Kristopher Dylan Chase 6205 St. James Place, Denton, TX 76210 (541) 373-0784 krischase87@yahoo.com LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Rebecca E. Jackson OSB#115114 590 Pearl St, Suite 236, Eugene, Oregon 97401 (503) 400-0532 rebecca@rjacksonlawfirm.com 11/25/26

PCIO26-453 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 197144 APN: 235415 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Michel L. Miller, A Married Woman as Her Sole and Separate Property as Grantor to Ticor Title Company of Oregon, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for The Money Source DBA Endeavor America Loan Services as Beneficiary, dated 09/04/2015, recorded 09/10/2015, in the official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2015-009901 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: See attahced exhibit A EXHIBIT "A" BEGINNING ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE AUSTIN LEONARD DONATION LAND CLAIM NO. 85 IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON, AT A POINT WHICH IS 1013 FEET SOUTH 88° 47' EAST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID CLAIM; THENCE NORTH 88° 47' WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID CLAIM, 322.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE HARLOW BARNEY DONATION LAND CLAIM NO. 92, A DISTANCE OF 1383.40 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 78° 00' EAST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID COUNTY ROAD, 329.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1321.80 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 17260 Butler Hill Rd, Dallas, OR 97338 The current beneficiary is SERVBANK, N.A. pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 06/01/2026 as Inst No. 2026-004362 in the records of Polk, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee 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: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: $15,642.75 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $82,267.57 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 said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 03/01/2026, 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 beneficiary's 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 the undersigned trustee will on 03/09/2027 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 850 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, OR 97338 I INSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE, 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 the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; 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 Prime Recon 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. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. 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:10/19/2026 Prime Recon LLC By: Israel Brown, Authorized Signer Prime Recon LLC 28765 Single Oak Drive, Suite 250 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 NPP0496281 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/25/2026, 12/02/2026, 12/09/2026, 12/16/2026

PCIO26-456 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Monmouth Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to consider amendments to Title 18 of the Monmouth City Code related to zoning. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Monmouth City Council regarding the adoption. The City Council then makes the final decision. A second public hearing before the City Council will be held on December 1, 2026. Individuals may attend the meeting virtually or in person. Additional information regarding how to attend the meeting will be posted with the agenda on the City's website at: www.ci.monmouth.or.us. The public hearings will be conducted in a manner that permits testimony from interested parties. Any person desiring to speak either for or against the proposal may do so in person or by authorized representative at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Written comments must be received by the City 48 hours in advance of the meeting and may be submitted by mail (151 Main St. E., Monmouth, OR 97361), or email to: ccraig@ci.monmouth.or.us. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for inspection at City Hall. For more information, contact Carter Craig at (503) 751-0148. 11/25/26

PCIO26-457 CITY OF DALLAS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Public hearing will be held at 7:00 pm Monday, December 7, 2026, on the following: Annexation #ANX-26-01 Annex into city limits the right-of-way of East Ellendale Avenue between La Creole Drive & Fir Villa Road. Annex into city limits the right-of-way of Hawthorne Avenue between Ellendale Avenue & Academy Street. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.10.030 Comp. Plan Amendment #CPA-26-01 Amend the Dallas Comprehensive Plan to adopt a new Transportation System Plan. Approval Criteria: DDC.4.7. This meeting is being held at Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St. You may also participate via phone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and entering code: 213 855 0622. The City will consider testimony which addresses the applicable criteria. Testimony may be submitted orally at the public hearing or writing the Planning Department, 187 SE Court St, Dallas, OR 97338. The staff report, the submitted application materials, and the approval criteria will be available online at least seven days prior to the hearing, at www.dallasor.gov/meetings. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost on request. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient for the decision maker to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals. For further information call (503) 831-3570 or email planning@dallasor.gov 11/25/26

PCIO26-440 TS No. OR07000140-26-1 APN 06622-00-01100 TO No 260302444-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JOEL D BAGNALL AND APRIL M BAGNALL, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to LAWYERS TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for THE MONEY SOURCE INC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of September 26, 2016 and recorded on October 3, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016-010921 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC and recorded February 12, 2026 as Instrument Number 2026-001048 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Polk County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 06622-00-01100 LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CLEARVIEW ORCHARDS, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 2, PAGE 20) EXCEPT THE EAST 10 FEET CONVEYED TO POLK COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 7065 RED PRAIRIE RD, SHERIDAN, OR 97378 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payments(s) from 02/01/2026 to 09/01/2026 at $20,096.46 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at $95.02 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $202,506.85 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from January 1, 2026 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Please Note: Sale date has been moved to a future date. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 9, 2027 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Inside the main entrance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before

deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 10/8/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee By: Nicolas Matayron, OSB # 254576 Authorized by the Trustee to sign this document on the Trustee's behalf pursuant to ORS 86.713(9) Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0496215 To: POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER-OBSERVER 11/18/2026, 11/25/2026, 12/02/2026, 12/09/2026

PCIO26-438 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Loan No: 9727318629 T.S. No.: 26-21451 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, PIERCE A. MOON as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/4/2021, recorded 8/5/2021, in official records of Polk County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2021-012567 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: 238359 LOT 4, BLOCK 1, LOCKHARTSUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF POLK AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 3158 19TH PL NW, SALEM Oregon 97304 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 3/1/2026, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. There is a default by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to the provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of $2,190.38, from 3/1/2026, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of $359.70, together with title expenses, other fees, legal costs, trustee's fee and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default, any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and interest therein; and repayment penalties/premiums, if applicable. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $333,161.61 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.625 % per annum from 2/1/2026 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 3/23/2027 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at Front En-trance, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of Polk, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and ' beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (800) 793-6107 website: www.auction.com For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 10/26/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-011924 11/18/26, 11/25/26, 12/02/26, 12/09/26

PCIO26-434 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-25-1027075-RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, CAROLYN REEL as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN FINANCING CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/23/2019, recorded 12/2/2019, in official records of POLK County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2019-013987 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 07316-BB-12200 372206 LOT 10, BLOCK 20, WILARK PARK WEST NO. 6, IN THE CITY OF SALEM, POLK COUNTY, OREGON. (PLAT VOLUME 8, PAGE 24) Commonly known as: 1870 WESTCHESTER COURT NW, SALEM, OR 97304 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: $21,738.07 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $208,677.56 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to- wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 10/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 2/25/2027 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Inside the new lobby of the Jefferson Street Entrance of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR 97338 County of POLK, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest CAROLYN REEL 1870 WESTCHESTER COURT NW SALEM, OR 97304 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-25-1027075-RM Dated: 10/8/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0317859 11/11/2026 11/18/2026 11/25/2026 12/2/2026

PCIO26-437 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE - On 12-11-26, at 10:00 am at the Polk County Sheriff's Office, located at 850 Main St. Dallas, OR. 97338, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property located at 915 N. MAIN ST. INDEPENDENCE, OR. 97351. The court case number is 25CV17027, where PIONEER TRUST BANK, N.A. is plaintiff, and DIVINE HOLDINGS LLC, an inactive Oregon limited liability company; DIVINE DISTILLERS INC., an Oregon corporation; INDEPENDENCE BEVERAGES LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; JASON A. GREENWOOD AND JENNELL C. IVES, individually and as trustees of the IVES-GREENWOOD JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, DONALD G. EDIGER AND PATRICIA K. EDIGER, doing business as D.E.B. ENTERPRISE, an inactive Oregon assumed business name; CBS OUTDOOR GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation, formerly known as VIACOM OUTDOOR, INC. is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand or cashier's check made out to Polk County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: http://oregonsheriffssales.org/ 11/04/26, 11/11/26, 11/18/26, 11/25/26

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

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

POLICE

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At 8:53 a.m. a report of theft on White Oak Circle.

At 5:10 p.m., a report of a two-vehicle crash blocking the entire east bound lane of Monmouth Independence Highway. A motorist had stopped abruptly as a person crossed in the cross walk, causing the driver to be rear-ended by the vehicle behind her. Medics evaluated everyone involved and no one required transport. Crash exchange was completed.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

At 12:47 a.m., officers investigated a report of a hit and run on Rogers Road. A resident reported that a motorist hit a pole on their property. Officers found the possibly involved vehicle at the nearby Circle K. They observed no damage to the vehicle and no signs of impairment in the driver. No crimes were found.

At 2:26 a.m., Polk County Sheriff's deputies assisted Monmouth Police as they arrested a male subject on Bentley Street.

At 11:23 a.m., officers responded to a welfare check request on Deanne Drive and found everyone was fine.

At 6:17 p.m. officers located two juveniles on Hoffman Road who ran away from Salem earlier today. They were released to their caretakers.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

At 11:55 a.m., officers responded to a report of an unconscious person in a car on H Street. They found no need for medics and no crimes committed.

At 12:20 p.m., officers responded to a rear end crash on Monmouth Street. The at fault driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and for following too closely.

At 1:05 p.m., Monmouth and Independence officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance with 911 open line on 12th Street. It was a verbal disturbance only and neither party would leave the house.

At 2:13 p.m., officers returned to another disturbance at the 12th Street residence. They convinced

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one of the parties to remove themselves from the residence to help calm things down for now.

At 3:02 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Gun Club Road. They found a messy breakup where people keep threatening to call police on other parties whenever in a verbal argument. One of the involved parties wanted it documented.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

At 6:50 p.m., a resident on 12th Street reported a verbal dispute and a male subject took her SUV, though he had used it with permission before. There was no physical altercation. The SUV later returned, and she said the keys were inside.

At 11:55 p.m., a report of two large husky dogs loose on Jackson Street. The number on their collars went straight to voice mail. The dogs were lodged in the county dog kennel.

MONDAY NOV. 16

At 6:13 p.m., officers were alerted to a physical altercation in the 1400 block of Falcon Loop and arrived to find the parties separated. Oliver Green was later located in Monmouth. He was cited and released for physical harassment for pushing a roommate.

TUESDAY NOV. 17

At 3:03 a.m., a male subject reported being assaulted in the parking lot of a bar on Main Street. Staff said the subject had been asked to leave but was lingering around outside with an open container. Records showed the subject was on misdemeanor probation for DUII with no intoxication condition. When police arrived, the subject was last seen walking north on Ecols Street. They were unable to locate him.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 18

At 1:19 a.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Stadium Drive. The involved female subject started to drive away when officers arrived. She showed signs of impairment and failed a field sobriety test. She was arrested and lodged at Polk County Jail, where she was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. She blew a BAC of .19%.

At 8:29 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Monmouth Street. While the officer waited for backup, the occupants walked away. Polk County deputies helped search the area. Meanwhile, the owners of the vehicle called to report it stolen. They then arrived at the scene with the driver to surrender him to officers. They chose not to file charges for the stolen vehicle. However, the male subject was arrested and charged with driving while suspended - misdemeanor among other charges.

Monmouth Police Department

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

Area Check: Officers conducted a routine security check of a community senior center.

Suspicious Activity: Officers investigated an open vehicle door at a residence. The registered owner confirmed they had been unloading items and accidentally left it open. No items were missing.

Arrest: Located an individual with an out-of-county warrant. During a search, illegal substances were discovered, and the person was lodged at the county jail for the warrant and unlawful drug possession charges.

Harassment: Received a report from a student regarding ongoing name-calling and following behavior by another student after school. Guidance was provided regarding crime reporting standards.

Fraud: Received a report of a phone scam where an unknown caller posing as a financial institution employee requested online banking credentials. The resident recognized the scam and terminated the call.

Theft: Received a report regarding a disputed vehicle sale where one party refused to transfer the vehicle after payment, leading to the vehicle being impounded.

Crash: Responded to a two-vehicle rear-end collision blocking a roadway lane. Medics evaluated those involved, and no transport was required. An exchange form was completed.

Suspicious Activity: Received a report of two individuals banging on a neighbor's door, using profanity, and speeding away in a truck after a dispute over a purchase.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

Suspicious Activity: Officers responded to a dispute at an apartment where individuals were denied entry. Upon arrival, the situation was resolved, and parties were advised to remain civil.

Suspicious Activity: Officers responded to a report of individuals attempting to break into a laundry room at a new apartment complex. They checked the area with negative results. It was noted there is no community laundry room.

Arrest: A subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court following a request from a resident.

Crime: Responded to a school regarding a custody dispute where a parent attempted to pick up children contrary to sole custody orders. The subject was advised to file a court petition.

Disturbance: Investigated an incident where an individual was struck by a vehicle's rear wheel during a dispute over food items taken from a residence. Follow-up planned for video evidence.

Menacing: Responded to an incident where an individual damaged a sidewalk with a hatchet and menaced another person with it. The suspect was arrested and lodged at the county jail, and arrangements were made for a pet.

Animal: Officers responded to a report of a dog left inside a vehicle and contacted the owner who was attempting to jump-start the battery. The animal was in good condition.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

Suspicious Activity: Contacted an aggressive individual at a pub who was trying to fight patrons. Staff requested the individual leave for the night, and compliance was achieved.

Assistance: An officer covered another unit in a single-vehicle crash where a fire hydrant was struck.

Tow: Documented a repossession tow of a vehicle. The vehicle owner later called reporting the vehicle stolen and was informed of the tow.

Assistance: An officer covered another unit on non-criminal domestic disputes involving a family member.

Information: An officer warned individuals for improperly occupying a public transportation bus shelter and possessing an open container.

Citizen Contact: A parent reported threats made against a child. Guidance was provided to contact local authorities in the parent's jurisdiction.

Alarm: Responded to a residential fire alarm report at a facility, locating an old removed alarm in a maintenance truck bed. The alarm was silenced.

Burglary: A resident reported that someone with a restraining order entered her residence and stole personal items, cash, and a new electronic device. An investigation was initiated.

Suspicious Activity: Officers contacted vehicle occupants smoking in a parking lot with a young child present. The officer advised the driver regarding safety concerns and filed a child welfare report.

Noise: Officers investigating a complaint of loud music at an apartment contacted the resident who agreed to lower the volume.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

Citizen Contact: Assisted an individual locked out of an apartment after belongings were left behind. Officers advised the subject to seek alternative lodging and contact the resident in the morning.

Fraud: A resident reported being scammed out of a large sum of money through an elaborate tech support and government impersonation scam involving the liquidation of assets to purchase gold delivered to an unknown agent.

Domestic Disturbance: Handled a verbal dispute between family members over money and unauthorized vehicle use. The vehicle was later returned.

Animal: After a report of a found puppy the owner was quickly located.

Driving: Officers investigated a report of a swerving vehicle; the area was checked with negative results.

Overdose / Medical: Responded to a medical call where an individual was experiencing severe withdrawal symptoms from a controlled substance. The person agreed to hospital transport.

Harassment: A resident reported receiving out-of-state excessive harassing communications and false accusations from an ex-partner. Parties were advised to cease communication.

Animal: Officers responded to loose dogs at a university center. The dogs were secured in kennels with contact numbers going unanswered.

Emotional Disturbance: Received a recurring call from an individual reporting delusions regarding microwave weapons.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

Animal: Coordinated the retrieval of dogs from kennels by their owner who paid impound fees.

Citizen Contact: Officers spoke with a parent regarding safety planning and details from a previous custody dispute incident at a school.

Animal: An officer investigated reports of a loose dog near an RV park coaxed the dog back inside and secured the door. The officer followed up with the owner and issued a warning.

Civil: An officer served a legal subpoena to an individual.

Arrest: Arrested an individual on an outstanding municipal warrant.

Animal: Dogs were released to their owner after impound and kennel fees were paid.

Harassment: Handled reports of family harassment involving a family member taking photographs and making threats. Officers located the suspect and issued warnings for telephonic harassment.

Illegal Parking: A report that multiple vehicles were parked illegally on a restricted side of a street near a residence.

Stolen Vehicle: A business reported a rental vehicle was not returned on time and had its tracking device removed. The vehicle was entered into databases as stolen.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

Suspicious Activity: A report of an assault in a bar parking lot involving an individual asked to leave for lingering with an open container. The individual was gone upon officers' arrival.

Theft: Officers investigated a vehicle break-in where professional tools and equipment were stolen from a locked truck without visible damage.

Found Juvenile: Officers assisted in reuniting a young child found alone near a park with family members managing multiple children during a playdate.

Harassment: Handled a complaint from a resident regarding apartment management and maintenance workers allegedly harassing her, damaging property, and aggravating her pet. Officers attempted contact with management.

Vehicle vs Pedestrian: Officers responded to an intersection collision where a turning vehicle collided with a pedestrian that was crossing the street. The pedestrian sustained minor injuries and was evaluated by medics.

Driving: An officer stopped a vehicle driving below the speed limit and crossing into oncoming lanes. The driver was having vehicle trouble and was unfamiliar with the road. There were no signs of impairment observed.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

Driving Under the Influence: Officers responded to a disturbance involving a vehicle being struck and yelling. The driver showed signs of impairment during field sobriety tests, and was arrested for driving under the influence. After providing a breath sample, the driver was lodged at the county jail.

Citizen Contact: Officers handled reports of non-working flashing school zone lights and coordinated with public works and utility services for repairs.

Check Welfare: A resident reported a neighbor was yelling and asking for money. The resident reported being fine and stated utility services would soon be restored.

Ordinance Violation / Civil: Handled a complaint regarding a boat parked on a street exceeding allowable duration limits. Officers coordinated a peaceful pickup between separated parties with restraining orders through intermediaries.

Animal: Police received a report of loose dogs matching a known description near a university. They contacted the owner who retrieved them.

Crash: Officers responded to a minor two-vehicle intersection collision and provided exchange forms. The parties arranged their own towing.

Theft: An officer took a report of a stolen landscaping trailer missing identifiers. The complainant was unsure about pursuing investigation.

Civil: Handled a complaint from a tenant regarding a property management inspection dispute and discussed consulting a civil attorney regarding ongoing eviction proceedings.

Arrest: An officer arrested an individual on an outstanding out-of-county warrant.

Assistance: An officer covered another unit on a traffic stop where occupants fled on foot. The driver was later brought back by family. The driver was arrested and charged with felony probation violation, driving under the influence, driving while suspended, and eluding.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

At 1:46 a.m., a deputy drove by an Oregon State Police Trooper performing a field sobriety test on a motorist on Levens Street. The deputy stopped to provide cover. The trooper arrested the female driver and charged her with driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

At 2:20 a.m. deputies on Ellendale Avenue arrested Brandon Perkins, a homeless man from Dallas, and lodged him at Polk County Jail where he was charged with disorderly conduct 2, harassment, and theft 3.

At 8:36 a.m., deputies responded to a reported non-injury, partially blocking crash on Independence Highway. The driver requested medics for her lower back and knee, and the northbound lane was partially blocked. A deputy did traffic control for Oregon State Police until ODOT arrived on scene.

At 10:06 a.m., a deputy was dispatched to a single vehicle rollover crash on Kings Valley Highway. A motorist had taken a curve too fast and lost control. Oregon State Police took over the scene. The driver provided her own tow.

At 1:32 p.m., a deputy contacted two target shooters on Dorn Peak Road. The deputy originally thought they had rifles but they were shooting clays with shotguns. The deputy asked that they clean up after themselves.

At 1:56 p.m., a deputy came upon two male subjects target shooting on Dickenson Spur Road. They had already picked up some trash so he thanked them and asked them not to shoot from the middle of the road.

At 2:39 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a blue Camaro and white hatchback speed racing on Highway 99. They located both vehicles and stopped them on reasonable suspicion of reckless driving. Multiple witnesses provided statements. The two drivers were both cited and released on charges of reckless driving.

At 3:32 p.m., a resident on Alvord Alley Road reported that on Oct. 30 she discovered there were two fraudulent charges made to her Direct Express account. She said the fraudulent charges were made online through Walmart. One transaction was over $500 and the other was around $400. It's unknown if it was the local Walmart and there was no suspect information.

At 5:17 p.m., a late report of shots fired heard on Alvord Alley Road, possibly target shooting. There was no PCSO response.

At 8:57 p.m., deputies responded to a report of an unconscious subject on Brush College Road. They arrived after medics spoke with the male and they advised he was disoriented but refused any sort of care. A deputy spoke with him but he was not very happy with them, and said if they weren't going to give him a ride then he would continue his walk to Spring Valley.

At 10:18 p.m., deputies contacted Clifford Reyes who was trespassing in the 700 block of Bassett Street. They discovered Reyes had an outstanding warrant out of Marion County for contempt of court. They arrested him and lodged him at Polk County Jail.

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

At 12 a.m., a deputy investigated a call of loose horses on Richardson Road. A female subject was house sitting on the property and saw three horses out near the road. The deputy did not see any horses out. The barn door was open and all lights were on. There were multiple gates open and unlocked. The female subject was not concerned about the open doors or gates as the property owners had someone who feeds the horses. The deputy helped her close and secure the gates.

At 6:27 deputies responded to a crash near Oak Hill and Corvallis roads. The caller said he crashed his vehicle into a ditch. Due to heavy fog, they held the scene. More than likely speed was at play in the heavy fog. Sam's Towing responded and towed the vehicle. Damage was over $2,500 and a county sign was taken out. The deputy informed Polk County Public Works. A DMV crash report will be completed.

At 8:32 a.m., a deputy came upon a vehicle on Hoffman Road with no one around after it drove through the ditch. There was no hazard/public property damage. As the deputy was about to clear, the owner pulled up. He said that he lost control in the rain and went into the ditch. He blamed it on rain/poor quality tires. He advised that he was going to get the pickup removed in the morning.

At 11:23 a.m., a deputy investigated a report of a neighbor shooting over property line while hunting. The property owner on Zena Road reported the deer was shot on his property and he felt his land was a refuge for wildlife, although there was no clear boundary between the two properties. The deputy stood by with the property owner until OSP

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STRESS

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coconut sugar until creamy, 2 to 3 minutes. Mix in the molasses, eggs and vanilla until combined.

Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing just until a soft dough forms. Cover and refrigerate for 30 to 45 minutes.

Divide the dough into 22 to 24 equal portions. Flatten each portion into a disc. Place 1 tablespoon of cheesecake filling in the center of each dough disc and wrap the dough completely around it, pinching the seams to seal. Roll into a ball. Place on a parchment-lined tray and chill until ready to bake.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Arrange the cookies about 3 inches apart and bake in batches for 15 to 18 minutes, until the edges are set and the tops are crackled but the centers remain slightly soft.

Let the cookies rest on the baking sheet for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack. If desired, sprinkle warm cookies with reserved 1 tablespoon McCormick Salted Caramel Cheesecake Seasoning Mix. Cool completely to allow the cheesecake centers to set.

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FLAVOR

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a roasting rack in a pan and smoke until the center reaches 120-130 degrees F, since the ham is already fully cooked.

5. During the final 30-45 minutes, brush the ham with the maple bourbon glaze every 15 minutes, allowing the glaze to set and develop a glossy finish.

6. Remove the ham from the smoker and let it rest briefly before slicing.

7. Serve with extra glaze, whole-grain mustard and your favorite holiday sides.

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HEALTHY

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mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Cranberry sauce, as topping
- Potato sticks, as topping

Directions:

1. Cook the turkey bacon as desired, crumble or chop it and set aside. In a small pan, melt the butter and cook the sage until softened, about 3-4 minutes, then set aside.

2. Slice the eggs lengthwise, set aside the whites and add the yolks to a bowl.

3. Mash the yolks with sour cream and mustard until you get a smooth paste, then add in sage, salt and pepper.

4. Pipe the mixture onto the egg whites until the filling goes over the top.

5. Add bacon, cranberry sauce and potato sticks for some extra cheer.

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POLICE

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Fish & Wildlife showed up and took over.

At 2:05 p.m., a resident found a loose dog on 42nd Place. A deputy scanned the dog's chip then called the owner. She agreed to let the person who found the dog hold onto it until she could pick him up after work.

At 2:35 p.m., a motorist was stopped for leaving a (business) driveway without signalling. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and was warned for no insurance yet after recently acquiring the vehicle.

At 3:42 p.m., a male subject was arrested for standing in the middle of Wallace Road and giving false identification. He was booked into Polk County Jail where he was charged with disorderly conduct 2.

At 4:07 p.m., deputies investigated a report of a female in the grass field off Salem Dallas Highway screaming "tweaker screams" not panic screams. They located a female subject who was making nonsensical statements about being there for thousands of sand years and being on a quest from God. She was warned for trespassing and shown the way back to the highway.

At 4:38 p.m., a deputy responded to a report of a road struck deer on Pioneer Road. The deputy found the injured deer and dispatched it.

At 10:56 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a fight at an establishment on Ellendale Avenue. Two male subjects were cited and released for fighting.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

At 12:54 a.m., deputies arrested Jeffrey Hofenbredl after a female subject on Ackerson Road reported he came at her with a knife, made threats, and hit her. Hofenbredl was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with menacing (domestic violence), unauthorized use of a weapon (domestic violence) and harassment (domestic violence).

At 2:26 a.m., deputies assisted Monmouth Police as they arrested a male subject on Bentley Street.

At 9:22 a.m., a motorist on Valsetz Road was cited for operating or in violation of posted restrictions within a Travel Management Area.

At 11:36 a.m., a citizen turned in a cell phone found on Wells Landing Road. A deputy determined the owner and handed it over to the owner's father.

At 1:46 p.m., a report of a theft of an air conditioning unit valued between $$5,000 that was next to a metal scrap pile on Salem Dallas Highway. It turned out an employee at the business took the unit thinking it was scrap and would return it today. The business owner said she would call back to make a report if he does not bring the unit back.

At 3:22 p.m., law enforcement provided a send off for the Dallas High School football team to their quarterfinal match in Silverton. (Dallas lost 31-13.)

At 5:02 p.m., a report of a single vehicle crash into a ditch off Parry Road. The driver lost control in the rain and slid into the ditch. She wasn't hurt, but the car was no longer driveable. The car was towed.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

At 5:33 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle non-injury crash at Perrydale and Orchard Knob roads. They found the vehicle, a Farnham Electric Ford van in the ditch off the northbound lane of travel with the front end facing south. The van had rolled onto its driver side. The driver said he was traveling at 40 mph and lost control after the van slid out in the curve. He declined medical treatment. The van's company called their own tow truck.

At 5:56 a.m., a deputy came upon a vehicle in the ditch off Hoffman Road with no one around. The deputy later learned the driver had failed to negotiate a curve and went into a barbed wire fence, then attempted to get back on the roadway (through the fence again) but got stuck. The deputy contacted the owner's father. He promised to call his son and would call the deputy back.

At 6:27 a.m., a deputy came upon a single vehicle crash off Orrs Corner Road. The driver did not stop or turn at the intersection, jumped a ditch and ended up in the field. OK Towing was called to remove the vehicle. After the deputy left the scene, there was a dispute between the vehicle owner and the tow truck driver. Essentially, the vehicle owner was under the impression OK Towing would come out, take the vehicle out of the field, and then let her drive it away for free. She did not realize there would be an $800 fee and ended up blaming the deputy for the miscommunication. The property owner later told the deputy he would not have allowed the vehicle to remain in the field and remove it himself later for free, as alleged by the vehicle owner.

At 11:10 a.m., a motorist was stopped on Rickreall Road. She was cited for no insurance and warned for no operator's license and failure to renew registration.

At 11:20 a.m., a report of tree limbs had fallen in front of a truck on Helmick, causing the driver to veer off the road to avoid the limbs. A deputy arrived and found the road was completely blocked by the top third of a large tree that had fallen. A citizen brought a small dozer and cleared the debris from the road. The same citizen brought a forklift and pulled the driver's truck out.

At 3:16 p.m., a deputy stopped a motorist on Highway 22 for expired tags. The driver was cited for driving while suspended - violation and driving with no insurance, and was warned for expired tags. The vehicle was towed for no insurance.

At 6:03 p.m., a resident on Gooseneck Road reported hearing gun shots for the last six hours coming from the Dorn Peak Road gate area. Deputies checked some of the popular shooting spots but were unable to locate anyone.

At 6:33 p.m., deputies responded to a report of possible trespassers at a business off Highway 18 but were unable to locate anyone.

At 9:17 p.m., a deputy responded to a Code 3 cover request from OSP for a game warden. Upon arriving the game wardens were speaking with a subject who was refusing to exit a vehicle or identify himself. OSP was able to get the subject out of the vehicle, who was a felon found to be in possession of a suppressed AR15 and a handgun. The serial number on the AR15 was also scratched off. The deputy stayed until cleared by OSP.

At 9:32 p.m. someone located a child's backpack up at Rock House cave above Rickreall Creek area. A deputy found the backpack and climbed into the cave to make sure nobody was hurt or anything weird in there. The deputy inventoried the bag, discovered who it belonged to and tracked down their parents to coordinate its return.

At 10:16 p.m., a deputy responded to a traffic assist request for an elderly stranded motorist who had run out of gas and was walking along Salmon River Highway looking for help. Prior to the deputy's arrival a passerby gave the motorist some gas and he drove away.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

At 4:12 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a single vehicle accident on Zena Road. The driver of a semi said he'd lost control at 55 mph and slid off the north side of the road and collided with the dirt hillside. The semi was disabled and was towed by BC Towing. The driver was transported by medics to Salem Hospital due to a possible back injury.

At 9:57 a.m., a motorist on Highway 22 was cited for driving while suspended - violation. The license was seized.

At 3:31 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a suicide by gun on Clow Corner Road. Shortly after arrival a deputy confirmed the death. The medical examiner, deputy district attorney and investigator later arrived. Bollmans was later called to the scene and they took possession of the body.

At 5:45 p.m., a deputy assisted at the scene of an Oregon State Patrol DUII crash investigation. The deputy assisted with traffic control and blocking a lane for the tow.

At 6:47 p.m., a deputy investigated a report of a single vehicle crash into a ditch blocking the road. The driver had hit a deer and attempted to get pulled over to check the damage. The driver got stuck in the mud and went nose first into the ditch. There were no injuries and ODOT cleared the roadway.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

At 4:13 a.m., deputies investigated a report of a vehicle nose first into a ditch blocking the road on Eola Drive. The vehicle was unoccupied and the back driver's side passenger window, along with the front passenger side window were smashed out. They called the registered owner who explained she was attempting to do a u-turn in the area and got stuck at around 2 a.m. She said that the windows were not smashed out when she left, but added nothing of value was left in the vehicle. BC towing was called and pulled the vehicle out of the ditch.

At 9:11 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle crash off Kings Valley Highway with the driver trapped inside. On the, deputies received word the driver had self extricated. Deputies set up traffic control. Oregon State Police arrived and took over the investigation.

At 10:51 a.m., a report that unknown suspects stole a package containing $100 worth of cosmetics from a location on Highway 22. The residents received the notification that it was delivered but by the time they were home the package was gone.

At 11:34 a.m., a resident on Grand Ronde Road reported a trespass by his neighbor at his house. He reported he had it all recorded on his security cameras. A deputy sent him a Community Request link and will wait for the submissions prior to continuing the investigation.

At 3:33 p.m., report that a county CAT excavator had been broken into over the weekend. The excavator was unlocked with a CAT key by an unknown person. The suspect had entered the vehicle and damaged it as well as inserting a key into the ignition which was left behind. The excavator was found by a county employee. A deputy photographed the vehicle and took BODE swabs of the steering wheel and joysticks. There were no security cameras. The investigation is open.

At 5:02 p.m., a caller said he hit a deer on Clow Corner Road and killed it. A deputy arrived on scene and moved the deer out of the road. The caller's front bumper had some damage and the license plate was missing. The deputy was unable to locate the caller's license plate. The caller said he will look for it tomorrow in the daylight.

At 5:25 p.m., callers reported Steve Hubbs threatened to kill them with a large stick with an arrowhead affixed to one end. Hubbs barricaded himself in his trailer on Church Street in Falls City and refused to come out, even after several rounds of pepper balls and a can of OC were deployed into the trailer. He eventually opened his door for ventilation which allowed deputies to get a clear view inside and enter to take him into custody. He was lodged at Polk County Jail where he was charged with three counts of unlawful use of a weapon and three counts of menacing.

At 6:55 p.m., a juvenile female was taken on a peace officer's hold and transported to Salem Hospital after walking towards Liberty Road threatening to get hit by a car.

At 10:26 p.m., a deputy assisted Dallas Police in locating two runaway juveniles. A juvenile from Walnut Avenue did not come home at the correct time and a runaway investigation was completed. He was found with another runaway shortly after the call came in. The deputy stayed with the juveniles until Dallas Police arrived on scene.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

At 7:58 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a suspicious activity in the 13700 block of Ballston Road where a vehicle was blocking a driveway/access to the railroad. Deputies determined the vehicle looked disabled or abandoned. They unsuccessfully attempted to contact the last registered owner. They had the vehicle towed.

At 9:24 a.m., a teacher in Falls City reported one of her students was contacted by two approx 50-year-old men while walking to school. The student reported they rolled down their window and yelled something like "hot ass" before driving off. The teacher reported the student was upset about it, but had no identifying info regarding the truck or men involved. The deputy told her he would try to be in the area the next few days while students were walking to school.

At 9:41 a.m., a report of a blocking crash on Wallace Road with possible injuries. A deputy responded and held the scene until Oregon State Police arrived.

At 11:40 a.m., deputies responded to a medical complaint of someone possibly having a heart attack out behind the locked Starker Forestry gate. They opened the gate and assisted with helping medics. The subject was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis.

At 11:59 a.m., a resident on Smithfield Road reported that someone had stolen his parents' bronze tombstone/placard from his property. He estimated the sign to be worth between $300-$500. He is going to get the investigator photos of the sign. The deputy notified local metal scrap shops to keep an eye out for the sign.

At 12:58 p.m., paramedics requested the sheriff's office cover them while they checked out a paranoid patient on Parry Road. They arrived on scene and cleared shortly after after they assessed the patient.

At 4:51 p.m., a resident on Red Prairie Road reported an aggressive dog took up residence on their front porch and wouldn't leave. A deputy was able to get it into their car with a control stick and lodge it at the kennel.

At 6:29 p.m., a resident on Crowley Road reported her daughter had been a victim of fraud. She was called by the "Dallas Sheriff's Office" and the caller said she had a failure to appear warrant and had to send $1,000 to get rid of it. She sent the money via a bar code sent to her phone. The deputy provided a case number.